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'University Terrace' gets final OK

Council approves Hilo development that includes 500 homes, 180,000 square feet of stores



By JASON ARMSTRONG
Tribune-Herald staff writer

The Hawaii County Council on Wednesday approved a 500-unit Hilo housing development following a failed attempt to delay passage and gather more public input on the proposal.

Lawmakers voted 7-2 in favor of the

"University Terrace" project slated to be built on a vacant, 172-acre parcel located on the maaka side of the Komoehana-Pouahou street intersection.

It also will include 180,000 square feet of commercial space and a public five-acre park.

By comparison, the recently demolished Kaka'o Mall in Hilo had 151,000 square feet of interior space, including the old J.C. Penney store now owned by the county.

No single building in the development may have a gross floor area larger than 45,000 square feet, according to one of two changes the council made to the bill Wednesday.

The other amendment will require a landscape buffer to be planted along the property's northern boundary before any construction may occur.

"I think the council did a lot of good things in trying to take care of the existing neighborhoods, especially on the Kamauna side," county Planning

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Hunting days in dispute

Three hunters argue added hunt days will affect overall gaming

By CHRIS LOOS
Tribune-Herald staff writer

Bin hunters were in court Wednesday seeking to halt the expansion of the hunting week.

Earlier this month Hilo attorney Gerard Lee Lay filed a complaint for a temporary restraining order against the Department of Land and Natural Resources on behalf of hunters Melvin T. Tanaka, James W. West, Manuaki Takaki and Dexter Eglaminis.

The complaint alleges that the DLNR acted illegally when it added Wednesday and Thursdays to the 2004-2005 game bird hunting season at the Kahe and Maunaloa Game Management areas, portions of Puhakoa Training Area and some privately owned lands. The DLNR said it added the two weekdays after its biologists predicted more birds because of abundant rain during the breeding season.

The hunters' complaint alleges that the rules were changed illegally without a public hearing. It asks for an injunction against adding the days, alleging the expansion will deplete the brood stock.

The hunters also object to having to purchase a wildlife conservation stamp before getting a hunter's license. They allege that amounts to a tax without proper authorization. They are asking for reimbursement for the \$5 each they paid for the stamps from 1996-2000 and \$10 they paid each year since then.

Eglaminis, 52, told the Tribune-Herald he's been hunting since age 5. He

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Volunteers shred turkeys at the Salvation Army's Puhakoa Community Center Wednesday in preparation for today's Thanksgiving meal, starting at noon, at Auntie Sally Kalehano's Luau House. The public is invited. This year, turkeys were donated by the county Prosecutor's Office, Family Court, Corporation Counsel and private individuals.

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Thanksgiving remembrance

Two years have passed since a Volcano woman died in an unsolved mainland shooting

By DAVE SMITH
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It will be another low-key Thanksgiving celebration today at the Riley home in Volcano.

It has been two years since 19-year-old Kimberly Riley died in a shooting at a Tacoma, Wash. home.

Riley had gone with her brother, James, to celebrate Thanksgiving at a friend's house when an unknown per-

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Thanksgiving

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

What are you Thankful about this year?

Thankfulness needs to be cultivated in everyday life, say community and spiritual leaders

By KAREN WELSH
Tribune-Herald correspondent

Every day, first thing in the morning, Hawaii County Councilman James Anakali spends time meditating and saying prayers of thanks for his family and the ancestors who have gone before him. It lifts his mood and starts the day off right.

Today, however, Chairman Anakali is taking it a step further when he sits down at the dinner table with his ohana, telling stories and laughing while eating a plate full of turkey with all the trimmings.

"It's a time where everybody is happy," he said. "We have so much to be thankful for. You don't have to have a lot of

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Voting complaints probed

Jerry Collier, left, and Mike Robert, center, inspect ballots while conducting the official count Tuesday at the Hamilton County board of elections in Cincinnati.

Congress begins to investigate complaints of voting irregularities

By LARRY MARGASAK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress' investigative agency, responding to complaints from around the country, has begun to look into the Nov. 2 vote count, including the handling of provisional ballots and malfunction of voting machines.

The presidential results won't change, but the studies could lead to changes.

The Government Accountability Office usually begins investigations in response to specific requests from Congress, but the agency's head, Comp-

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