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Colleges request more funding

4.6 PERCENT INCREASE FOR 2011 INCLUDES WISH LIST IF ECONOMIC SITUATION IMPROVES
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FRANKFORT — Kentucky's public colleges and universities are requesting a collective 4.6 percent increase in state funding next year that includes a \$25 million wish list for academic programs in case the state's bleak financial picture brightens.

The Kentucky Council on Post-secondary Education on Friday unanimously signed off on sending the universities' request to Gov. Steve Beshear, who must craft his state budget recommendation to give to the legislature by late January.

Higher education leaders described the request as "modest"

and "realistic."

"We're not asking for a lot of new resources, because they're not there," said Dan E. Flanagan, vice-chairman of the council.

Leaders of the eight public universities and Kentucky Community and Technical College System primarily hope the state can at least keep its current \$1 billion-a-year commitment to higher education, even after federal stimulus money goes away in fiscal year 2012. The governor and legisla-

ture used \$70 million in stimulus funds to avoid cutting the universities' state funding this year.

"The governor has made it pretty clear to us that he will preserve or attempt to preserve it," Council President Robert L. King told the council members Friday.

King, who also has met with key legislators about the proposal, said none have "indicated they think the requests are out of line."

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City sues newspaper over advertising rates

Lexington: The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government alleges in a Fayette Circuit Court lawsuit that the Lexington Herald-Leader treats it unfairly on advertising rates. The LFUCG filed suit Oct. 30, arguing the Herald-Leader publishes the government's legal advertising in 7-point type, while allowing other advertisers to use smaller, cheaper type. That results in an "unnecessary and illegal" additional cost for the government and taxpayers, the suit contends.

The suit also claims the newspaper raised its legal advertising rates Jan. 1 without giving advance notice required by state law. The government says in its suit that state law requires it to publish its ordinances and resolutions in the Herald-Leader, since it is the daily paper with the largest circulation in the area.

The suit seeks monetary damages, including a refund of any overcharges for the past five years. Herald-Leader President and Publisher Timothy M. Kelly said in a prepared statement: "We regret the Urban County Government has chosen to file this action against the Herald-Leader. We believe strongly that we have operated within the bounds of the Kentucky statutory requirements and intend to defend ourselves vigorously."

Jockey's condition upgraded

Lexington: Jockey Julia Brimo's condition has improved after a spill during a race at Keeneland last week. A statement from Keeneland on Friday said Brimo has been upgraded to serious condition at University of Kentucky Medical Center. She was previously in critical condition. Brimo was injured Oct. 30 when mount Golden Stride clipped heels and fell during the first race, her third at the Keeneland fall meet. The 33-year-old from Ontario rode 75 winners in 2003 and received the Sovereign Award as the top apprentice jockey in Canada.

Bike ride downtown

Lexington: Bicyclists will meet at 11 a.m. Sunday in front of the old Fayette County Courthouse on Main Street for a Second Sunday bike ride. The bicyclists, escorted by police, will ride from the courthouse to Veterans Park and back. Riders should be at least 12 years old, unless riding on a tandem bike with a parent.

Pharmacy robbery investigated

Lexington: Lexington police were investigating an attempted robbery that occurred at a pharmacy early Friday morning. According to police, the incident occurred about 5:30 a.m. at a Rite Aid on Malabu Drive. Employees were unloading items from a delivery truck at the rear of the building when a man apparently slipped through the back door and tried to take a container of items that had been delivered. The man, who might have been armed with a knife, fled without taking anything, police said. The man, described as wearing a camouflage jacket and blue jeans, covered his face with a paper bag, according to police.

Bus wreck leads to arrest

Casey County: A school bus wreck in Casey County Thursday led to the arrest of a man wanted in Ohio, authorities said. Police said Matthew Hall was arrested outside Liberty shortly after a car collided with a school bus and then was driven away.

A small child and two Head Start employees riding in the bus were taken to the hospital for examination, but they weren't seriously injured, police said. Officers said Hall and a passenger, Patrick O'Bryant, were arrested about five minutes after the crash when they stopped at a convenience store.

Hall was being held Friday in the Casey County jail because he was wanted on a fugitive warrant from Ohio, and faces several charges stemming from the bus crash, jail officials said. O'Bryant has been released on bail, officials said.

Nurse gets probation

Jefferson County: A nurse who formerly worked at Hurstborne Care Center in Jefferson County was granted supervised probation on Friday in connection with the abuse and death last year of a patient at the center, according to the state attorney general's office.

Stacy Harrison of Henderson was sentenced in Jefferson Circuit Court for knowing abuse of a vulnerable adult, a felony. He had entered a guilty plea in the case in September. A judge sentenced Harrison to five years in prison, but granted his request for supervised probation. Harrison agreed to forfeit his nursing license and to never again apply to be a nurse anywhere in the country.

Between March 8 and March 9, 2008, Harrison stayed at a nursing station, sending text messages and eating snacks, instead of responding to a patient in distress; and after the patient, who was vomiting and showing other signs of distress, stopped breathing, Harrison did not try to resuscitate him, even though the man had written resuscitation wishes, according to the attorney general's office.

Buggy driver cited for crash

Mayfield: The Amish operator of a horse-drawn buggy has been cited after being involved in a collision with a motor vehicle on a highway in western Kentucky. State police say buggy operator Ananias Byler was cited for failing to display a slow-moving vehicle emblem. Police say 73-year-old Billy Britt, who was driving a Dodge Caravan east on Kentucky 339 in Graves County, struck the rear of the buggy, then crossed the road and struck a sign and a utility pole. Police say Britt was injured and taken to Jackson Purchase Medical Center. Police say Byler and his passenger were not injured.

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Corrections

A calendar listing on Page 25 of Friday's Week-end and online at calendar.kentucky.com gave incorrect times for the Broadway Live production of *The Wizard of Oz* at the Lexington Opera House. Shows are at 1 and 7 p.m. Nov. 7 and 8. Tickets, \$55-\$75, are available by calling (859) 233-3535 or via www.ticketmaster.com.

Nurse Cindy Moody's last name was incorrect in a photo caption on Page A1 Thursday.



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Bob Cole, president of the Coleman Group, looked over a 4,000-square-foot room with barrel-shaped wooden ceiling and terrazzo floor at the former Thompson & Riley Auctioneers building at 710 East Main Street on Tuesday. He hopes the space will be used by a retailer.

OLD PROPERTIES GET NEW LEASE ON LIFE

RENOVATION TO UPDATE E. MAIN BUILDINGS' LOOK, FUNCTION
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Two buildings that housed Thompson & Riley auction house and the company's real estate offices for many years are being renovated by Bob Cole, president of the Coleman Group, a commercial real estate and property management company.

Cole plans to adapt the two East Main Street structures, which together have about 9,000 square feet, to new uses.

Coleman Group headquar-

ters will be moved into the rear of one of the buildings. In the front will be your SMARTOFFICESolutions, a virtual office business Cole is starting.

The other building will be redone and leased.

The two structures are connected by a central corridor. An atrium covered by an 18-foot glass-and-steel roof will be in the middle of the corridor.

Four years ago, Cole paid \$1.1 million for the buildings he described as "run down

and dilapidated." On less than a half-acre of land, "It's probably the most expensive dirt that's been purchased in Lexington in some time," he said.

And that was before the \$785,000 in renovations. "But I felt the buildings were important," he said. While he knew little about their history, "I didn't want to go in and tear them down. To me that would have been very sad."

Cole said he feels strongly that "reusing old buildings is

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Steve Sparks of Angelucci Acoustical Inc. installed metal framing for a cement board Tuesday at the East Main buildings.

At least 6,000 expected at H1N1 clinics Saturday

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Lexington health officials are hoping to vaccinate at least 6,000 people Saturday at two H1N1 flush clinics: at Paul Laurence Dunbar High School, 1600 Man o' War Boulevard, and Bryan Station High School, 201 Eastin Road.

The clinics will operate from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or until supplies run out.

Clinics are targeting priority groups, those most at risk for getting H1N1. They are pregnant women, children and young people 6 months to 24 years old, people who live with or care for children younger than 6

months, people ages 25 to 64 with chronic health disorders or compromised immune systems, and health care and emergency services workers.

There are 10 more weekend clinics scheduled in Fayette County through the end of the year.

Contact your local health department for vaccination clinics near you.

For information on H1N1 or other clinics, call the Public Health Influenza Hotline at 1-877-843-7727 or go to <http://healthalerts.ky.gov>. Or contact the Lexington health department at www.lexflucrew.com or (859) 288-7529.

For the latest flu news, check out Kentucky.com/flu.

TALK TO US

Let us know about your H1N1 clinic experience: E-mail mmeehan1@herald-leader.com, and put "Flu clinic" in the subject line. In addition to briefly telling us about your experience, include your name, age, where you're from, which clinic you went to, and a daytime phone number in case we'd like additional information.

Stumbo pushes 'Amanda's bill' in committee

By Jack Brammer

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FRANKFORT — If Kentucky had a law on its books to allow judges to order electronic monitoring devices for the most dangerous domestic violence offenders, Amanda Ross would have had a chance to protect herself, House Speaker Greg Stumbo said Friday.

"It would have given Amanda Ross the opportunity to use a firearm that she had been trained to use and had a license to carry," Stumbo said after the first public hearing on his bill to provide a high-tech way to fight domestic abuse.

"It gives the victims what I call a fighting chance," he said.

Ross, 29, a state Department of Insurance employee,

Steve Nunn is indicted on wanton endangerment charges in Hart County. **Page A7**

was gunned down outside her Lexington townhouse on Sept. 11, allegedly by her former fiancé Steve Nunn.

Ross had taken out a protection order against Nunn, a former state legislator and son of the late Gov. Louie Nunn, earlier this year and had told friends and co-workers that she feared for her life in the days before her death. Nunn has pleaded not guilty to murder.

Less than two weeks after Ross was slain, Stumbo filed his bill for consideration in the 2010 General Assembly and dubbed it "Amanda's bill."

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