

Buying cut to essential

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past several years, but Pickman said the state will not allow transfers unless there is a surplus in the fund. Without a rate increase, the general fund will be short, he said, and the city will probably have to raise the property tax.

City workers have been told not to buy anything absolutely essential, Pickman said, and even essentials have to be approved by the commission. He told the commission there might be things which need to be cut or reduced.

"Maybe there won't be so many police cars running around," said Rick Billinger, city commissioner. "We can't keep growing government when the town is getting smaller."

"Remember to turn the lights out when you leave," said Commissioner Curtis Hurd. "Figuratively speaking. There are lots of ways we can cut costs."

Pickman also asked the commissioners to review the tier system for industrial customers and decided

whether or not to keep it. The business currently have the option of paying for their electric demand costs as they come, or gambling and paying an even amount through the year, based on their average costs the previous 12 months, Pickman said.

Sometimes the monthly costs would be lower with the tier system, and sometimes they are a little higher, Pickman said, but they generally even out over the year. It allows businesses to budget their demand costs better, he said. There are 54 industrial customers in Goodland, Pickman said, and 19 use the tier system.

Pickman said he and the city staff will put together a solid waste ordinance for the commissioners to review and make changes. It will propose individual containers for homes. Individual yard waste containers will be available on request, he said, but homeowners will have to pay for them. The special pick-ups will be more standardized, and there will be a cost for them also. They are free now.

"It doesn't look like there will be an

increase this way," Pickman.

He said the containers will cost about \$120,000, but the city has a lease-purchase agreement for containers, and the lease would be extended two years.

If the city kept the large alley dumpsters, he said, the city would probably have to hire two workers to sort trash, which could cost up to \$60,000 in wages, taxes and benefits.

There will probably be problems, Pickman said, and some people might get upset, but hopefully it will work out, and people will get used to the changes.

"The commissioners are trying to minimize long-term problems," he said, "not putting a band-aid on short-term problems."

Pickman said the city will hold off on changes for the water system and will review it at budget time. There is a study being done on the sewer system, which won't be done until late spring or early summer, Pickman said. The commission will review any possible changes at that time.

Internet providing contact

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ing how al-Qaida, the terror group headed by Osama bin Laden, and terrorists in the Middle East have been able to recruit like-minded citizens from France, Germany, Spain and Italy, officials said.

Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge is aware there are contacts between American extremists and foreigners and backs the FBI's stepped-up efforts, a spokesman said Wednesday.

"It certainly is an area he is concerned about, and he is continuing to monitor these contacts," spokesman Gordon Johndroe said.

The FBI is "going to investigate and follow any information that we have on any individuals or groups that may wish to cause harm to the United States, regardless of whether they are domestic or international," he said.

For years, U.S. authorities have monitored efforts by neo-Nazis to stay in touch with like-minded groups in Germany and Western Europe.

The FBI says the contacts are expanding.

"We do see some interaction and

communications between groups," Watson told the Senate Intelligence Committee earlier this month. "With the explosion of the Internet, we certainly see white supremacist groups in contact with people in Europe, particularly in Germany."

"We see more and more of that. That is a real growth area, and we'll see more of that."

The FBI official raised concerns that Americans and foreigners might be beginning to use code words to disguise communications.

"There are a lot of indicators and key things we look at, as well as the intelligence community, about codes, et cetera," Watson said.

Officials and outside experts also are watching overtures by U.S. extremists to befriend Arab and Asian groups such as Hezbollah in Lebanon, al-Qaida in the Mideast and Europe or abu Sayyaf in the Philippines.

For instance, several anti-Israel Americans planned to meet in Lebanon last year for a major gathering of people who believe the World War II Holocaust did not occur.

The Lebanese government forced the organizers, including a California group, to abandon the plans. A smaller but similar gathering was held later last year in Amman, Jordan.

Such meetings allow Americans to befriend Arab extremists by focusing on a common hatred of Jews, one expert said.

"That kind of event is where you make those contacts where the serious players are coming together. And it was on the Arab's home turf," said Mark Potok, a spokesman for the Southern Poverty Law Center, which tracks American extremist groups.

In the aftermath of Sept. 11, some American white supremacists have written pieces aimed at Middle Eastern or Muslim audiences that blame the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon on U.S. politicians and Israel.

"The real reason we have suffered the terrorism of the WTC attack is shockingly simple," former Klu Klux Klan leader David Duke wrote in one such piece. "Too many American politicians have treasonously betrayed the American people by blindly supporting the leading terrorist nation on earth: Israel."

Duke's articles on his Web site are now translated into Arabic and have appeared in Mideast and Muslim publications since Sept. 11.

A leading anti-Jewish advocate in Switzerland who has traveled to the United States was placed on a U.S. list of foreigners whose assets should be frozen for aiding bin Laden's terrorist network.

Albert Huber, a former Swiss journalist who converted to Islam, has been quoted in news stories as acknowledging he met members of bin Laden's network and visited the United States. But he denies ever aiding terrorism.

U.S. authorities also are watching to ensure extremist black Muslims, some of whom surfaced in earlier terrorism cases, don't become more active.

One Muslim from New York, Clement Rodney Hampton-el, is serving a long prison sentence for his involvement in a failed plot to blow up the United Nations and other New York landmarks in the 1990s. He also fought with Muslim rebels in Afghanistan.

One of the groups being watched in the United States is al-Fuqra, a splinter sect of black Muslims that authorities have linked to crimes over the past decade from Colorado to New York.

A week after the Sept. 11 attacks, authorities charged three alleged al-Fuqra members living in a secluded trailer park near Roanoke, Va., with weapons and ammunition violations.

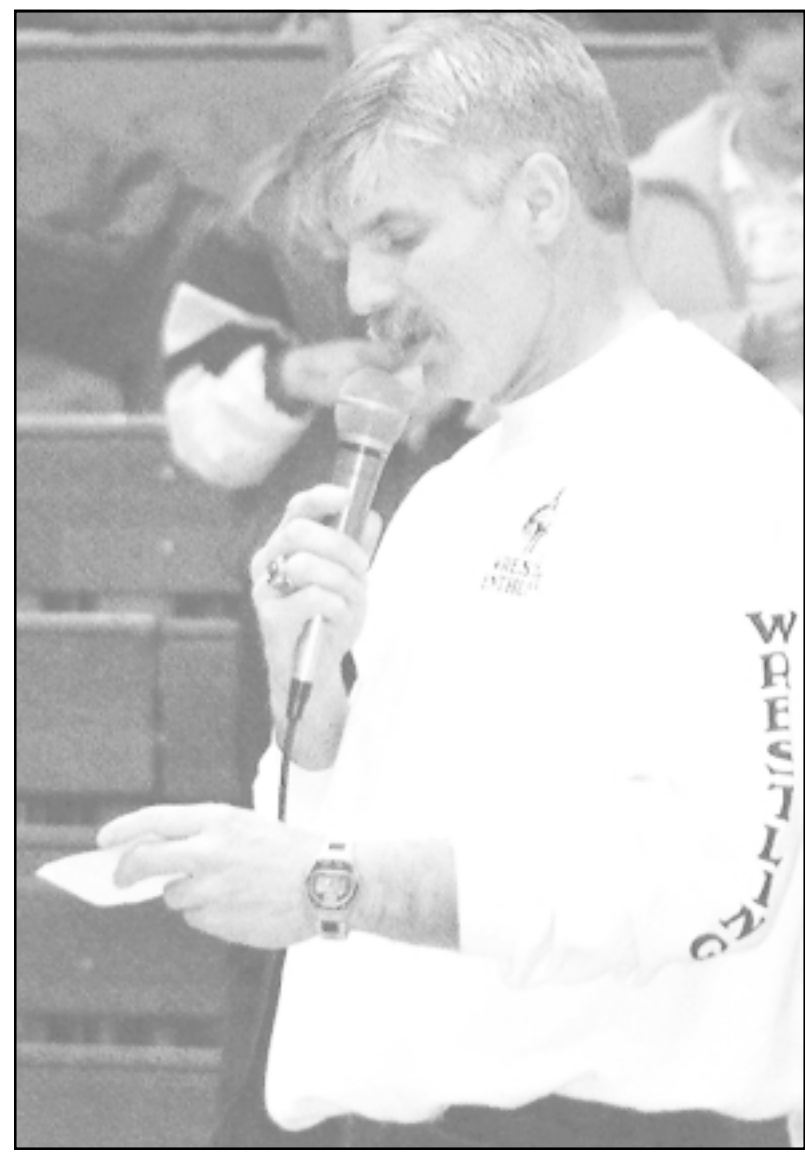
Al-Fuqra was founded in New York city 20 years ago by a Pakistani cleric. The group "seeks to purify Islam through violence," according to a 1998 State Department report.



Honoring Cowboy wrestlers

Dale Stephens (above), a Goodland Chamber of Commerce Ambassador, shook hands with senior wrestler Bryce Bahe during halftime at the Cowgirls sub-state basketball game on Wednesday. The Ambassadors honored the Cowboys placing second at the state tournament in Wichita on Saturday. Bryce took third in his weight class. Coach Randy Bahe, Bryce's father, thanked supporters and the wrestlers for their efforts this year.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WAYNE A. GATTSHALL, Deceased. Case No. 02P05

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You are hereby notified that on the 28th day of January 2002, a Petition was filed in this Court by Carol M. Gattshall and David Ernest Gattshall as co-executors named in the Last Will and Testament of Wayne A. Gattshall, deceased, dated the 23rd day of August, 2001, praying that the Will filed with the Petition be admitted to probate and record, that Carol M. Gattshall and David Ernest Gattshall be appointed as co-executors without bond and that they be granted Letters Testamentary. You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 12th day of March 2002, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., of said day, in this Court, in the City of Goodland in Sherman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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Senate gives early approval to school increase

TOPEKA (AP) — Senators gave first-round approval to an increase in education spending, despite concerns that the state lacks the \$12 million to pay for it.

The proposed \$20 per-pupil increase in state aid for public schools — to \$3,890 a year — advanced on a 23-12 vote. Final approval would send it to the House.

Gov. Bill Graves proposed the increase in January and tied it to his plan for \$228 million in tax increases. The Senate Education Committee endorsed the bill without specifying a source for the extra money.

On Wednesday, the Senate defeated a motion to return the bill to commit-

tee until the state's revenue forecast is updated March 8.

The most recent forecast indicated a \$426 million gap between expected revenue and required spending in the fiscal year that starts July 1. Many expect the gap to approach \$600 million with the new forecast.

Some senators said passing the funding bill would commit the state to something it cannot pay for.

"This would send a false expectation to our school districts that we can find that money in the budget," said Sen. Steve Morris, R-Hugoton, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee.

One supporter, Sen. Janis Lee, D-Kensington, said the bill was some-

thing the Senate should try to achieve.

"If this bill passes, it simply gives us a goal to strive for," she said.

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