

Lighting ceremony held in New York

NEW YORK (AP) — As dusk fell over lower Manhattan, twin towers of light pierced the sky like the ghostly outlines of skyscrapers, capping a solemn day of memorials to the victims of the nation's deadliest act of terrorism.

The columns of light, visible for miles, were greeted with cheers across the city Monday, six months after the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center.

"The lights will reach up to the skies and into heaven, near where the heroes are now," said Arthur Leahy, who stood holding a picture of his brother James Leahy, a New York police officer who died in the attacks.

The lighting ceremony concluded a day of tributes from Boston and rural Pennsylvania to the nation's capital, where President Bush offered words of resolve at a White House ceremony attended by more than 100 ambassadors as well as victims' relatives and members of Congress.

"There can be no peace in the world where differences and grievances become an excuse to target the innocent for murder," Bush said. "Against such an enemy, there is no immunity, and there can be no neutrality."

At the Pentagon, where 189 people died on Sept. 11, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld met with military leaders from nations in the anti-terror-

ism coalition.

And in Shanksville, Pa., church bells tolled at 10:06 a.m. in memory of the 44 victims aboard United Flight 93, the fourth hijacked jet to crash that day. It went down in the countryside, apparently after some of the passengers fought back.

"This is hallowed ground. This is where the first battle in the war on terrorism happened," said Marcy Nacke, whose brother-in-law Louis Nacke was a passenger aboard the flight. "It was the battle of Shanksville."

In New York, relatives of some of the thousands killed stood and watched as 12-year-old Valerie Webb activated 88 powerful searchlights arranged to simulate the lost twin towers. Her father, Port Authority police officer Nathaniel Webb, still hasn't been found in the ruins nearby.

"At that hour we saw the worst of mankind," Gov. George Pataki said. "We saw the face of evil."

Former Mayor Rudolph Giuliani told the crowd it must look to the victims "for our inspiration and our sense of purpose. They would want us to lift up our heads very, very high."

As the memorial of light slowly gained power, soprano Jessye Norman sang "America the Beautiful."

New Yorkers cheered from their rooftops as the lights were illuminated.

Getting ready for business



Scott Weber, owner of Sight and Sound Entertainment, hung up an inside banner inside his new building. The business is moving this week from 1218 Main to 1222 Main.

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Governor OK's map for House

TOPEKA (AP) — Gov. Bill Graves signed a measure Monday redrawing the 125 districts of the Kansas House, sending the map to the state Supreme Court for review.

The map reflect shifts in the population as reported in the 2000 Census. The House passed it overwhelmingly and it was approved by the Senate.

Under the new map, two incumbent Democrats would be paired in each of two districts, and incumbent Democrats would face incumbent Republicans in two other districts.

"This House map is the successful product of bipartisan cooperation and fairness," Graves said in a statement released by his office. "This plan was crafted with complete and open discussion throughout the established committee process."

The Supreme Court has 30 days to rule on the map's legality. The Legislature is also responsible for redrawing the state's four U.S. House districts, 40 state Senate districts and 10 state Board of Education districts.

A Senate redistricting proposal was vetoed by Graves last week. The governor questioned the plan's fairness, legality and lack of public comment on committee hearings.

Missouri lawmakers to decide on stadium plan

By David A. Lieb

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JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — The St. Louis Cardinals appeared to have pitched the perfect game plan last June when Gov. Bob Holden teamed with local leaders in support of a new ballpark and downtown development project.

As it turns out, that was just the warm-up toss.

The real battle is about to play out in the Missouri Legislature, where 197 lawmakers will determine whether the state helps pay for a new Cardinals stadium, improvements to Kansas City's sports facilities and other developments around the state.

Without a victory in the Legislature, the projects are unlikely to go forward — a strong motivation for stadium supporters, who appear to be a slight underdog.

Although some urban lawmakers profess confidence, many rural lawmakers remain adamantly opposed to state stadium aid and many others are reluctant to make a commitment.

The sales pitch by supporters is economic development — a state investment in buildings and tourism attractions that will return millions more dollars through taxes and provide thousands of jobs.

Their main obstacle is the powerful public perception that the state would be enriching wealthy team owners and athletes at the expense of struggling taxpayers, many of whom live hours away from the ballparks.

None of the proposals would require state funds until several years in the future.

But they require a commitment now — in an election year with a poor economy, when lawmakers already are

trying to explain cuts in state services. "The problem is the perception," said Rep. Randall Relford, a lifelong Cardinals fan who now represents part of northwest Missouri.

Fans traveling to Kansas City Chiefs football games spend money at restaurants, gas stations and hotels in his district.

Yet, when asked if he supports the stadium proposals, Relford replied: "Absolutely not."

"Our state is in pretty dire straits," said Relford, D-Cameron. "Even though I feel in the long run the Cardinals proposal may be good for St. Louis and the rest of the state, right now is not the time."

Others from rural areas have a similar, if only slightly more open, response.

"The problem is the timing is totally wrong right now," said Rep. Wes Shoemyer, D-Clarence, who has heard more negative coffee-shop talk against the stadium proposals than anything else. "I don't know if there are enough promises that can be made to get me to support it."

"But I'm not telling them, 'No! No!'" Shoemyer said.

That sliver of a chance is what sta-

dium supporters are hoping to capitalize on by "educating" people with facts, figures and — occasionally — some ominous predictions.

"On the public policy debate, we have a great case," said Rep. James Foley, D-St. Ann, the lead sponsor of the Cardinals proposal.

"Once people see the complete and full facts, they will take a look at it in a different way."

The projects are the perfect solution for a struggling economy because they will create construction jobs now, require no state money until later and eventually spur the economy, he said.

The Cardinals project, for example, would create 7,000 jobs and generate \$21 million in taxes — far more than the state's \$7 million annual payment toward stadium bonds, Foley said.

Should lawmakers balk this year, the Cardinals still will move forward with a stadium, but it could be in Illinois, said St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay.

Sen. Harry Wiggins, the lead sponsor of subsidies for Kansas City's Truman Sports Complex — home to the Chiefs and Royals — said there is no credible threat that any Missouri team would move.

But giving them state aid "is good economic development," said Wiggins, D-Kansas City.

These teams are worth millions of dollars to the state by keeping them here, and I think that's what it's all about."

A solid alliance of St. Louis and Kansas City lawmakers would provide just enough votes to pass a stadium bill, barring a filibuster by an opposing group.

To try to build a stronger alliance, Senate President Pro Tem Peter Kinder, R-Cape Girardeau, has proposed legislation combining the urban projects with state funding for an exposition center in Springfield and a convention center and arena in Branson.

His legislation also would allow communities across the state to apply for a share of state money through a new economic development fund.

But there still are detractors, and even some defectors, among the urban contingent.

The most vocal among them is Rep. Jim Murphy, R-Crestwood, who contends the stadium proposals are money grabs by people who already have money.

House rejects tax hike

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as singles.

"This amendment is too much money and the approach is unfair," said House Taxation Chairman John Edmonds, R-Great Bend.

Glasscock said he was neither surprised nor disheartened by the day's outcome.

"I never thought that income tax day was going to get very far out of the starting blocks," he said.

The entire process was not without skeptics.

House Minority Leader Jim Garner questioned the merits of having the entire House debate policy that should be addressed at the committee level.

"It doesn't seem to be a very productive exercise," said Garner, D-Coffeyville.

He said the reluctance of Democrats to support new taxes now stems from a desire to see where the money will be spent and what cuts will be made in the budget.

During the debate, the House amended the bill to allow taxpayers

to dedicate a portion of their anticipated refunds to elementary and secondary education.

Similar to the "Chickadee Check-off" for wildlife, Rep. Brenda Landwehr, R-Wichita, said the "kiddie checkoff" would allow Kansans who want to voluntarily pay more to support education. Another Landwehr amendment would allow tax refunds to be set aside for in-home health care. Budget analysts said the amendments would cost as much as \$200,000 in printing costs for new documents.

Other amendments, including one to make Daylight Saving Time the official time of Kansas, failed. A House ruling found the amendment, sponsored by Rep. Ted Powers, not relevant to taxation.

Powers, R-Mulvane, disagreed, saying the bill was about saving money and that he was trying to save time.

Separate amendments to increase tax credits for business machinery and equipment and a tax credit for education expenses failed on roll call votes.

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