

Giuliani proclaims Yankees 'the best'

■ New Yorkers played hooky Monday to celebrate the team's World Series win.

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NEW YORK — Thousands of fans lined the Canyon of Heroes Monday for the New York Yankees' third ticker-tape parade in as many years as manager Joe Torre hailed his players as "maybe the best team of all time."

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani gave each Yankee a key to the city and said that "the relationship between the people of the city of New York and the New York Yankees is a love affair that goes back a very, very long time."

"Has there ever been a team better than this one?" Giuliani shouted. "The best!"

Reams of shredded paper hurled from office windows created a virtual blizzard as parade-goers — many of them skipping work or school — helped the Yankees celebrate their fourth World Series championship in five years.

Blustery winds and piles of paper created a scary scene toward the end of the parade when at least four fires erupted and quickly spread; the cause was not immediately known. Firefighters doused the flames, and there were no reports of injuries.

Police reported two stabblings near the parade route on lower Broadway. Neither victim was considered to be in danger of death, and it was unclear whether the violence was related to the parade.

A police officer on the mayor's float was struck on the bridge of his nose by a flying phone book; he was not seriously hurt.

Grand Marshal and former



Fans lean over barricades Monday to get a better view of the Yankees' victory parade in New York. The New York Yankees defeated the New York Mets four games to one last week in the city's first Subway Series since 1956. This is the Yankees' third consecutive World Series Championship.

Yankee Yogi Berra waved from a 1952 Chrysler convertible while a grinning Giuliani joined Torre on the "trophy float."

The Yankees' 4-1 victory over the Mets was the first Subway Series since 1956 and it gave the team its record 26th World Series title.

At the City Hall ceremony

that followed the parade, John Fogarty played his hit "Centerfield" on a bat-shaped guitar and Yankee Derek Jeter wore sunglasses despite cloudy weather.

Torre told the 1,000 invited guests, "We may not have had the best players, but there's no question we've had the best team, and

maybe the best team of all time. I have no embarrassment, no hesitation in saying that."

Security was tight for the parade, with police barricades lining the streets even north of City Hall. Employees in the area had to show identification before police allowed them into their buildings.

But security could not protect the few brave Mets fans.

Brooklynite Julio Santiago claimed he wasn't thinking about the parade when he put on his satin Mets jacket and headed into Manhattan. "Oh man, even the cops are telling me to take this thing off," he said. "I need some friends today."

Israel showers missiles on Arafat support offices

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JERUSALEM — Retaliating for the killings of two Israelis, attack helicopters unleashed missiles Monday night on offices of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement.

Israel fired warnings to clear the four offices in the West Bank and Gaza Strip before firing missiles, Israeli television said. The missiles started fires, but there were no immediate reports of injuries.

The two killings were the first Israeli deaths in the Jerusalem area since the violence began last month. At least 45 Palestinians were wounded Monday in other action.

"I don't know what the Israelis are trying to achieve through this language," Palestinian spokesman Saeb Erekat told army radio. Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak said "that violence will not be rewarded or achieve anything. The prime minister needs to listen to himself."

Earlier in the day, Barak opened the winter session of parliament and won a temporary reprieve for his unstable, minority government, warning Palestinians there would "be no reward for violence."

The Israeli military said it zeroed in on posts belonging to Arafat's bodyguards, known as Force 17, and his para-

military organization, called the Tanzim. "The army won't let civilians, communities and soldiers be struck," the military reported, apparently referring to the two Israelis killed.

Ephraim Sneh, Israel's deputy defense minister, described the operation as a "measured response."

"There's almost no limit to what we can do," he said in a television interview.

In parliament, Barak's coalition appeared safe from collapse for at least the next few weeks.

The ultra-Orthodox Shas party, Israel's third-largest, said it would support him for the next month, and Ariel Sharon, the leader of the opposition Likud party, told parliament he still hadn't given up on the idea of joining an emergency coalition with Barak's government.

However, conflict with the Palestinians remained on the boil, and Arafat gave no sign of ordering an end to the street confrontations.

In his speech to parliament, Barak warned Arafat that he "would gain nothing through violence."

"Neither will you," shouted Issam Mahoul, one of 10 Arab lawmakers in the legislature, all of them angry over the deaths of Israeli Arab citizens during recent riots.

Carnahan's widow to serve if he wins

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ROLLA, Mo. — Declaring "we worked as partners" during 46 years of marriage, Jean Carnahan said Monday she will accept appointment to the Senate if her late husband outpolls his Republican opponent on Election Day.

"With the support of my family and an abiding faith in a living God, I've decided to do what Mel would have wanted us to do," Carnahan said, standing on a back porch festooned with Halloween decorations at the family farm in Rolla. "To keep the cause alive. To continue the fight for the values and ideals for which he lived."

Carnahan, 66, has never held public office but was offered a Senate appointment by Democratic Gov. Roger Wilson if Missouri voters choose her husband over GOP Sen. John Ashcroft.

She said her decision followed days of consultation with her family. She said her husband's "vision for Missouri's families can prevail, if we want it to."

"A vote for Mel Carnahan is a vote they can make," she said. "They still have a choice."

No one has ever been elected to the Senate posthumously, but at least three dead people have gotten elected to the House, two as recently as 1972.

Three widows of congressmen are currently members of the House: Mary Bono, R-Calif., Lois Capps, D-Calif., and Jo Ann Emerson, R-Mo. The three first won special elections to succeed their husbands, won

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Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan's widow

re-election in 1998 and are running for re-election this year.

Ashcroft struck a congenial tone, saying, "Mrs. Carnahan has always been kind to me. She's written and said things that are very kind about me."

"This has been an unusual campaign and it's been a tragic campaign, a campaign filled with sorrow." But he also said his decision to suspend his campaign for a week after Carnahan's death may have hurt his chances.

"If this ends up costing me the election, I still believe it was the right thing to do," he said.

Carnahan's name remains on the ballot because it was too late to remove it. Attention quickly turned to his widow, a longtime Democratic activist with a bachelor's degree in business and public administration.

Volunteers mounted a "Still for Mel!" campaign and most polls showed the race still in a statistical tie, with Carnahan gaining a slight edge when participants were told of the plan to appoint his widow.

KKK's I-55 adoption appealed

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WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court is coming to grips with a dispute over whether states can keep the Ku Klux Klan out of their Adopt-A-Highway cleanup programs.

Almost every state has such a program, and at least 10 have rejected Klan requests to join. Missouri wants the high court to hear its argument that it should be allowed to bar the Klan from adopting a stretch of highway because the organization violates anti-discrimination laws.

Missouri says the state cannot be forced to post signs "suggesting that the state approves of, and is grateful for, the Klan's participation in the Adopt-A-Highway program."

But Robert Herman, the Klan's lawyer from the American Civil Liberties Union, said Monday, "If nothing else the First Amendment stands for the proposition that the government has no right to exclude you or treat you in a different manner because of the viewpoints that you express."

A federal appeals court ruled last spring

that the state constitutionally kept the Klan out of the program because of its views. The court said, "The First Amendment protects everyone, even those with viewpoints as thoroughly obnoxious as those of the Klan, from viewpoint-based discrimination by the state."

On Monday, the Supreme Court asked the Clinton administration to give its views on the case. The justices are not expected to decide whether they will hear arguments in the dispute until after the Justice Department files its brief. The government supported the state in the appeals court.

After Missouri lost before a lower court, signs went up last November designating a one-mile stretch of Interstate 55 south of St. Louis as having been adopted by the Klan.

A man was fined \$100 last February for sawing down one of the signs.

As in almost every state, Missouri's program allows groups to "adopt" a stretch of highway and do cleanup work on it. The state saves money, and the groups' efforts are acknowledged on signs posted along the highway.

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■ Texas

Funding withdrawn from Southern Baptists

CORPUS CHRISTI — Texas' 2.7 million Baptists dealt a severe blow to the Southern Baptist Convention on Monday, withdrawing \$5 million in funding on the grounds that the denomination is becoming too conservative.

After a brief, civil debate, the 6,000 representatives of the Texas Baptists approved the move by a sizable majority.

Texas accounts for 17 percent of the members and 13 percent of the money that support Southern Baptist Convention programs.

Earlier this month, former President Carter severed ties to the Southern Baptist Convention because of its "increasingly rigid" creed.

In recent years, the Southern Baptists have barred women pastors, declared that wives should "submit graciously" to their husbands, boycotted Disney and issued resolutions condemning homosexuality.

■ Maryland

JFK's sister remains in critical condition

BALTIMORE — Eunice Kennedy Shriver, the sister of former President John F. Kennedy, remained in critical condition Monday, a week after entering Johns Hopkins Hospital for treatment of a post-operative infection.

"Her family continues to be grateful for and to ask for the prayers and support of people everywhere," said her son Mark.

Eunice Shriver, 79, had a benign pancreatic tumor removed Oct. 12, and her doctors said they expected a full recovery after her Oct. 21 release.

However, doctors discovered a postoperative infection when she was readmitted two days later after complaining of pain, her family said.

■ Washington, D.C.

Clinton: Republicans in House should say sorry

President Clinton says congressional Republicans owe the nation an apology for his impeachment, and despite their statements that the matter is over, "They haven't necessarily put their abuse of power behind them."

In an interview in Esquire magazine's December issue, Clinton said the investigation into his affair with Monica Lewinsky and his subsequent impeachment was not about pursuing the truth or the best interests of the American people.

"It was about politics, power, 'the Republicans and their welfare,'" he said.

"Unlike them, I have apologized to the American people for what I did wrong, and most Americans think I paid a pretty high price," Clinton said.

"They never apologized to the country for impeachment, they never apologized for all the things they've done."

■ Maine

Military personnel fired for obesity can sue

PORTLAND — Thousands of former military men and women kicked out of the armed forces for being too fat or out of shape can sue the Pentagon for taking back their enlistment bonuses.

A federal judge ruled last week that a lawsuit filed by three people who say the Pentagon illegally took back their bonuses can be expanded to a class-action suit.

Many of the 20,000 people discharged for obesity from the Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force between 1992 and 1995 lost all or part of the money they received when they signed up, plaintiffs' lawyer Michael Feldman said.

The money amounts to thousands of dollars for many of the plaintiffs, and as many as 5,000 to 10,000 people could join in the lawsuit, he said.

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Scattered showers
high 65, low 58

TOMORROW

Breezy with showers
high 63, low 39

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