

# PARADE: Some cities celebrate 2nd, some don't

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said parades and rallies honoring Chicago teams typically have been reserved for winners. "If we had won, we would have liked to have a parade," Hagel said. "We hope to have one soon."

He declined to say exactly who with the Bears was opposed.

"It's an organizational decision," he said. "There's really nothing more to say."

The city would have been willing to honor the Bears, but it respected the team's wishes not to do so, said Cindy Gatzliolis, a spokeswoman for the Department of Special Events.

"They are a very competitive group, and they want to be rewarded when they bring that championship to Chicago," Gatzliolis said. "We certainly understand that desire."



Bears charter buses make their way down Touhy Avenue from Mt. Prospect Road near O'Hare International Airport on Monday.

Tribune photo by José M. Osorio

No parades were held for the Blackhawks' 1971 and 1992 losses in the Stanley Cup finals. The White Sox were feted for winning the 1959 American League pennant, but not after losing to the Los Angeles Dodgers in the World Series.

The Bears already had planned a Tuesday parade route from Soldier Field to Daley Plaza. Instead, the victory parade was in Indianapolis, where the Colts were later cheered by 40,000 fans at a rally in the RCA Dome.

### Not in a partying mood

Roy Taylor of Yorkville said

he would have attended a Bears rally, but with a heavy heart. The measuring stick is the parade for the 1985 Super Bowl champion Bears, who were greeted by 500,000 people and 10 tons of confetti.

"That parade was a celebration of just about the greatest team in history," said Taylor, who founded the Web site bearshistory.com. "You only do that when you dominate, not when you lose the Super Bowl."

In another era, the parade route might well have been put to use—or at least some sort of rally held—for being second-best, said sports sociologist Jay

Coakley, a professor emeritus at the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs.

The Chicago native, who grew up rooting for the White Sox, said fans were proud of second-place finishes a generation ago, but that in the 1980s, the United States became increasingly fixated on being on top.

For Bears fans, he said, such a mentality is a loss.

"To get together with fans and celebrate a pretty darn successful season is a reasonable thing to do," Coakley said. "The Bears were better than 30 teams this year and not quite as good as one."

The Buffalo Bills staged rallies after their first two Super Bowl losses, but they stopped with the third, in 1993. At the time, a member of the chamber of commerce said the team was "very frustrated by this third consecutive loss, and they don't want to be the center of any attention when they come home."

Jeffrey Fishbein, a sports psychologist in Deerfield who works with the Florida Marlins and Northwestern University athletic department, said the Bills could have undermined themselves by celebrating second-place finishes.

"Behavior reinforced is repeated," he said. "When you cel-

brate a Super Bowl appearance, it might seem the appearance in itself is what you are trying to repeat."

"Having a rally would be symbolic of accomplishing a goal," Fishbein said. "Everyone knows they had a great season, but I don't think they want to send a message that they are satisfied. The message I think they want to send is that they remain angry and hungry."

It's not only football teams that have celebrated being the runner-up.

### 2nd often good enough

After dropping the 2005 World Series—to the White Sox, you might recall—members of the Houston Astros gathered on their City Hall steps to bask in supporters' screams.

Being the first baseball team from Texas to reach the World Series was momentous enough to celebrate, albeit modestly, with several players and about 1,000 fans, said Rob Matwick, who worked for the team.

"It was a thank you for a great season," Matwick said. "Compared to what you'd consider a full celebration, it was subdued. But it was historic for Houston."

Matwick has seen both philosophies in action. His current

employer, the Detroit Tigers, did not celebrate after losing last year's World Series.

"The Tigers are such a historic team and [have] been to so many World Series," he said. "It's different."

After losing the World Series in 2004, the St. Louis Cardinals toyed with the idea of honoring their season, but decided not to do so, team spokeswoman Melody Yount said.

"You kind of wanted to do something after such a good season. But we got swept [by the Boston Red Sox in the World Series], and it was such an ugly loss," she said. "It's hard to celebrate after that."

The Cardinals got to pop the corks last fall after beating the Tigers—their first World Series championship since 1982. Days later, an estimated 500,000 people jammed the downtown streets to celebrate, hanging in trees and off statues and leaning out of parking garages.

"It more than made up for it," Yount said.

Her advice to the Bears is simple: "Next year win, and you can also have a parade."

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##### Bush budget favors defense

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#### Rembrandt's Amsterdam

Take a walking or bicycling tour of Amsterdam to savor the city of canals along with one of its most celebrated artists, Rembrandt van Rijn, 400, born July 15, 1606, son of a miller in nearby Leiden and literally a monumental presence in his eventual hometown. Discover the Spui, a sweet little square, and the streets leading into it, which together provide Paris-style cafes, restaurants of various kinds (including the celebrated d'Vijff Vliedgen), bookstores and benches at which to gather and stare at the people sipping at the Paris-style cafes. **TRAVEL**

### CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

■ A story about flexible work hours on Page 1 of Monday's Business section incorrectly reported results from a Citigroup program. About 40 percent of the approximately 3,000 applications approved so far for flexible work arrangements at the company are for non-exempt, or hourly, employees.

■ In the Feb. 4 issue of the Sunday Magazine, the architectural design of the Tashima home featured on pages 20-24 was credited incorrectly. The architecture of the home is by R. Scott Javore & Associates Ltd., Glencoe.

■ In Sunday's Home & Garden calendar, an incorrect date for an "Orchid Event" at Green View Nursery, 1501 Ogdan Ave., Oswego, was published. The event will be held Feb. 10.

■ A story in Friday's Metro Section ("Muslim teens learn—and teach") incorrectly described an Evanston family's practices in observing the Jewish Sabbath. The Cornblath family does drive, cook and turn on lights on the Sabbath.

The Tribune regrets the errors.

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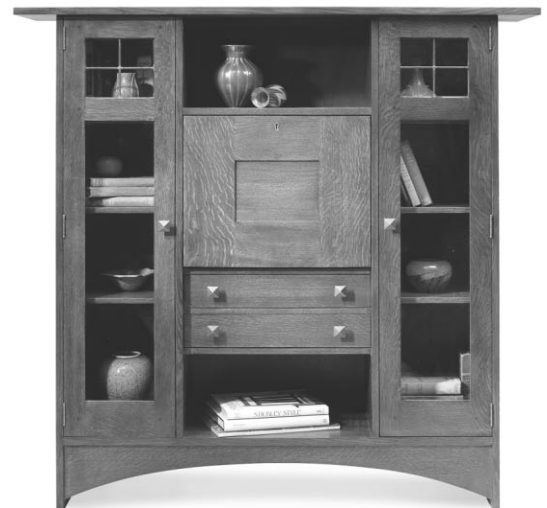
#### Election update

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Chicago Tribune markets columnist Bill Barnhart analyzes the day on Wall Street and how trading was affected by the latest economic news, at 6 p.m.

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