An unfair article

I was appalled and disgusted in the manner the Tribune reported the death of Sen. Mayhood Jan. 20. The headline Former state power dies in a flophouse" was repulsive to me, and I am sure to many other persons, as also was the story as written.

In my opinion, a man who gives his greatest sacrifice possible, his life, in defending a weak and crippled person from physical attack and robbery certainly deserves more than such an insulting and degrading headline and story.

Is there no sense of decency among the present crop of reporters and editors? Your newspaper consistently attacks the FBI and other law-enforcement agencies for alleged invasion of privacy, but isn't your newspaper likewise guilty of invasion of a person's personal privacy by publishing such a degrading report and featuring it with a repulsive major headline? Is there no prevailing code of ethics and fair play in the news media?

The former Sen. Mayhood had many eccentricities in manner and dress, but he was a gentleman, kind and generous to a fault. Even though we may have differed with him on the nursing-home bill, there were arguments in its behalf because of the then prevailing conflict of authority among the various state and local regulatory agencies. — Harold J. Anderson, Minneapolis

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