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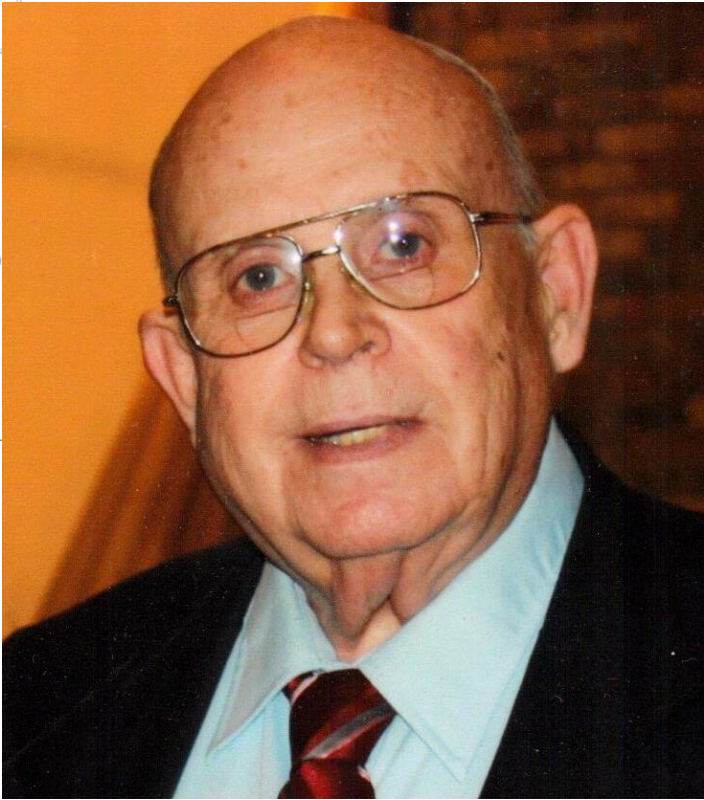
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Walking in to Tom Tully's family room, you'd swear Sherlock Holmes had just left.

The Tudor-style room had racks filled with deerstalker hats, smoking pipes and a trench coat that looked as if it had just been tossed off the shoulders of the legendary fictional detective.

The room even had a batch of letters stabbed through with a

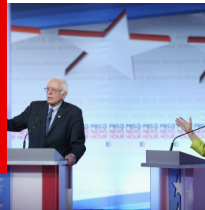
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...wife, for Arthur Conan Doyle described his greatest creation as “a man who keeps his cigars in the coal-scuttle, his tobacco in the end of a Persian slipper, and his unanswered correspondence transfixed by a jack-knife into the very centre of his wooden mantelpiece.”



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The game was afoot for Tom Tully ever since he was a high school freshman introduced to Holmes through a homework assignment to read “The Speckled Band.”

Captivated, he eventually founded the Fellowship of the Fallen Elm — one of countless societies around the globe that keep the detective’s legend alive. He took the name of his group — comprised of friends and relatives — from an adventure in which an elm tree is key, “The Musgrave Ritual.” The Holmes aficionados re-read the stories and discussed them, sometimes also viewing Sherlockian films, at meetings every six weeks or so in his family room.

Doyle’s tales ensorcelled him, said his brother Tim, with “the atmosphere of 1895 England: the fog, the warm fire at 221b Baker Street and the sheer genius of Holmes.” His favorite was “The Hound of the Baskervilles.”

And though Benedict Cumberbatch, Robert Downey and Jonny Lee Miller have embodied compelling versions of Holmes in modern times, Mr. Tully preferred two earlier portrayals: Basil Rathbone’s majestic movie sleuth and the twitchy, elegant brilliance of Jeremy Brett’s incarnation on British television.

“He was very traditional,” said his daughter, Susan Trapani.

Mr. Tully, 80, died Friday at his home in Huntley. He’d suffered a stroke about 14 months ago.

He grew up a milkman’s son in Back of the Yards, near 55th and Union, graduating in 1953 from St. Ignatius College Prep. Young Tom sharpened his baseball skills playing for the Colts team at Sherman Park and liked going to the movies at the Halfield theater at 54th and Halsted.

He wooed his future wife of 56 years, Diane, by visiting the grocery store where she worked, ostensibly to buy a pop.

In 1954, he signed to play with the Dubuque Packers, a White Sox minor league team. After injuring a rotator cuff, he abandoned his dream of a pitching career.

Mr. Tully worked his way up to vice president at Englewood

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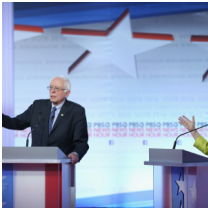
White Sox place premium on clubhouse cohesion

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GLENDALE, Ariz. – When Chris Sale was home in Florida during the offseason, he sat there rooting for the White Sox to acquire one more big-name piece to help the team’s 2016 cause, right?

Not necessarily.

The Sox roster has room for upgrades, but players place such a premium on clubhouse cohesiveness that, to them, character and personality matters. Sometimes more than talent.



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“I don’t get myself caught up in names, the big-ticket items,” Sale, the ace of the White Sox pitching staff, said. “We could have signed four big names, but I’m not worried about what