

A clash of topics

Garrison Keillor, author of the popular “A Prairie Home Companion” and host of the NPR radio show of the same name, is now adding the responsibilities of weekly syndicated columnist to his duties. The Chicago Tribune launched the new column last Wednesday. Keillor, usually known for his humorous observations about small town life, used his first column to talk about strawberries and gay marriage. What a combo!

Keillor is playing himself in the movie version of “A Prairie Home Companion,” to be released in early 2006. He stars opposite **Woody Harrelson, Lily Tomlin, Meryl Streep, Lindsay Lohan** and **Tommy Lee Jones**.