

Keillor gets restraining order against fan; claims woman is harassing him

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Garrison Keillor has gotten a restraining order against a Georgia woman he claims has made telephone calls and sent him explicit e-mails and disturbing gifts, including a petrified alligator foot and dead beetles.

A Ramsey County District judge issued the order against Andrea R. Campbell, 43, of Hawkinsville, Ga., on Friday. Campbell said she received it Monday.

In the petition filed Oct. 12, Keillor, 65, claimed the harassment started April 28, after Campbell attended a live performance of his public radio show, “A Prairie Home Companion,” in Columbus, Ga.

Keillor’s filing said the e-mails and letters were often “disturbing, unintelligible and rambling,” and in one, Campbell “graphically described making love to me.”

Campbell denied the allegations in a telephone interview with the St. Paul Pioneer Press. She said she only wanted to show her gratitude for Keillor’s work.

“I am unclear as to what the problem is,” she said.

Campbell said Keillor had misunderstood the letters, e-mails, packages and phone calls.

“I believe that he’s paranoid, or some woman, his wife, is upset and told him he has to do something about it,” she said.

While Campbell said she loved Keillor, she also said it wasn’t physical. She said she is a happily married woman with five children.

“It’s transcendental love, that’s all” she said. “Between a writer and a reader.”