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Keillor's mind is on Lake Wobegon Minn., the fictional "hometown"	The Orpheum is the show's temporary home; A Prairie Home Companion had to vacate the World	invented sponsors to make the show seem more successful; un- derstandable, considering he once	Wobegon, is due at the publisher's in August.
Minn., the fictional "hometown" he created, a town that 2 million Americans feel they know as well as any on the map. Come Saturday, Kellor will do	Theater, owned by Minnesota Public Radio, when chunks of ceiling began raining down on the	broadcast over his college radio station for a year before realizing that the transmitter didn't work. Powdermilk Biscutts, the ones that "give shy persons the strength to get up and do what needs to be done," was his first sponsor. Jack's Auto Repair ("All Tracks lead to Jack's") signed on at about the same time.	A graduate of the University of Minnesota, Keillor lives in St. Paul with his wife and son, who, like the Buehler boys, just turned 15. "You
as any on the map. Come Saturday, Keillor will d	ceiling began raining down on the heads of paying customers. A fund-raising drive to restore it is	that the transmitter didn't work. Powdermilk Biscuits, the ones	with his wife and son, who, like the Buehler boys, just turned 15. "You
	now under way.	that "give shy persons the strength to get up and do what needs to be	steal where you can," Keillor says. Keillor is still shy: he never gives his name on the air; when
"A Prairie Home Companion" can be heard live 5 p.m7 p.m. each Saturday on WKYU-FM.	Fans tune in to hear an eclectic blend of fiddle, plano and banjo	done," was his first sponsor. Jack's Auto Repair ("All tracks	gives his name on the air; when talking to strangers he tends to
each Saturday on WKYU-FM.	music, and to listen to off-beat guests like Dr. Tom Weaver, who	the same time.	direct his gaze at his shoes, and he greets an interviewer with an enthusiasm that most people re-
	blend off fiddle, pian and banjo music, and to listen to off-beat guests like Dr. Tom Weaver, who taps out a rollicking rendition of the "William Tell Overture" on	Kitty Boutique, with its designer	serve for their oral surgeon.
what he has done most every Saturday for the past 10 years: don	nis teetn.	They were joined by Bertha's Kitty Boutique, with its designer cat collection; Bob's Bank ("Save at the Sign of the Sock"), and Skoglund's Five & Dime ("Where	enthusiasm that most people re- serve for their oral surgeon. "A person in the course of his or her life can follow a path one step to the next and suddenly look around and find yourself in a place you never dreamed you'd go," he
Saturday for the past 10 years: doi a cream-colored suit, red tie and red socks and stand before	They tune in to hear "ads" for "sponsors" like Ralph's Pretty Good Grocery ("If you can't find it at Ralph's up on the state of the sta	you really do find things that only cost a nickel").	around and find yourself in a place
tangled web of microphones in a shabby St. Paul theater.	at Raiph's, you can probably get a long with out it''), the Fearmonger's Shoppe ("Serving your phobia needs since 1954"), and Powdermilk Biscuts, available "in the big brown bag with the dark stains that indicate fresh- nees."	Ry 1976 a town had sprung up to	you never dreamed you'd go," he says. "That's possible for shy persons
There, in a halting cadence a rich and soothing as a swallow of	s your phobia needs since 1954"), and Powdermilk Biscuits available	house these sponsors, and listeners began meeting such colorful citi- zens as Father Emil, conservative	"That's possible for shy persons, you see. So the fact that I stand out on a stage and do a show in front of an audience every week doesn" mean that I'm not shy. It only means I wasn't watching where I was going."
sorghum, the 6-foot-4 expatriat with the bushy eyebrows an	"in the big brown bag with the	pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual	an audience every week doesn't mean that I'm not shy It only
red socks and stand before i tangled web of microphones in shabby St. Paul theater. There, in a halting cadence a rich and soothing as a swallow of sorghum, the 6-loot-4 expairtial with the busho eyebrows an jutting jaw will bring America th news from 'the little town that time forgot and the decades canne improve.''	ness."	He presides over a flock that includes Harold Starr, publisher of	means I wasn't watching where I was going."
time forgot and the decades canno improve."	t But mostly, they tune in to hear Keillor, who lopes onstage midway through each two-hour show to	the Lake Wobegon Herald Star, constables Gary and LeRoy and	There are morals lurking in these folksy stories about children going
If the decades have been unabl to improve Lake Wobegon, th same does not hold true for th	e from the town where "the women	Responsibility Church. He presides over a flock that includes Harold Starr, publisher of the Lake Wodgen Heraid Star, constables Gary and LeRoy, and poel laureade Margaret Haskins Durber, whose work is decidedly nore spirited than byrical. And more spirited than byrical. And who never held elected office, but whose mother though the name "Senator' had a nice ring to it. The exact location of all these	There are morals lurking in these folksy stories about children going off to college in the "big city" of St. Cloud, about small-town feudi and neighborly acts of kindness but Keillor strives to keep them excluded.
same does not hold true for th radio program that showcases i	e are strong, the men are good- looking, and all the children are	more spirited than lyrical. And there's Senator Knute Torvaltson,	and neighborly acts of kindness but Keillor strives to keep them
radio program that showcases I When "A Prairie Home Compa- nion" made its debut on July 1974, the live audience totaled		who never held elected office, but whose mother thought the name	subtle. "All comedy is preaching, but is can't show its hand," he says.
1974, the live audience totaled a people. Success didn't come overnight.	seems to happen there, enabling	"Senator" had a nice ring to it. The exact location of all these	
wasn't until 1980 that the sho	same way: "It's been a quiet week in Lake Wobegon." The audience	folks is never divulged. Keillor describes Lake Wobegon as "kind	that hits close to home. Jack, or Jack's Auto Repair, whose empire
wasn't until 1980 that the sho went national. The following yea it won the George Foster Peabod Award and has since grown into	y finished spring cleaning over at the	The exact location of all these folks is never divulged. Kellior describes Lake Wobegon as "kind of a hole up in the center" of the state, which causes confusion for tourists who persist in trying to find it. The American Automobile	But there is one recurring mora that hits close to home. Jack, o Jack's Auto Repair, whose empire has grown into a small conglomer ate these past 10 years, canceled his sponsorship, accusing Keillor o going Hollywood and forgetting his roots
coast-to-coast hit, attracting mon than 2 million listeners multitudes by public radio star	^a Side Track Tap and the "dim little place on Main Street" reopened,	tourists who persist in trying to find it. The American Automobile	his sponsorship, accusing Keillor or going Hollywood and forgetting his roots.
multitudes by public radio sta	amid stern reminders that the Side Track is not a pigsty. This	The American Automobile Association got so many requests	
Each week, 1,600 fans fill th Orpheum Theater in downtown S	e tion: "Don't sleep at our bar, we	Association got so many requests for directions that they finally included Lake Wobegon in their Minnesota index, along with a note explaining that it is imaginary.	"Jack is worried," says Keillor "He thinks success corrupts people and they forget where they came from. They become hardened and cynical, and they do disastrout things to themselves."
Paul, outnumbering the hard souls of Lake Wobegon by 50 General admission costs \$5, an	y They are informed that the	explaining that it is imaginary.	cynical, and they do disastrous
General admission costs \$5, and tickets are sold out two months	y They are informed that the Buehler twins are celebrating their 15th birthdays, or that prom night is drawing near and the girls of	Keillor also refuses to provide much physical detail, a lesson he learned the hard way. He recalls getting a lot of mail from unhappy	It's a lesson that bears repeating as A Prairie Home Companior
advance.	De terre Devela	getting a lot of mail from unhappy listeners the week he told them too	prepares to celebrate its 10th
A Christian era	ROLE DEC ROUT		anniversary with a special broad cast July 7. The little town that time forgo probably won't bother tuning in says Keillor, who says the citizen of Lake Wobegon view hi award-winning radio program will a control decremend shortly and
Length 5 Heartbeat Black and chart (abbr.)	A P E D D A R O K R A R U N G T R A I N I N G	much. "It was a mistake," he says sadly. "I violated people's pictures. People have their own images of it, and they're as valid as mine."	probably won't bother tuning in says Keillor, who says the citizen
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Wise bird 11 Is inclined 14 Wight		"There are cast iron deer and rock gardens in the yards, and large stones painted white on either	S
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(abbr.) 23 Pismire	27 Cooraw 46 Asian country	arge stones painted white on either side of the driveway. Church women still do wear hats, navy with vells, maybe a few flowers on one side, and they come home afterward and serve Sunday din- ners of chicken, ham or pot roast - the strings kind."	TAIV
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30 The bull (2 wds.,Span.)	3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	one you knew would correct the name of an aunt, or a date, or a trip you took together. People are	vver
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37 Upper surface 40 Theodore, for short 15 41 Shortly 18	19 20 21 22 23	suspect, can use a good bit of Lake	N
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42 Beverages 43 Card game 45 Most homely 47 Conceited person 50 Poker stake 1 Notivel	26 29	Justice Harry A. Blackmun. Standing before live audiences	10 oz. N
	33 36 37 38 39	bigger than those of most Broadway theaters each week is an	
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54 Soviet Union		smuggling copies of the New Yorker magazine into a "good	
(abbr.) 47 48	49 50	fundamentalist home in which we were taught there wasn't a whole	including so
DOWN S'	52	hame of an Junt, or a dist, or a twey proprietary. Propha are very proprietaries that arrive these days are similar to one that was postmarked Washington, D. C. "That exit of Washington, D. C. "That exit of Washington, D. C. "That exit of Washington, T. Woolegon, H. would help us over some of the rough spok," said the letter, signed by Supreme Court Justice Harry, A. Blackman. Standing before live and "meet hetter, signed by Supreme Court Justice Harry, A. Blackman, Standing before live are "meet preadway theaters each week its an unlikely occupation for "a kid who grew up sky in Anoka, Mina, muggiing copies of the New Youndameet and the second could of a dir handameetallat decid outside of the king James Bible."	salad bar, c
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