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## Keillor biography in works

ST. PAUL (AP) — A freelance writer and teacher working on an unauthorized biography of "Lake Wobegon Days" author Garrison Keillor says he has no intention of doing a "hatchet job" or a promotional "puff piece."

But Michael Fedo, who lives near Anoka, where Keillor grew up, has been hampered somewhat by refusals to comment from not only Keillor, but other important people in Keillor's life and career.

Fedo says Keillor has had his lawyer send letters to current and former employees of "A Prairie Home Companion" asking them not to cooperate.

Margaret Moos, who was close to Keillor for some 10 years as producer of "A Prairie Home Companion" and also was Keillor's romantic interest, has refused to cooperate.

Fedo, 47, said he hasn't turned up anything "shocking" yet, but added that doesn't mean he hasn't gained some information that Keillor might find critical.

He said he hopes to put together a book in which fans of the host of American Public Radio's popular "A Prairie Home Companion" show and a "more serious audience" might find something of value.


"I wouldn't be able to feel that I had done any kind of justice if I only did a puff piece, but at the same time, I don't think that I'm going anywhere near the direction of the tabloids, either," Fedo said. "But I'd certainly feel free to be critical of (Keillor's) writing and the programs and all of that."

Fedo said he is doing the book at the request of a major publishing company, St. Martin's Press in New York, and has received an advance of between \$5,000 and \$8,000. He began researching the book in July and has a tentative deadline of spring for turning in the manuscript.

"He (Keillor) definitely has a following, and we feel his fans would be interested in knowing more about him," said Laura Jack, an assistant editor at St. Martin's.

Fedo, who has never met Keillor, is a native of Duluth and a distant cousin of the city's mayor, John Fedo.

Fedo has had two books published — "They Was Just Niggers," dealing with the lynching of blacks in Duluth in 1920, and "One Bad Dude," an "as-told-to" autobiography of the Minneapolis minister Ted Jefferson, a pastor to prison inmates.



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