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Days," which featured him reading passages from his best-selling novel of the same name.

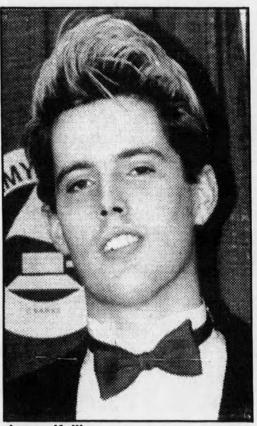
Backstage, Jason Keillor charmed reporters in a press conference last night in much the way his father charmed people on radio's "A Prairie Home Companion."

Other finalists for the prize his father won were Katharine Hepburn, Lauren Bacall and Leonard Nimoy.

Asked if he knew how his father felt about such heavyweight competition, Jason Keillor said, "I don't think he had any idea who he was up against."

Asked how he felt about it, Jason Keillor said, "It still surprises me. Fame in Minnesota was something a lot different than it is in New York."

Indeed. Yesterday Keillor was featured on the front page of the New York Times' Living section in the restaurant critic's occasional diningout-with-a-celebrity column.



Jason Keillor

Asked if he was going to follow in his father's footsteps, Jason Keillor said he might, at least as a performer. He then plugged his "experimental rock" band, Golden Dawn, which will play next month at a New York club.