

Great Scott to be honored in Minn.

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — F. Scott Fitzgerald, who offended his hometown with an unflattering portrait in "This Side of Paradise," is finally getting the tribute St. Paul withheld during his lifetime.

A festival is being organized in honor of the Jazz Age author, born in the city on Sept. 24, 1896. He died in 1940.

Another tale-spinning Minnesotan is making the arrangements: Garrison Keillor, who discovered Fitzgerald as a teenager in suburban Anoka.

"He has never been honored in his hometown. The beauty and grace of his writing was obscured by his famous life," Keillor said Monday.

The celebration Sept. 24-28 will include a parade, costume ball and a marathon reading of "The Great Gatsby." Authors E.L. Doctorow, Joseph Heller, Jane Smiley, Tobias Wolff, Jim Harrison and Michael Dorris plan to attend.

The festival's climax will be the dedication of a statue of Fitzgerald and the lighting of a new marquee for the Fitzgerald Theater, the site of Keillor's weekly "A Prairie Home Companion" broadcasts.

Names in the news



GARRISON KEILLOR

matched muumuus and blue eyeshadow notwithstanding, Kathy Kinney says there's something everyone can love about Mimi her