

Keillor's show to appear at Surf Ballroom

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The man who brought you Powder Milk Biscuits and Lake Wobegon is coming to Iowa.

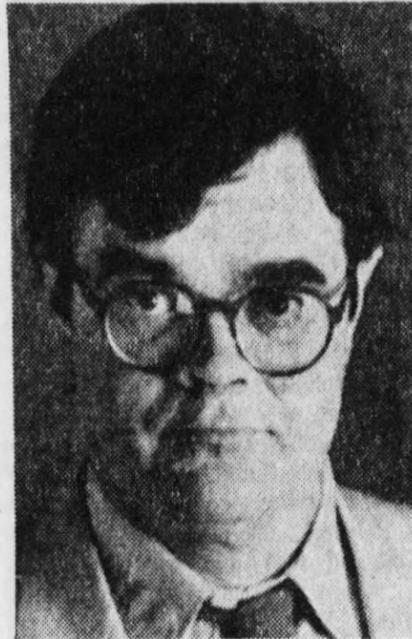
Garrison Keillor and his "American Radio Company" radio program will appear Feb. 15 at the Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake.

Keillor, who once was host of the popular "Prairie Home Companion" radio show and now does his new program from New York City, will be doing road shows this winter. His program contacted KUNI-FM, the public radio station at the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls, about doing one of the broadcasts in that area.

Jons Olsson, development director at KUNI, said that the station decided to stage the program in the Mason City area because that allowed easy access for people driving from Waterloo-Cedar Falls, Des Moines and Minneapolis. "Prairie Home Companion" originated in St. Paul, Minn.

Keillor decided on the Surf. "Garrison said, 'Yes, that's the kind of place I want.'"

It isn't the first time Keillor has ap-



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Surf is his kind of place

peared in Iowa. Back in 1979, "when his star was still rising," he did a road show at UNI, said Olsson, and he since has appeared in Iowa City and twice in Ames.

The show probably will be sprinkled with Iowana, said Olsson. Keillor and his writers have been supplied with information about Mason City and its "The Music Man" alter ego, River City. It will also be Iowa caucus season. "So there are some possible tie-ins there," said Olsson.

Tickets will go on sale Nov. 1 and will be available through KUNI. No price has been set yet.