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TENDER WAS THE SIGHT: A few hundred people raised candles to toast **F. Scott Fitzgerald**, who was born 100 years ago in St. Paul. "He was one of ours. We claim him because we love him. Here's to F. Scott Fitzgerald's 100th birthday," **Garrison Keillor**, host of "A Prairie Home Companion" radio show, told the crowd Tuesday.

Fitzgerald, whose works include "Tender is the Night" and "The Great Gatsby," left St. Paul at age 26 and never returned.

"The fact that this young man flew off to New York, Paris and Hollywood and never did write a hymn or homage to the Midwest has always been painful," Keillor said. "He left for New York because New York is what he wanted to write about."

Fitzgerald's birthday, Sept. 24, is being celebrated this week with birthday cake, marathon readings of his works, a new bronze sculpture and postage stamp, Jazz Age dance lessons, flapper fashion shows and a literature festival for young writers.

CHARITABLE MAN: James Belushi stepped into his late

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