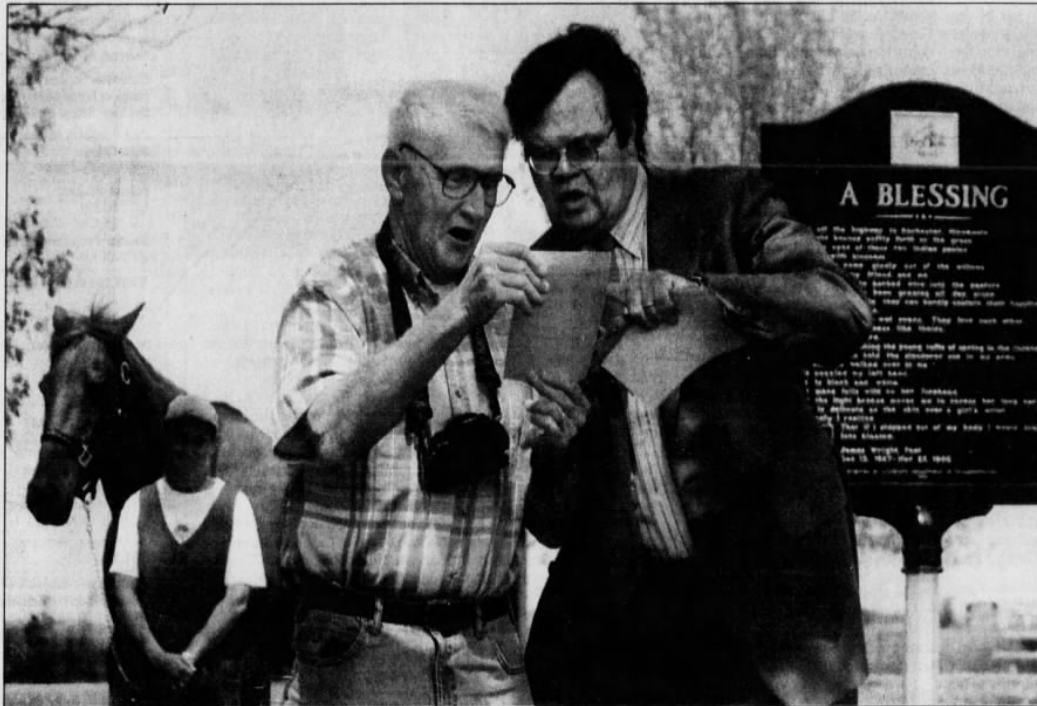


A verse for travelers off Interstate Hwy. 90



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The late poet James Wright was "always fascinated with poetry as an act of inscription, of memorializing," according to a 1990 assessment of his work in the New Republic. On Monday, author and radio host Garrison Keillor, who was Wright's student at the University of Minnesota in the 1960s, memorialized Wright's poem "A Blessing" on a plaque that was installed at the High Forest Rest Area off Interstate Hwy. 90, south of Rochester. More than 200 area high school students and two horses attended the dedication for the poem. Jim Hanson of Elgin, Minn., was called from the audience to help Keillor sing "Shall We Gather at the River." *Turn to B1.*