

The Flanagan Memo — RE: Garrison Keillor's triple date; a theme for a downtown Hennepin Avenue entertainment center; plus, how to coax others into following Target's million-dollar lead.

Keillor and the Misses

When MacPhail Center for the Arts celebrates its 90th year at an entertainment gala on May 21 in Orchestra Hall, Garrison Keillor will have Minnesota's three Miss Americas as costars. The women, all former students at MacPhail, include BeBe Shopp (1948), Dorothy Benham (1977) and Gretchen Carlson (1988). In the talent part of their competitions, Carlson played the violin, Benham sang and Shopp played the vibraharp. They will join Keillor in a sketch that he is writing for the occasion. What's more, Eiji Oue, music director of the Minnesota Orchestra, will play a George Gershwin prelude on the piano to open the show. Sounds like a not-to-be-missed night out.