

Keillor backs out of fund-raiser

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MINNEAPOLIS — “A Prairie Home Companion” host Garrison Keillor says he is dropping out of a May 21 fund-raiser for opponents of a proposed football field on a historic island.

Keillor told The Associated Press in an e-mail that he agreed to do the fund-raiser for a friend. “On closer look, it seems to be one of those bitterly angry neighborhood land-use disputes in which outsiders have no useful role to play,” he said.

The *Star Tribune* reported Keillor became involved at the request of singer Prudence Johnson, who appears on Keillor’s radio show.

DeLaSalle High School wants to build a football field on Nicollet Island in Minneapolis, but some residents object.

The *Star Tribune* said DeLaSalle supporters talked about picketing tonight’s premiere in St. Paul of the movie version of “A Prairie Home Companion.”

“As for DeLaSalle pickets ... it’s America. The sidewalks are open to anyone,” Keillor told AP.

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