

MINNEAPOLIS TRIBUNE

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Will Jones

after last night

When Garrison Keillor's "A Prairie Home Companion" on KSJN-FM switched from 5:30 p.m. to a 7 p.m. Saturday starting time this month, the change was explained in a lengthy press release that showed signs of some big-network thinking going on out here in flyoverland. An unidentified spokesperson was quoted as follows:

"Firstly, we have long felt that the 'Companion' is a prime-time type of program, and the switch is intended to indicate our confidence that the 'Companion' is ready to go head-to-head against 'Saturday Night Wrestling' in the ratings struggle."

"Secondly, our audience numbers indicate that thousands of people have been tuning to Minnesota Public Radio at 7 p.m., immediately after 'A Prairie Home Companion.' With the show starting at 7 p.m., these people will be able to hear it in its entirety."



Some 25 Emmy Award nominees, including Carroll O'Connor and Robert Blake, never got their names on this year's ballots because their entry cards were lost in the mail.



Garrison Keillor