

Keillor, the bashful reporter

Garrison Keillor, who for years has had bitter run-ins with journalists over his privacy, kept his barbs gentle when he faced an auditorium full of newspaper editors. Speaking Tuesday at the Associated Press Managing Editors convention in St. Paul, Minn., the 51-year-old humorist said his mother always told him to refrain from gawking at other people's tragedies unless he could help. During the six months he worked for the St. Paul Pioneer Press in 1962 and 1963, Keillor admitted to being an "abysmal" reporter. "The thought of calling up somebody and asking them questions that they might not want to answer was deeply terrifying," he said.



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