

the stars, a recorded message says.

Tabloid says Keillor is seeking divorce

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Radio show host and writer Garrison Keillor, who left St. Paul, Minn., in 1987 for the anonymity of Manhattan, has become the prime topic of tabloid gossip in New York.

New York Daily News columnist Richard Johnson, in his lead item Friday, reported that Keillor has fallen in love with another woman and plans to divorce his wife of five years, Ulla Skaerved.

"Garrison Keillor has just given his wife a one-way ticket to Lake Wobegon," Johnson wrote in his column, which identified Keillor's supposed new love as his Danish tutor, a woman named Dorrit.

Johnson also claimed that "Skaerved found out about the affair only when Keillor consulted a divorce lawyer. Friends says she's distraught."

Keillor, who was in New York Friday rehearsing his weekly show for American Public Radio, could not be reached for comment on Johnson's story.

Nor would his New York book publicist, Deborah Kwan, comment on the report.

However, Ann Stonehill, associate producer of Keillor's radio show, said Friday that "the story is untrue as far as I know. I didn't give any credence to this piece."

Johnson said in a brief telephone interview that it took him "four or five days" to ferret out the story of Keillor's love affair. He said he "made every effort that was humanly possible" to contact Keillor before running the item but was unable to do so.

Keillor, 49, and Skaerved were married in Copenhagen, Denmark, in December 1985. It was the second marriage for both.

Keillor is scheduled to be in the Twin Cities Monday and Tuesday as part of a nationwide tour promoting his new novel, "WLT," which describes life at a fictional radio station.

When he left St. Paul and his popular "Prairie Home Companion" radio show, Keillor complained that malicious publicity had driven him away. He was especially upset about a newspaper story in 1985 that publicized the address and purchase price of his house in St. Paul.

"I live in town in which I'm one of



Garrison Keillor

one few personalities," he said at one point of his experiences in St. Paul. "The governor lives here, and there's the mayor, and there's the local weather guy. And you know, we're all they've got."

Since moving to New York, Keillor has continued his radio career and has also produced a stream of books, stories and essays. One of the collections he produced in 1989 is entitled, "We Are Still Married."

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