

Ventura leaves ring in Keillor fight

The war of words between Minnesota Gov. **Jesse Ventura** and **Garrison Keillor** over the humorist's satirical book about a wrestler who becomes governor appears to be over. "The governor wishes Garrison Keillor all the luck in the world and hopes he makes a bundle," said **John Wodele**, Ventura's spokesman. "Back-and-forth exchanges are not helpful." Ventura had said that Keillor "is writing a book, based on me, without my permission, without anything of my involvement. ...To me, that's cheating, because they are cheating me." He compared the novel — *Me — by Jimmy (Big Boy) Valente as told to Garrison Keillor* — to the illegal T-shirts, unauthorized made-for-TV movie and other commercial

ventures that trade on his image. "It's odd that Gov. Ventura thinks I need his permission to write a satire of him," Keillor, the host of public radio's "A Prairie Home Companion," said Friday.

O'Connor getting better, family says

Entertainer **Donald O'Connor**, who starred with **Gene Kelly** in the classic Hollywood musical *Singin' in the Rain*, was gaining strength this weekend but remained in critical condition with pneumonia, a family spokesman said. "There was more color in his face this morning," family spokesman Glen Rose said Friday. "When you have pneumonia, they put you in intensive care. Just because he's in intensive care, doesn't mean he's dying," Rose said.