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Kate Warner (left) and playwright

New Rep soiree

The New Repertory Theatre hosted its 2010 Gala at the Arsenal Center for the Arts in Watertown Monday night. Guests at the gala, which featured a look at New Rep's next season and an afterparty, included artistic director **Kate** Warner and playwright Lydia Diamond.

Sparks notes

Clinton Sparks, a Boston DJ-turnedrecording-artist, was on Twitter yesterday thanking Playboy Playmate Heather Rene Smith for stepping in at the last minute in a music video with producer Bei Maejor. Sparks just released his own single, appropriately titled "Favorite DJ."



Stylist Susan Kupelian with the Crowley family.

Tressed for success

Naz Kupelian Salon stylist Susan Kupelian was at Children's Hospital earlier this week to promote John Frieda's HAIRaising campaign, which has local salons working together to raise money for Children's. Kupelian was joined for the event by Molly and Josh Crowley, whose daughters Emily and Sara have been chosen as faces of the campaign. Emily and Sara had their hair done at Umi Salon on Newbury Street before the visit.



Spike TV is looking for local bars to participate in a new reality show about — you guessed it — bars. Boston Casting says the show will feature a bar expert helping small taverns with makeovers and improvements. The series is being produced by J.D. Roth's 3 Ball Productions, which also does "The Biggest Loser." Filming for the show would happen the week of June 8. Bar owners can get more info on Boston Casting's website.

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'Paperboy' delivers in London

Boston soul sensation Eli "Paperboy" Reed and his band the True Loves were photographed during a performance at Scala in London on Monday night. Eli just released a colorful music video for his song "Come and Get It."

Special occasion

Agganis Arena hosted Special Olympics Massachusetts's Hall of Fame Gala last night, an evening of drinks, dinner, and thanks to those who have helped the cause. Honorees included **Dr. Steven Perlman**, founder of Special Smiles, and Greater Media's **Peter Smyth**.

From left: Andrew Bearse of Ascutney, Vt., Mike Finlay of Malden, and

Melissa Reilly of Boxborough at the Special Olympics gala last night.



'What would people most like to see in 3-D? Probably a naked lady.'

PLAYBOY FOUNDER HUGH HEFNER, explaining why the June issue will feature a 3-D centerfold



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