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AVALON

The Lighthouse's been a tough act to follow, but Avalon—the newest club to open in Sixth Avenue's church turned club—just

may stick around. (See highlight, page 80.)



OPENING SACRED MUSIC

Given the new-business failure rate there, you might think that some disgruntled minister has hexed the former church that housed the Lighthouse. But that isn't stopping the owners of L.A. and Boston clubs called **Avalon** from giving Sixth Avenue a whirl. The proprietors plan to expand beyond mirror balls and D.J.'s, booking rock bands along with the likes of Paul Oakenfold and John Digweed. They also promise a new, more democratic twist on the VIP room ("it's a form of creation and inclusion rather than exclusion," says a press release), but if you believe that, we have an old church to sell you. (Opens September 14.)