

# OUT ON THE TOWN WITH LIZ & SYDNEY

*The Pyramid, that club which has been through everything from Ethyl Eichelberger's interpretation of Scarlett O'Hara to Speed Metal Night to Dean Johnson's Rock and Roll Fag Bar, has changed its name (at least officially) to 101 Avenue A and gone 24-7-365 to the queer side of night life. With a different party each weeknight, Liz and Sydney found themselves wearing a path between their home and the club with the pink triangle on top.*

## SYDNEY:

"Fuck" night was great. No, I mean the party downstairs, Loris<sup>1</sup> Lesbian Luv Lounge. I got to meet Phranc.<sup>2</sup>

**LIZ:** I have never seen you turn into a puddle that quickly. Not that I wasn't speechless when I met her. I had some sort of attack of New-Kids-on-the-Block disease—"Oooh, she's so cute."

**SYDNEY:** I heard she was at Clit Club East, too.

**LIZ:** Where the go-go girls are caged and the other girls want to be?

**SYDNEY:** Julie and Jocelyn<sup>3</sup> better watch out. Andrea Dworkin<sup>4</sup> might show up and try to liberate the girls from their cages.

**LIZ:** Or at Temple, she could just shout down James Brown songs.

**SYDNEY:** He is truly a fierce deejay. Where else can you get serious, classic soul and still be surrounded by queers?

**LIZ:** Of course, you can go the Controversy and be surrounded by queers in examining robes smashing yolk-dyed eggs into the vagina of Kember Pfhaler.<sup>5</sup> And then you're surrounded by eggshells. The people who brought you the "satanic"<sup>6</sup> Disco Interruptus now do all the things they're just not at liberty to do at Roxy anymore.

**SYDNEY:** Yeah, like the guy who changed the lyrics to "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer" to a sordid tale of bestiality involving Santa Claus and the most famous reindeer of all.



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**LIZ:** No, I think the best part is when straight guys come in on the weekends, find out it's a gay club and start yammering about how there are women here. And the door people tell these misguided men that, yes, Virginia, the women are gay, too. And people wonder why we're invisible. ▼

## NOTES:

1. Lori E. Seid, theater person and dyke about town.
2. Lesbian hero and clever, witty musician.
3. Proprietors of Clit Clubs, East and West.
4. Feminist, whose work in the anti-pornography campaign and book *Intercourse* has earned her the reputation of being anti-sex. If you have met her, it may become apparent why.
5. Lead Singer of the band Karen Black.
6. As called by rabid right-wing columnist Patrick Buchanan.



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