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Tasha Bovain, 26, Westbury

Job: Freelance writer and entrepreneur

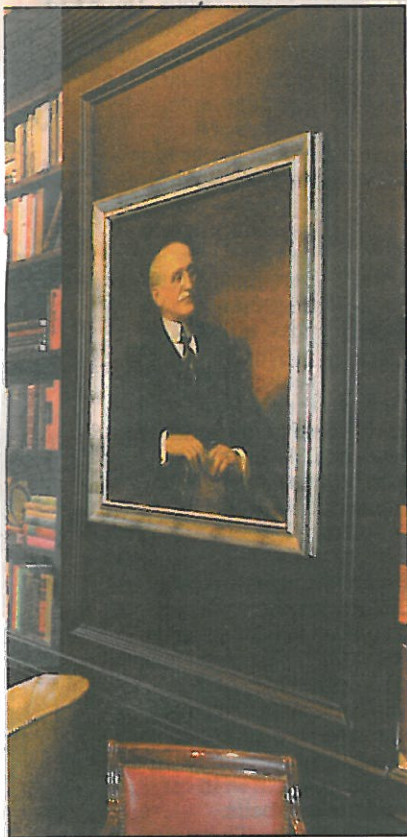
Obsessions: "Sex and the City" reruns and "Dr. 90210"

Favorite quote: "Life is a movie, live like a star."

Tasha says: This Park Slope neighborhood bar is not your average overcrowded, after-work spot. The front area is furnished with dark, wooden, built-in bookshelves and tables surrounded by comfy couches. Minus the alcohol, you'll feel like you're

at your local library. Past the bar area are two bocce courts where teams participate in friendly games of bocce ball, which resembles bowling. If bocce ball is not your scene, head downstairs for live music. Or grab a quick bite to eat from the unique menu. Must-haves are the triple-threat mini Angus burgers and beer cheese. For those who want to get away from the crowd, there's additional seating behind the bocce courts.

Grade: B+



Union Hall serves up books, beer and bocce.



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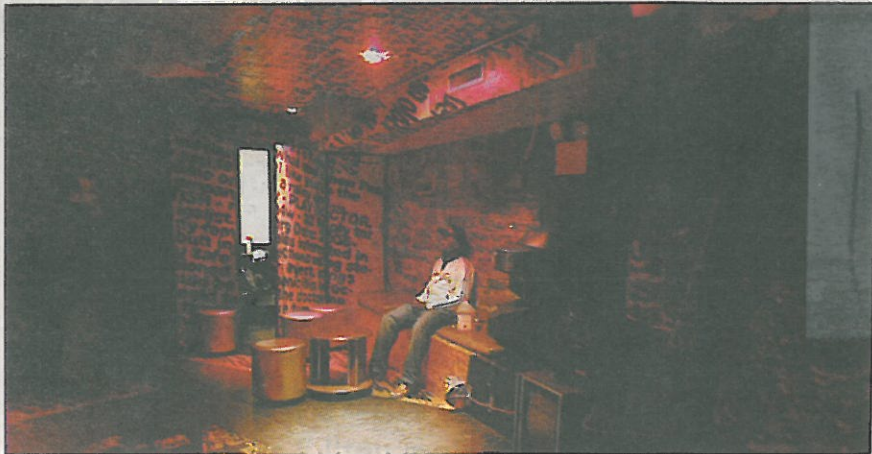
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Tasha, Westbury
What magazine would be most likely to put you on the cover? Essence
Oscar or Grammy? Oscar
TV show that never should've been canceled: "Soul Food"

Tasha says: Check your inhibitions at the door at this Lower East Side lounge. Enter through a plastic strip curtain to a '70s-inspired rockfest. Upon entering, I was greeted by the sounds of a live alternative band. The energy of a diverse 20-something crowd was contagious as they yelled, "Encore!" The decor resembles an industrial factory with tin-foiled walls, exposed pipes and vintage leather couches. In the basement, the floors were marked up by craigslist personal ads while a DJ spun disco and techno. It's not your typical upscale lounge, and it's anything but boring.

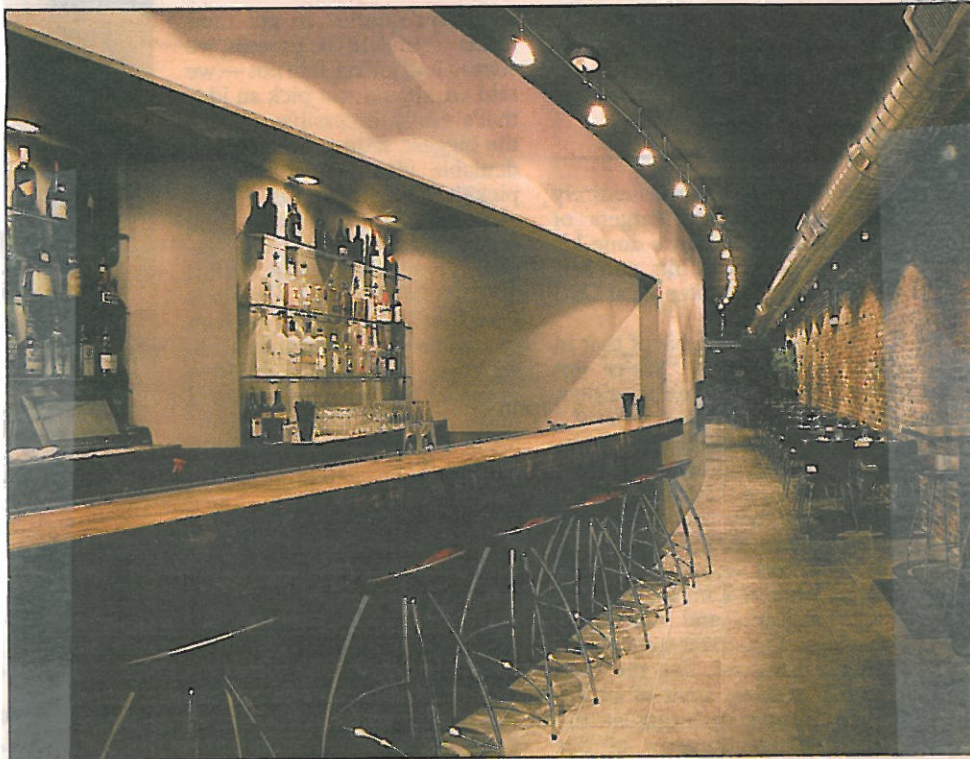


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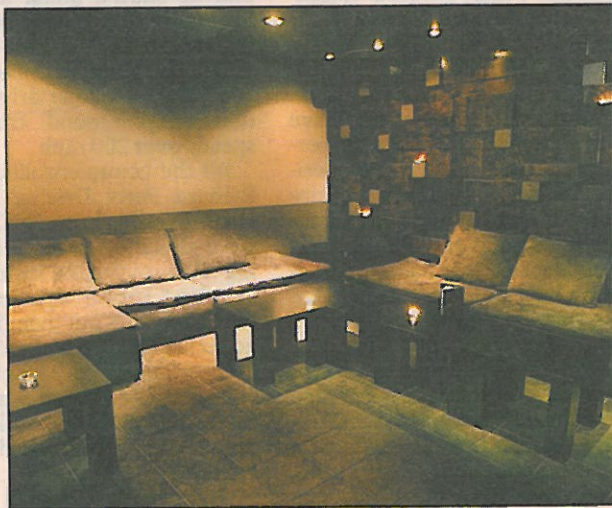


YOUR REVIEWS: REWIND

Lounging on the



This Lower East Side spot is a hybrid restaurant that turns into a lounge after the dinner crowd shuffles out. DJs spin Wednesday-Saturday nights. We asked the Review Crew to stop in.



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This is the perfect place to unwind. Its dark, moody atmosphere and contemporary decor invite you to a romantic evening by candlelight. Pick your pleasure — you can dine, wine or simply lounge. Sink into the cozy couches and enjoy great conversation with friends. With two bars and top-notch service, you'll enjoy tasty cocktails at affordable prices — \$7 mixed drinks and \$10 martinis. The DJ spins hip-hop, R&B and reggae. Rewind is a small lively lounge that proves great things do come in small packages.

Grade: A