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BIG PLANS FOR BOXER'S BURGEONING BURGER JOINTS

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WHEN chef/owner **Anita Lo** closed her Asian-fusion Bar Q in the Village last week, she said of diners' tastes in the miserable economy, "All they want is burgers."

If that's true, nobody's better positioned to cash in on the trend than **Douglas Boxer**, owner of the popular Rare Bar & Grill and the rooftop Rare View lounge in the Shelburne Hotel and of a second Rare Bar & Grill on Bleecker Street.

The son of prominent real-estate barrister **Leonard Boxer** just signed one of the more interesting eatery leases in quite a while.

This fall, Boxer will open two venues totaling 7,000 square feet in the new Wyndham Hotel under construction on West 26th Street between Sixth and Seventh avenues.

Boxer said the new burger joint will have a 1,000 square-foot lobby bar on the ground floor and a 3,000 square-foot restaurant below grade.

On the hotel's top floor (21), Chelsea View, with 3,000 square feet, will occupy a "temporary enclosure" giving it the flexibility to be open year-round.

Boxer said the new restaurant "will be the same concept as at the Shelburne," where burgers are offered using different meats and in myriad varieties.

Both the burger joint and the rooftop lounge will be designed by **Glen Coben**, of Del Posto fame.

The new hotel topped off last week. Boxer's lease is with Infinity Capital Management, led by **Steve Kass**, which is developing the hotel with equity partner Citigroup. The property will carry the Wyndham flag under a licensing agreement.