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Toasters, discounted airfare, even back rubs...banks will offer just about anything to get you to open a checking account these days.

Maybe they should start offering ping-pong.

Case in point: **Wicker Park's new hipster hub The Bedford**, where you can play pong and throw back cocktails inside the former basement of the historic MB Bank.

The bank's original vault room has been transformed into a swanky lounge lined with rows of actual safe deposit boxes, sofas and elaborate crystal chandeliers.

Traditional bar eats like burgers, po' boys and wings are on the menu in addition to more upscale offerings like **bacon-garnished deviled eggs and pan-roasted halibut**.

But the real draw is the cool vibe of underground illegality that comes with drinking in a bank that doesn't break the bank.

Just when you thought interest rates weren't interesting, along come **three dining rooms separated by fireplaces**, plus the Bedford Bramble cocktail (Encanto pisco, lemon juice, spice and blackberry ginger beer).

A perfect sipping beverage as you plan your next *Oceans 11* embezzlement scheme.

Lucky for you, bank security has the night off.

The Bedford

1612 W. Division St., Wicker Park (773) 235-8800
bedfordchicago.com

Price: 3 (of 4) **Noise:** 3 (of 4)

Subway: Blue Line to Division

Scene: Messy-haired hipsters and neighborhood locals

Best bets: Roasted organic chicken breast; deviled eggs; veal meatballs

Hot seat: Party like a bank robber in the swanky vault lounge.

Forkin': Entrance lined with framed photos from Pitchfork Music Festival.

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