



[NIGHTLIFE]

Power It Up

The Edison raises the bar downtown

» Brought to you by Andrew Meieran and Marc Smith (think Golden Gopher, north, and Three Clubs), the new Edison bar is located in the power-generating room of the Higgins Building at 2nd and Main. The vaulted basement of the stately 1910 office building—now condos—is a spectacular setting. “We’ve got a 20-foot-high steam boiler generator with all the turbines still in it,” says Meieran. “It’s like an industrial cathedral.” **Roll credits:** The bar formally opens this month. One look at the Edison’s Web site and it’s clear it takes more than a keg and a liquor license to start up a business in today’s theme-bar climate: The Edison’s scenic painter, construction assistant, projection video editor, copper treatment specialist, and stylist all get their due props.

JACK IS THE BOMB: Kiefer Sutherland makes every minute count on 24

[TELEVISION]

A New Day Begins

The show with a threat level that never dips below severe

» It might sound counterintuitive to describe 24 as rosy, but let’s face it: The bad guys always get what’s coming. But the most optimistic aspect of the nail-biting, wildly addictive show that returns for its sixth season January 14 is its view of L.A. traffic. Type AAA Counter Terrorist Unit agent Jack Bauer (Kiefer Sutherland) has yet to hit a traffic jam while traversing the city in real time to defuse a bomb, stop a virus, or thwart a presidential assassination attempt. Thank God saving the world has never involved getting from Santa Monica to Mid Wilshire between 4 and 7 p.m. **Death sentence:** Four regulars met their fate last season, including the much-beloved Edgar, the best friend of computer whiz Chloe O’Brian. Mary Lynn Rajskub, who plays Chloe—one of the show’s longest-surviving characters—first learned of Edgar’s fate from a makeup artist. “We don’t do it for everybody,” Rajskub says, “but for Edgar we all had cake and hugged him on the day he died.” As for whether Chloe’s number is up this year, “It keeps you on your toes around here” is all Rajskub will say.



[LIFESTYLE]

Save-the-Tree Pose

A new yoga studio goes green

» Ecofriendly yoga studio TRYOGA is opening at the Yahoo! Center in Santa Monica on January 12. Designed by San Luis Obispo-based architect and yoga teacher Peter Sterios, who also created the “high-tech” Manduka yoga

mat, the studio boasts resin paneling, cellulose fiber ceiling materials, and hardwood floors from a sustainable forest in Brazil. **Take this to the mat:** The 15-acre Yahoo! Center also offers a full-service bank, hair salon, car wash, dry cleaner, shoe shine, dentist’s office, child care facility, deli, Daily Grill, and health-and-fitness club (owned by the competitive athletes who opened the yoga studio). With all of that at your fingertips, who needs a search engine?

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Buzz Cut



And he scores: Last summer North Hollywood musician Kubilay Üner invited filmmakers to “visually score” tracks from his CD *Cinematic*. Clips poured in from the United States, France, Iran, and Austria, to be judged by industry pros. The best video will be announced this month, and the winner will get \$10,000. “My favorite is *His Day to Remember*, about a guy everyone thinks is a suicide bomber,” says Üner. “But I don’t get to vote.” View the entries at cinematiccd.com. **// LAURIE PIKE**