



Above: Hollywood East had their opening night on the 28th January. There was plenty of food and a good turnout. Oh yeah, that's Eddie in the centre (we missed his name in an earlier issue)

I have lost count of the number of times my emotions have flowed to the surface over the past month hearing some sad and very tragic stories, but also some joyful ones as well. When the wave hit Phi Phi one couple suddenly ended up with a four-year-old girl clinging to them. She had been separated from her parents and they were nowhere to be seen. The couple headed to higher ground for the rest of the day and night and the little girl went with them. "She wouldn't let go of us" said John, and he was starting to think he had just adopted a daughter. Phi Phi has mountains either side of the main resort area and depending on the side of the resort you were on dictated which mountain you went to. While camping out under the stars that evening, a man walked up to them out of the darkness. The little girl's eyes lit up as she had just found her father.

One burly Englishman staying on the second floor of the Horizon Hotel in Patong managed to pull 12 people over the railings to safety while his friend ripped up every

awful lot of damage too.

Seen on a t-shirt; '2001 Bomb Alert, 2002 Sars, 2003 Bird Flu, 2004 Tsunami, What Next?'

It's getting a bit like that. If you are looking into buying or setting up a business here one consideration that may have to be made is 'Is it viable in low season'. If not, maybe you shouldn't bother. The high season should be looked on as a bonus and nothing else, if in fact there is one. Relying on the high season to survive is no way to run a business successfully in Thailand.

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bed sheet she could lay hers hands on and made bandages to treat the wounded. A Class act!!

We see that beach lounges are starting to make an appearance on the beaches again, plastic ones this time. It was reported that the wooden ones would be banned as they did the most damage during the tsunami. What about banning cars, trucks, buses, boats and motorbikes as well, they did an

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It is also a requirement to have the headlight on while riding.

Lost or Stolen Phones

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