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Surfside's \$10-million upgrade



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By David Cederstrom
 Chronicle Staff Writer

As Surfside on the Lake owner Salim Amersi saw it, with Dave Kenny's new Marriott Courtyard Hotel soon to open across the street and with some of his own lodging rooms showing their age, he reached the point where "it was either hang my hat or do the investment."

Thus, a \$10-million upgrade to the Surfside at 400 Canada

Street in Lake George Village is nearing completion.

Work is still under way, but it will open "very, very, very soon," Mr. Amersi said on a *Chronicle* tour of the building May 30.

"Basically, the whole thing we're trying to do, my wife [Moech] and myself, if we were going to do this investment, was to do something really special," Mr. Amersi said. "We put our hearts into this project, you know, with fine details, quality

finishes....It's a long-term investment, but it will pay off."

"The amount of money we put in here, I could've bought three motels...but running one place is enough work as it is," he added with a laugh. Mr. Amersi added, "It's not all about money, it's also a bit of a passion, you know."

Mr. Amersi, originally from the Congo in Africa, has owned the Surfside since 1983.

He says that Mr. Kenny's hotel

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Motorcyclists roll in

By David Cederstrom
 Chronicle Staff Writer

The 34th annual Americade motorcycle touring rally comes to Lake George Monday through Saturday, June 6-11, attracting motorcycle enthusiasts in numbers typically estimated at 50,000-plus.

Touted happenings this year include "Dirtdaze...a new event that appeals to 'adventure bike' motorcyclists," and a concert headlined by country music star Craig Morgan.

Rally director Christian Dutcher told *The Chronicle* that Dirt-

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Americade rally in its 34th year; 'Dirtdaze' added; Craig Morgan to sing

Cathy tries 'Aerial Yoga' new in LG

By Cathy DeDe
 Chronicle Managing Editor

So, what's it like, swinging from a hammock in variously suspended approximations of traditional yoga positions? Your intrepid reporter took a deep breath and slung on to one of the first Aerial Yoga classes offered by

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