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## Excitement building over eventful Bach Fest



There was electricity in the air at Sunset Center Thursday morning as the Carmel Bach Festival orchestra held an open rehearsal (left) of Beethoven's 5th Symphony, which will be part of the Friday night program. Before the rehearsal, concertmaster Elizabeth Wallfisch and conductor Bruno Weil shared a laugh as they contemplated the upcoming season, which will be the finale for both of them, as well as for several other longtime Bach Fest musicians. Another open rehearsal will be held July 10, with the festival opening July 17 and running through July 31. The Pine Cone will print a complete guide July 16. In the meantime, for program info and tickets, go to [www.bachfestival.org](http://www.bachfestival.org).



PHOTOS/PAUL MILLER

## Boar crash victim: 'I will walk again'

By KELLY NIX

THE MONTEREY man who became disabled nearly seven years ago after hitting a wild pig on Highway 1 — and was subsequently awarded \$8 million by a jury who faulted the state for the accident — believes that somewhere there's a specialist with the expertise to get him permanently back on his feet. And he's putting out a public appeal to find him.

Adam Rogers, 46, told The Pine Cone this week he is searching for a physician to help him walk on his own.

"My legs work fine, and I can move them and even stand," Rogers said. "But that is it. I have no — what I am told is called — trunk balance. So I just fall over."

Rogers was riding a motorcycle north on Highway 1 Sept. 23, 2003, when he struck one of a pack of boar crossing the highway between the Carmel River Bridge and Ribera Road.

The former kickboxing champ sustained a broken collarbone, abrasions and a popped lung. Rogers received serious brain damage when his Yamaha motorcycle struck him in the head. And it's the brain injury which has prevented him from walking.

**'You can't tell him he can't do something, because he'll prove you wrong.'**

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Adam Rogers, who is disabled after hitting a wild boar with his motorcycle in 2003, has a tattoo memorializing his encounter with the beast.

PHOTO/KELLY NIX

## Mission preservation will raise the roof

By MARY BROWNFIELD

WITH ITS new and freshly restored bells in place in the tower, the Carmel Mission is set to undergo another dramatic step in its historic renovation: the removal of the Basilica's roof. But first, the nonprofit Carmel Mission Foundation has to raise the money to do the work.

"The trick to this whole thing is fundraising," CMF general manager Tim Roehl said Wednesday.

If the foundation's Tricentennial Capital Campaign — named so because the nonprofit hopes to have the Mission restoration completed by Father Junipero Serra's 300th birthday in 2013 — brings in the funds, work on the roof could get under way after the rains subside next

spring. Roehl said he hopes to have the design completed late this year and permits acquired from the national and state offices of historic preservation and the City of Carmel by early spring.

"The idea would be to move forward with the building phase in the spring whenever they say the rain's going to stop, to give them the longest period possible to have the roof off," he said.

After receiving the go-ahead, and provided the funds are in place, crews will begin removing the clay-barrel roof tiles installed in 1936. According to Roehl, the current roof is the Mission's third.

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PHOTO/COURTESY CARMEL MISSION FOUNDATION

In 1880 the Carmel Mission was a pitiful ruin, as this photograph from the altar toward the main entrance shows. After reconstruction in the 1930s, the Mission needs a new roof.

## Life-or-death struggle with police dog detailed in suit

By KELLY NIX

A WOMAN who endured a vicious mauling by a sheriff's dog has filed a lawsuit against Monterey County, the veterinary clinic where the attack happened and the dog's handler.

In a lawsuit filed June 22, former Harden Ranch Veterinary Hospital kennel attendant Codi Campoli alleges that Bosco, a former Monterey County Sheriff's Office K-9, attacked her the morning of June 22, 2009, while she was caring for the dog at the Salinas clinic.

Campoli is suing the sheriff's office, the vet hospital and its owners Jeff and Loly Hogans, and Justin Patterson, the sheriff's deputy who was Bosco's handler.

In January, Bosco was euthanized for a separate incident in which he fatally mauled a family dog and

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## Monastery Beach claims life of Good Samaritan

■ Woman also succumbs after beach outing

By MARY BROWNFIELD

A 31-YEAR-OLD Cupertino woman died from the injuries she sustained after being swept into the water at Monastery Beach July 3, the Monterey County Coroner's office announced Thursday.

Sgt. Matt Luther concluded Nalini Kommineni accidentally drowned.

She was the second killed in the incident that also took the life of 48-year-old San Jose resident William Walker, who died Saturday after rushing into the surf to try to save people who had been swept into the water by a wave. And Walker was himself pulled from the sea by a sheriff's deputy who swam out to rescue him, according to Monterey County Sheriff's Cmdr. Tracy Brown.

Shortly before 6 p.m. July 3, rescuers arrived to find seven people in trouble in the surf in two separate incidents at opposite ends of the beach, according to Cal Fire spokesman Jonathan Pangburn. Some had been swept into the sea, prompting others to go in after them. The waves helped push the victims toward the shore, so all rescue efforts were effected from the beach, he reported. Some of the victims made it back to land on their own.

State parks lifeguard Kevin Brady was off duty and passing by the beach at the time of the incident. He told a KION news reporter he saw one man who had been dragged onto the beach, and another

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