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ONE YEAR AFTER CLAIM OF RAPE, NO CHARGES

Woman accuses SDSU ex-players of crimes in Oct. 2021

BY TERI FIGUEROA & LYNDSAY WINKLEY

It's gotten easier for her as the calendar pages flip. But it doesn't go away — the memory of the night she says she was gangraped by Aztec football players.

She's learning to live with it. Sometimes several hours pass before it creeps to front of mind.

Then October came around again. This month — specifically early Oct. 17 — marks one year since she says she was led into a bedroom at an off-campus house party, thrown face first onto a bed and assaulted for roughly 90 minutes. She left the room bloodied and bruised, with her body piercings ripped out.

October, she said, "is triggering a lot."

"It's been a little rough," she said last week. "Half of me (thinks) that time is passing, you are getting better. But the other half is disappointed that it's been so long and there is so, so little that has come out of this."

Last October, when she was 17 years old and a high school senior, she reported the rape the next day. Police investigated and prosecutors are still evaluating the case. The university continues to be criticized for its conflicting public responses and delayed investigation.

A civil lawsuit naming three former players was filed in August. Soon afterward, a newly minted NFL punter lost his job. At SDSU, the Aztecs started their season without the other two players on the team. Online, people targeted the young woman, threatening to out her.

Police have not publicly named any suspects. **NO SEE INVESTIGATIONS • A15**

SEVENTH HEAVEN



NELVIN C. CEPEDA U-T

The Padres celebrate after beating the Dodgers 5-3 in Game 4 of the NLDS Saturday, winning the series 3-1. The Padres scored five runs in the 7th inning to take a lead they wouldn't lose. They'll play Philadelphia in Game 1 of the NLCS at Petco Park on Tuesday.

Five-run explosion in inning leads Padres past rival Dodgers; Phillies next

BY KEVIN ACEE

The day began with promise and a downtown that was buzzing.

The night was damp and quiet.

And then, bedlam.

And then, more of it. And a continued march toward possible history.

The Padres sent their downtown ballpark and all of their city into a frenzy with a five-run seventh inning Saturday night that propelled them to a 5-3 victory over the hated Dodgers, clinching a trip to the Na-

tional League Championship Series.

A third consecutive victory in the best-of-five NL Division Series made all the losing to the team up the freeway moot as far as 2022 goes.

The Padres will host the Phillies in Game 1 of the NLCS on Tuesday. The Dodgers, who beat the Padres 14 of the 19 times they played in the regular season, will watch on TV.

The fateful inning began with the Padres down 3-0 and having not scored since the fourth inning on Friday.

Jurickson Profar led off the seventh with a walk, moved to third on

PADRES DRAGON SLAYERS AFTER SERIES WIN OVER L.A.

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Trent Grisham's single and scored on Austin Nola's single.

Dodgers manager Dave Roberts walked to the mound and replaced Tommy Kahnle with Yency Almonte, who had in two appearances in the series struck out all five Padres he had faced.

With the crowd chanting his name, Ha-Seong Kim grounded a two-strike double down the left field

line to score Grisham and move Nola to third. With the crowd chanting, "Beat L.A.," Juan Soto followed with a line drive single that tied the game before Almonte struck out Manny Machado and got Brandon Drury on a pop fly that Dodgers first baseman Freddie Freeman caught in front of the steps to the Padres dugout.

After Almonte threw a ball to Jake Cronenworth, Roberts again trudged to the dugout and called for left-hander Alex Vesia.

Vesia got up 1-2 on Cronenworth before throwing a ball that evened **SEE PADRES • A17**

GOAL OF RESOURCE CENTER AT CHURCH TO OFFER CHANGE

Community gives options to help break cycle of violence

BY DAVID HERNANDEZ

About 50 congregants at a church in the southeastern San Diego neighborhood of Mountain View were praying midweek in August last year when the sound of gunshots shattered their sense of tranquility. Three months later, it happened again.

Gun violence in the vicinity of Bridge Church, like the outbursts of gunfire last year, galvanized the congregation.

"We had to do something," said Pastor Steve Marron.

And they did. In May, Bridge Church opened an on-site community center that offers



ANA RAMIREZ U-T

Members worship at the Bridge Church in Mountain View, in an area heavily affected by gun violence. A resource center is hoped to offer youths and families alternatives to unhealthy paths.

free resources, including a food bank, marriage counseling and a variety of programs for children. Recently, the center started offering tutoring services.

Other ideas are in the works.

The hope is to break cycles of violence, to support families and keep young people off the streets — away from gangs, crime and other trouble.

It is an investment in an underserved community and an example of a community-led effort that aims to root out chronic issues like gun violence. It comes at a time when many residents and advocates say policing alone is not the solution.

Located on the corner of Teak and South 37th streets, Bridge Church **SEE CHANGE • A8**

SOMETHING ON YOUR MIND? TELL ENCINITAS MAN ALL ABOUT IT

His Listening Project invites beach park visitors to sit, chat

BY PAM KRAGEN

Four months ago, Joshua Lazerson of Encinitas launched an experiment.

Armed with a cardboard sign, some portable camping chairs and an open ear, Lazerson kicked off the Listening Project. On two afternoons every week at various North County beach parks, Lazerson has invited passers-by to sit down for a few minutes and talk about anything they want. There's no name required, no judgment, no time limit, no fee, no religious proselytizing and no questions asked. Lazerson, 63, just sits and listens, occasionally offering

an encouraging word or nod, and only answering questions if they're asked.

Since he started the Listening Project on June 20, more than 100 people — ranging in age from 7 to 80 — have sat down to talk. Most stay for five minutes or less. Others have chatted for up to 45 minutes. Many visitors sit down because they're curious to learn more about the project. The rest, Lazerson says, are lonely for one-on-one conversation, they're at a crossroads in their lives or they're dealing with relationship troubles, and the opportunity to share their thoughts with a willing stranger is an opportunity they can't pass up.

During Wednesday afternoon's session at Swami's park, Sara Ohara was the first person to sit down with **SEE LISTENING • A14**

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