

Candidates vie in ‘left behind’ District 10

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The three leading candidates in the race to represent District 10 understand the area’s fraught history. In making their pitch to voters, D.J. Brookter, Theo Ellington and J.R. Eppler have described the district — which encompasses southeastern neighborhoods such as Bayview-Hunters Point, Potrero Hill and Visitacion Valley — as overlooked, underfunded and left behind.

Now, as they vie to succeed termed-out Supervisor Shammann Walton, each candidate is pledging to make the city deliver on what they describe as decades of broken promises by developers and City Hall that they say have left the district with some of the highest crime and unemployment rates in the city.

The race is among the most competitive contests in the city this year and its outcome could help shape the political orientation of the Board of Supervisors for years to come. With Election Day less than a month away, the candidates are selling residents on their visions for a vibrant

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Narcoleptic dogs helped researcher solve puzzle

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When Dr. Emmanuel Mignot returned to Stanford last week from Europe — where he’d won the Lasker Award, one of the top prizes in medicine, for his work in sleep research — he was greeted enthusiastically by Watson, his Chihuahua.

Watson is black and white and the size of a small cat, and when he’s excited to see Mignot, he dances around until Mignot cradles him like a baby. Watson licks Mignot’s face and presents his belly for rubs. And when he’s set down, the dog collapses. His legs give out, or his body, or he falls asleep.

Watson has narcolepsy, a sleeping disorder that causes human and canine sufferers to feel excessively tired and to experience a paralysis-like state when they are overly excited. In the United States, it’s usually diagnosed in children and affects roughly 200,000 people.

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Coastal flooding short of forecast

Post-Tropical Storm Rachel spares Southern California major inrush



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Waves from Post-Tropical Storm Rachel crash into beachfront homes during high tide and a storm surge Saturday in Long Beach.



Del Sunperk watches as a wave crashes over a seawall while she was filling sandbags to protect her home from the high tide and storm surge Saturday in Long Beach.

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NEWPORT BEACH, Orange County — Post-Tropical Storm Rachel landed in northern Baja California overnight Sunday, generating waves expected to produce life-threatening surf and rip current conditions along the coast of Southern California and worsen already devastating coastal flooding and erosion.

The storm was about 255 miles north-northeast of San Diego by 8 a.m. Sunday and was expected to dissipate as it continued marching inland, according to the National Hurricane Center. Still, moderate to major coastal flooding is expected along the coasts of Baja and

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Southern California residents race to protect homes. **A10**

Finals in Year 2? Dreams can come true

Valkyries beat all expectations, except maybe their own

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LAS VEGAS — Unbelievable. Stunning. Insane. Pick your adjective. Gape open-mouthed at the Golden State Valkyries and what they have accomplished. Be giddy over the preposterous history they are making.

But they won’t join you. Because this was their plan all along.

On Friday night, in their



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Gabby Williams hugs Kaitlyn Chen after the Valkyries swept the defending champs, defeating the Las Vegas Aces 87-77 in Game 3 of the WNBA playoffs semifinals Friday in Las Vegas.

hadiest moment, at their historic apex, as they coolly came back from a double-digit deficit and knocked off the defending WNBA champions, the Valkyries remained level-headed. Grounded.

While the basketball world around them was stunned, the Valkyries — while clearly thrilled with their 87-77 overtime victory that completed the sweep of the Aces — behaved like a group that had ticked the box. Had achieved a goal. Had not yet completed the job.

“To be here in this moment, we’re making history and it’s like so unimaginable, but for us it’s so realistic,” said Veronica Burton, who played all of the fourth quarter and over-

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