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Harris campaign gets more serious



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Vice President and Democratic presidential nominee Kamala Harris speaks at a campaign rally encouraging early voting on Saturday in Atlanta. Harris' campaign has taken a more serious tone ahead of the election to urge people to the polls.

Change in tone needed to drive voters to polls, experts and supporters say

By Shira Stein

WASHINGTON — There are fewer memes and coconut trees, and when Kamala Harris laughs now it's often incredulously at things said by her opponent. Her campaign is taking a more serious tone as Election Day approaches — one that is less joyful and more filled with concern and alarm.

While she initially followed her running mate's lead and called Donald Trump and J.D. Vance weird, one of her most recent ads reflected the campaign's shift in tone, calling Trump unhinged, unstable and unchecked.

"I feel the weight of the moment and my role. I feel an extraordinary weight of responsibility right now to do everything I can," Harris told radio host Charlamagne Tha God on Wednesday. "What is at stake is truly profound and historic."



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Experts say the shift in tone of Vice President Kamala Harris' campaign is expected as Election Day nears.

During a rally in Ashwaubenton, Wis., on Thursday, Harris characterized the stakes of the election in somber terms: "Women are dying of sepsis because they cannot get the health care they need. They did not

want this. Couples just trying to grow their family are being cut off in the middle of IVF treatments. They did not want this."

It's a marked shift from the initial days of her campaign, which were described by the na-

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Trump repeats debunked FEMA claims in North Carolina. **A11**

tional media as "joy-fueled" and "good vibes only" because of the exuberant crowds she attracted and the many internet memes she spawned — an approach that was itself notably different from President Joe Biden's message that Trump poses an existential threat to democracy, a warning she appears to be leaning into now.

The joyful campaign kickoff was initially effective for getting people to tune back into the election, but the more serious tone she's using now is necessary to get voters to the polls, experts and supporters told the Chronicle.

"It isn't the case that there's no joy, but it's the kind of joy that says, 'We're laughing in the face'" **Harris continues on A9**

S.F. park on shore debuts to glowing reviews

'Amazing' \$68M site brightens Bayview

By Sam Whiting

In the Sunday morning sunshine, Robert Simms came down from his home in San Francisco's Bayview and walked out on the pier of 900 Innes Park, which had opened the day before.

"This place is amazing, man," Simms said as he turned and looked back on the mostly neglected hillside neighborhood where he has lived for 45 years.

"There hasn't been anything out here since Candlestick closed," said Simms, who has been monitoring the painfully slow 10-year conversion of a closed boatyard into a destination with a food court, shipwright's museum, wooden boat building school and more white Adirondack chairs than there were people to sit in them on opening weekend.

"The city owes this to the Bayview after all these years of" **Park continues on A8**

New home for Costco wine icon

By Jess Lander

The new Napa Costco opened Friday to a long line of customers out the doors, but already an employee in the wine section seems to know everyone. That morning, he's shaking hands, accepting hugs and cards, and casually talking about the bottle of Burgundy he shared with his wife the night before.

"You guys doing OK with wine?" the employee, Selman Medina, asks a passing couple. They're from Washington, they say, and he starts listing his favorite Washington wine regions. The conversation ends with another warm handshake.

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Trail opens at restored bay tidal marsh

By Tara Duggan

Just after sunrise during low tide, Dave Halsing pointed to a vast brown and green marsh on the bayshore at Menlo Park that only months ago was a barren industrial salt pond. Snowy egrets fluttered down to the fertile muck in search of shrimp and crab larvae.

Not long ago, bulldozers breached the levee along the 300-acre pond that's just a couple miles from Meta's headquarters. The breach allowed water from the bay to dilute the salty brine, algae to form, pickleweed to grow, and fish and shorebirds to return. It's part of a 50-year project to restore wetlands in the bay.

"That's bay mud," said Halsing, the project's executive

manager, excited that almost an inch of sediment has built up on the marsh already. "The tide comes in, and every time it comes in, a little sediment drops out."

The new tidal marsh will also buffer rising seas, protecting the shore from flooding. It offers recreation for humans, too, with the opening of a new nature trail this month. While only a half-mile long, it creates a pedestrian connection between the city of Menlo Park and existing trails in Bedwell Bayfront Park, which adjoins the reclaimed area.

Since the Gold Rush, the bay has lost 85% of its wetlands to development and industry — vital wildlife habitat that naturally protects against flooding.

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A great egret lands in a restored salt pond at Bedwell Bayfront Park in Menlo Park last month. The park adjoins an area that's being reclaimed in a 50-year project for wetlands in the bay.

