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THE WEATHER

Today, windy, very cold, a mix of clouds and sun, blowing snow, high 24. Tonight, cloudy, frigid, low 18. Tomorrow, sunny, breezy, not as cold, high 31. Weather map, Page B10.

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## Voters Gloomy Over Prospect Of a Rematch

### Biden vs. Trump Elicits Denial and Disbelief

By REID J. EPSTEIN  
and KEN BENSINGER

MANCHESTER, N.H. — President Biden is cruising to the Democratic nomination. Former President Donald J. Trump could begin to wrap up his party’s nod within days.

America’s response: This can’t be real.

Even as both men stroll toward likely summer coronations and a fall rematch, an undercurrent of disbelief is coursing through the country. Many Republicans view Mr. Biden as so politically and physically weak that they think his party will replace him. Many Democrats can’t fathom that Mr. Trump could win another nomination while he is facing 91 felony counts and four criminal trials.

This incredulity — ranging from casual doubtfulness to conspiratorial denial — has lurked beneath a year of polling showing a deeply gloomy public mood, and has emerged in dozens of interviews over the last two weeks as well as recent declarations from candidates and political commentators.

“They’ll pull a switcheroo at the last minute,” David Lage, a Republican missionary from Spring Hill, Iowa, said of Democrats. “They’ve tried about every other dirty trick.”

Paige Leary of Exeter, N.H., an independent who voted for Mr. Biden in 2020 and for Democrats in previous presidential elections, also questioned whether Mr. Trump would be the Republican nominee.

“The jury’s out,” she said. “We don’t know what will happen legally with Trump.”

Such contrasting views reflect how the doubts about Mr. Biden and Mr. Trump have different origins in each party.

For Republicans, waning trust in the political system is the dominant theme. The party is nearly a decade into the Trump era, and misinformation and conspiratorial thinking about Mr. Biden’s health and Democratic plotting to replace him are rampant in the

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**SHIFTING GEARS** Gov. Ron DeSantis of Florida has begun casting his eyes toward 2028. PAGE A15

## Mass Layoffs Bring Turmoil To Sports Bible

By KEVIN DRAPER  
and BENJAMIN MULLIN

Sports Illustrated, the venerable bible of sports journalism, has been in decline for years, as the internet annihilated print magazines and cost-cutting turned the weekly publication into a monthly and whittled its staff. But on Friday, the magazine received perhaps its toughest blow yet.

The company that publishes Sports Illustrated said in an email to employees that it was laying off many of them, leaving in doubt what lies ahead for the publication.

The move came after the Arena Group, which publishes the magazine and website under a complicated management structure, had its license to operate the publication revoked.

Reporters and editors for Sports Illustrated were asked on Friday to attend a Zoom call at 2 p.m. Eastern. It lasted just seven minutes. On the call, Jay Frankl, the Arena Group’s newly hired chief business transformation of-

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#### A Victory Lap in Sudan

Lt. Gen. Mohamed Hamdan, using arms from the United Arab Emirates, basked in his triumphs in a civil war. PAGE A4

#### Families Head to Guantánamo

Relatives of people killed in a terror attack on the Indonesian island of Bali will testify about their loss. PAGE A10



### NATIONAL A12-19

#### Baldwin Charged Again

A grand jury in New Mexico indicted the actor in a film-set shooting death months after the original case against him was dismissed. PAGE A19

#### California River Went Dry

Farms drained part of the Merced River for months, raising questions about the ability of state regulators to manage water during droughts. PAGE A12

#### A New Anti-Abortion Front

A year after celebrating the reversal of Roe v. Wade, the annual March for Life gathered in a very different political climate. PAGE A13

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#### Stock Market Hits a High

The S&P 500 closed above its January 2022 peak after weeks of wavering as investors homed in on signals that the Fed’s campaign of raising interest rates was nearing its end. PAGE B1

#### New Tech, Quieter Sales Pitch

The Vision Pro augmented reality device went on sale on Friday, at a price of \$3,500. Apple, however, did not host a splashy event to promote it, unlike with the Apple Watch. PAGE B1

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#### Michelle Goldberg

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Tetsuko Kuroyanagi, 90, on the set in Tokyo of “Tetsuko’s Room,” which she has hosted since 1976.

### THE SATURDAY PROFILE

Lady Gaga; Prince Philip of England; and Mikhail Gorbachev, the former leader of the Soviet Union. Ms. Kuroyanagi said Gorbachev remains one of her favorite guests.

Ms. Kuroyanagi, who jokes

that she wants to keep going until she turns 100, is known for her rapid-fire chatter and knack for drawing out guests on topics like dating, divorce and, now, increasingly, death. Even as she works to woo a younger generation — the Korean-Canadian actor and singer Ahn Hyo-seop,

28, appeared on the show this month — many of her guests these days speak about the ailments of aging and the demise of their industry peers.

Having survived World War II, she broke out as an early actor on Japanese television and then

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### SPORTS B6-9

#### Chasing His Biggest Goal

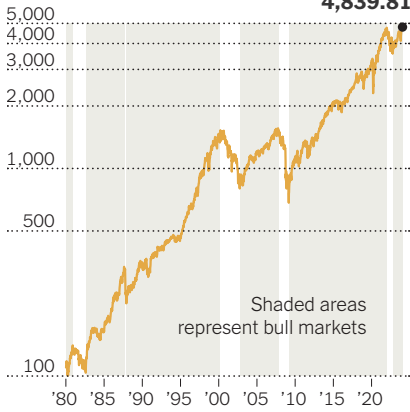
Baltimore Ravens quarterback Lamar Jackson has won accolades and a huge contract, but not what he’s been consumed with since he was drafted: a Super Bowl championship. PAGE B6

#### The Difference a Year Makes

By 2010, Adrián Beltré was a good baseball player, but not necessarily great. But his career shifted, and he may make the Hall of Fame. PAGE B7

### THE S&P 500 plotted weekly

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