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Shifting Gears,

Democrats Put

By JONATHAN WEISMAN

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what increasingly books ase a reckoning in two weeks, are strug-gling to find a closing message on the economy that acknowledges the deep uncertainty troubling the electorate while making the case that they, not the Ropublicans,

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sage would be ending the cam-paign on the strongest possible Republican ground. Since Juno, when the Supreme Court repealed Roc v. Wade, Democrats had hoped that preserving the 50-year-old ecestitational right to an abortion and castigating. Republi-can extremism could get them past the worst inflation in 40 years.

That is looking increasingly like

wishful thinking.
On Monday, Democrats unveiled new messages that appeared to switch tack, incorporat-

ing achievements of the past two

years with expressions of sympa-thy on the economy and dire warnings for what Republicans might bring.

Former Representative Steve Israel, who headed the House

Democrats' campaign arm in a strong cycle of 2012 and weak one in 2014, said the dispute over how to address voters' economic dis-

tress was essentially being re-

solved in favor of trying to accom-plish a political feat that he said

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hold the solutions. For some time, the party's can-didates and strategists have de-bated whether to hit inflation head

Democratic candidates, facing

Economy First

TORIES PICK SUNAK AS BRITISH LEADER IN TIME OF TUMULT Ethnic Breakthrough | The Pound and U.K.

by a Man of Wealth

By MEGAN SPECIA and ISABELLA KWAI

LONDON — In northwest Lon-don, home to one of Britain's largest Hindu communities, celebra-tions for Diwali, a festive holiday, were well underway on Monday. Children tessed small fireworks Charles tosses small trewerks that popped as they slammed into the sidewalk. Bright lights strung across the street twinkled over-head. Families bought sweets and

But many who were eathered with their families said that they suddenly had something new to celebrate — the news that Rishi Sunak, the eldest son of a doctor and pharmacist of Indian descent. will become prime minister, the irst person of color to hold Brit-in's highest political office. Britain is home to a vibrant and

first person of color to hold Brit-ain's highest political office. Mr. Sunak, a former chancellor Britain is home to a wibrant and diverse community of people with roots in India, which it ruled as a As many as 1.5 million people of Indian descent live in England and Wales, making them the largest ethnic group after white Brit-

That makes Mr. Sunak's tri-

"We are so proud and happy," said Hemal Joshi, 43, who lives in northwest London with his wife and son. "I've got so many mes-

pressed pride in his Indian roots, presee price in his indian roots, and he regularly points to his up-bringing as the son of immigrants. But he has not put his heritage at the center of his political message, focusing instead on his experience in finance, and the British news media has not dwelled on his

Instead, it is Mr. Sunak's elite education and extreme wealth that have drawn scrutiny — and become something of a political liability in a society famously divided by tensions over class

Mr. Sanak is also a practicing Hindu, and when he took his eath of office as a member of Parliament, he did so on the Gita, a book d Hindu scripture. As chancellor of the Exchequer, he celebrated Diwali, known as the festival of lights, by putting lights outside his official residence at 11 Downing

Assets Rebound

By MARK LANDLER

LONDON - Rishi Sunak pre able political comeback that doubled as a historical milestone making him the first person of color to become prime minister in British history. The 42-year-old son of Indian

immigrants, whose political ca-reer has already had its ups and downs, Mr. Sanak won the contest to replace the short-lived prime minister, Liz Truss, when his only remaining opponent, Penny Mor-daunt, withdrew after failing to reach the threshold of 100 nomi nating votes from Conservative

stream policies after Ms. Truss's failed experiment in trickle-down conomics, which rattled financial markets and badly damaged Brit-sin's fiscal reputation. He is also the flambovant style and erratio behavior of Boris Johnson, his for-mer boss and Ms. Truss's discred-ited predecessor. But Mr. Sanak will confront the

gravest economic crisis in Britain in a generation, and he will do so at the helm of a badly fractured

out of the race on Sunday night cleared a path for Mr. Sunak, who had challenged Ms. Truss last summer but lost to her in a vote of viving candidate this time, he was not subject to another vote of the

It was a head-spinning reversal of fortune for Mr. Sunak, whose abrupt resignation from Mr. Johnson's cabinet last July set in motion Mr. Johnson's downfall and pitched Britain into upheaval, culseemed as if Mr. Sunak's meteoric ascent had cratered as well.

Now, he will become Britain's third prime minister in seven weeks, the youngest in two cen-turies and the first person of the Hindu faith to achieve its highest

Hollywood's #MeToo Fervor Wanes as Old Habits Return

changed for the better. Zero toler-ance for workplace sexual har-assment and discrimination is In recent months, however, Hol-

started to regress in subtle ways. cost-cutting as the box office con-tinues to struggle, coming union contract negotiations producers worry will result in a filming shutdown — have become a higher priority. Fearing blowback, media companies that were

and sets have been permanently

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Business & Finance

U.S.-listed Chinese stocks lost tens of billions of dollars in market value as in-vectors weighed the outcome of the Chinese Community Purty's congress meeting over the weekend. Al

 Twitter's annual interest burden will climb to more than \$1 billion from \$51 mil-lion in 2021 under Mesk's deal to buy the social media platform, analysts say, add-ing pressure to grow sales. Al

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 Credit Suisse is racing to complete the sale of a key unit, days before the before general Swiss bank is set to give details of a recomp of its big Wall Street division, BI Telehealth startup Cere bral told staffers it is out-ting jobs and restructuring its operations in moves that will affect about 20% of its employees. Bit

Signs that the Fed might soon slow the pace of its inte est rate increases have help calm Treasury yields. #2

 Phillips said it would cut 4,000 jobs as it grappies wit supply-duals challenges and the fallout from a huge recal of slorg-aprice devices. 82 Twitter's

The Dow rose L3% to its highest closing level in six weeks while the S&P 500 and Nasdag gained L2% and 6.9%, respectively. BU

Warner Bros. Discovery expects up to \$4.3 billion in pectax restructuring charges through 2024. 83

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Builders Prepare for

Housing Slowdown

After ruinous bust of 2007-09, they have

less debt and land; "I've learned my lesson"

Sunak Wins Race for U.K. **Prime Minister**

Former Treasury chief, first person of Indian heritage to lead nation, faces dire fiscal woes

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dian immigrants to Britain, the 42-year-old will be the first Hindu and the first person who isn't white to lead the U.K. He isn't white to lead the U.K. He will also be the youngest prince minister since Robert Bunks Jenkinson, Earl of Liverpool, in 1832. But his success will be determined by how well he manages the growing chal-

Musk Deal China Stocks Fall After Xi's Moves

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amortization of about \$700 m lion over the past five years. That interest burden mean Twitter will need to find ways to make revenue grow and ex-pand profit margins, said Jor-dus Chalfin, a senior analyst at credit-research firm Credit-Sights. "They'll probably burn a significant amount of cash,"

a topoche he said. Because some of the buyour debt is expected to be a flour ing rate, Twinter could end u Please turn to page A

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Devotees fear loss of mystery bags for minifigures

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By Stephen Kalin, Summer Said and Dion Nissenbaum

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Largest Black City in U.S. Unlikely to Elect Black Representative Detroit Favors Indian One person stood out in the mostly African American crowd: a slim, 67-year-old Indian immi-DETROIT — On a recent surmy Saturday afternoon in a neighbor-hood park in the middle of this Immigrant for Office grant in a white T-shirt and dark Shri Thanedar, had beaten eight litical leaders, who tried desper-Black candidates in a primary to ately to prevent Mr. Thanedar pants, hopping from tent to tent tributing free backpacks for students heading back to school. Girls sat potiently under a pop-up tent to get their hair braided, while other children gleefully and chatting with parents and

use captions at a debate. PAGE ALS Russian forces left behind a ruined gymnasium in Kamianka that they had used as a base

Britain's next prime minister, Rishi Sunak, center, outside the Conservative Party's headquarters in London on Monday.

By CARLOTTA GALL

KAMIANKA, Ukraine - Little

moved in the village of Kamianka, except for a cat bolting from under the rubble of a destroyed house

and metal roofing banging in the

Serhii, a livestock farmer sat

slumped beside the burned ruins of his home. "I came here in case I could find

anything and to clear up a bit," he said. "But there is nothing," he

said, gesturing with a sweep of his arm at the wreckage. The scale of the destruction is

staggering across hundreds of

towns and villages recently vacat-

Ukrainians Find Only Ruins After Russians Flee

Vital Services Cut With

Prospect of Lethal

Winter Ahead

before the devastation.

Throughout Ukraine, the wor

had destroyed or damaged about 120,000 houses and 16,000 apart-ment buildings by the end of Sep-

School of Economics, which estimated overall physical damage at \$127 billion. The World Bank, Eu-

ropean Union and Ukrainian gov-ernment have estimated recovery costs at about \$350 billion.

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nation's largest majority Black city is unlikely to have a Black rep-resentative in Congress.

His victory set off waves of

Ukrainian counteroffensive, leav-ing the village littered with un-

two civilians - Serhii's neighbor, who was killed in a shell blast in

March, and another man crushed

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umph a significant milestone for Britain's Indian diaspora, whose used Russian shells and mines, its wooden church burned to the ground, its school with gaping long struggle against racism and prejudice is rarely a prominent is-sue in British politics. holes in its walls.

Ukrainian emergency services had just collected the remains of

sages from India already. So he | will require political skills at least sages room unan arreasy. So wan require pentican santa a feeds has a lot of expectation now from all over the world. Let's see what he will do:

Mr. Sunak, 42, has always exMr. Johnson's decision to pull

March, and another man crushed in his car by a Russian tank on the main road around the same time. The Russian troops who had occupied the village since April had not bothered to bury the dead Ukrainians, Serhii said. A neighbor, Oleksandr, 66, stopped by in his car and said there was another civilian lying dead in a cellar at the end of the the front line between Russian village. Ukrainian engineers had and Ukrainian ferces, and not a not cleared mines from the village

"We are very proud and very elected office.

Harvey Weinstein's second camera — who gets to make mov-sex crimes trial began Monday in ies, who gets to be the subject of Los Angeles. "She Said," about the them. Activists say that studies journalistic investigation that took him down and beloed jenite theaters on Nov. 18. "The Woman King" opened to strong ticket sales last month, with Viola Davis saying she thought about the man who sexually assaulted her to power her visceral performance as the leader of an all-female group of African warriers. The convergence is a reminder

It helped touch off a breader