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FIRST LOOK - PEOPLE magazine on newsstands Friday (cover: "Tom's Shattered World"), and online now, "Anthony Weiner, 'I Feel Like a Different Person': For the first time, new parents talk about saving their marriage after he resigned from Congress in scandal," by PEOPLE Washington correspondent Sandra Sobieraj Westfall (first photos of former Rep. Anthony Weiner, 47, and Human Abedin, deputy chief of staff to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, with their baby, Jordan, 6 months): "Today Weiner, 47, says that 'I've had enormous regrets about what I put Huma through, how I let my constituents down. But it's not like I sit all day replaying it in my mind. With a baby, it is pretty easy to put things into perspective. ... I can't say absolutely that I will never run for public office again, but I'm very happy in my present life. I'm not doing anything to plan a campaign. ... The only next dramatic steps I'm planning on are Jordan's first.' ...

"[His marriage] not only stayed intact, but appears to have thrived. That's a big reason the usually press-shy Abedin, 37, has invited a reporter into their home. 'I'm proud to be married to him ... My husband did a really stupid thing. It was an extremely painful time. But there was love and a commitment to this marriage. ... It took a lot of work to get where we are today, but I want people to know we're a normal family.' Weiner says he sought professional counseling but won't go into detail except to say that it helped. Abedin concurs: 'Anthony has spent every day since then trying to be the best dad and husband he can be.'

"That includes doing all-repeat all-the laundry, and keeping things going when his wife goes to Washington for her work at the State Department. He has done some paid consulting from home, but has otherwise lain low. ... He gave interviews about the recent Supreme Court health-care decision and reads The New York Times to his son, but says, 'I'm not watching C-SPAN3 in the middle of the night, regretting how my life has turned out. ... I'm still trying to sort out exactly where I am in the public consciousness. ... You wonder if my name was Mitchell whether the scandal would have been as bad.'" <http://bit.ly/LXfjG3>