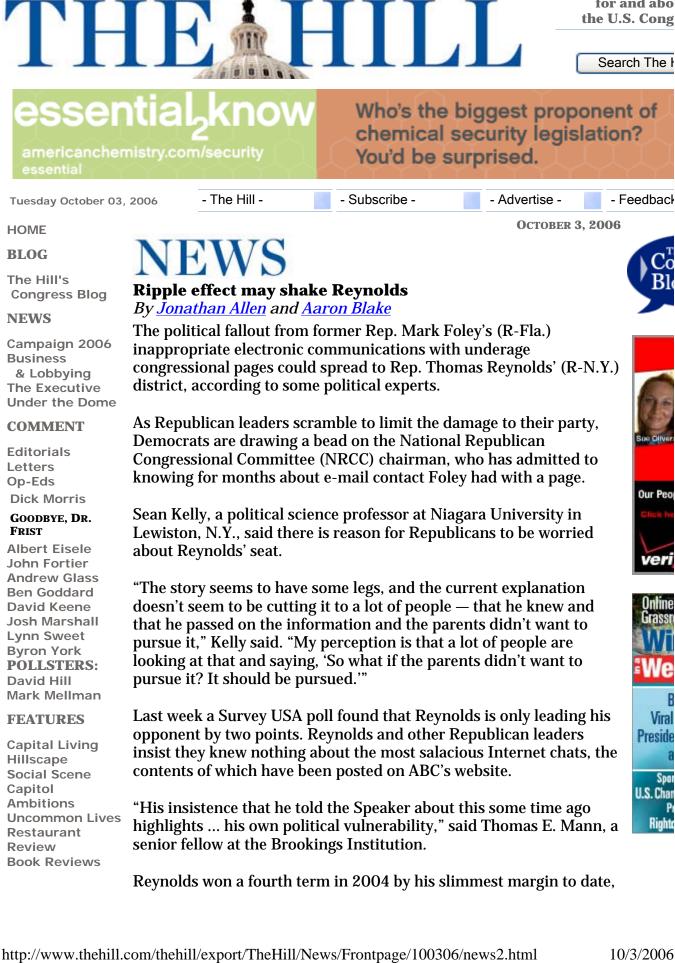
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56 percent to 44 percent. Democrat Jack Davis is making a second bid for the seat and said he will pump \$2 million of his own money into the campaign.

But Republicans say the Foley story has not made them more concerned about Reynolds's prospects for reelection.

"Not at all," NRCC spokesman Carl Forti said.

Two past NRCC chairmen, Rep. John Linder (R-Ga.) and former Rep. Bill Paxon (R-N.Y.), said Reynolds will be unaffected.

"I don't think last week will have any impact at all," Linder said.

Republican leaders have been working to distinguish between lesssuggestive e-mails that they say they were aware of and extremely explicit Instant Messenger conversations that they say they knew nothing about until they were reported by ABC last week.

Paxon suggested that the distinction is important in explaining why Reynolds did not pressure Foley to resign months ago.

"If you're Tom Reynolds and if you thought for a nanosecond that there was a potential scandal there, you would have taken immediate action to get Foley out of the race," Paxon said.

But Democrats say Reynolds kept the e-mail quiet for political purposes.

"When Washington and Republicans in Congress needed a moral compass, Tom Reynolds, as a member of the leadership, swept the facts under the rug and put politics ahead of protecting children," said Jen Psaki, spokeswoman for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC).

Jim Campbell, a political science professor at the University at Buffalo, said the Foley scandal does not help Reynolds but it probably will not cost him his seat.

"My sense is that this is probably going to be a two-day story. As long as Congressman Reynolds indicates he followed the reasonable procedure in sending along the information about this up through the channels, I wouldn't think it would hurt him much," Campbell said.

Campbell and Kelly said Davis has focused almost entirely on economic issues and they do not anticipate a message shift in the five weeks before the election.





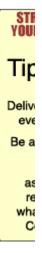
"I'd be surprised if Davis changes tact," Campbell said.	Ads by C
Local Democrats are upset that Davis has been reluctant to attack Reynolds on issues other than the economy, Kelly said.	Capito Speak Conce
"I think there are a lot of people in Erie County who are probably pulling their hair out," he said.	Email I With C - Read ABCNew
But the Davis camp launched a salvo at Reynolds late Monday afternoon.	
"Like all of us, Tom Reynolds has a moral obligation to protect our children. He did not care, period," said Davis campaign spokesman Curtis Ellis. "Reynolds should have been demanding accountability from Mark Foley. Instead, he was demanding a \$100,000 campaign contribution and took it."	congre murtha See Ja FBI Ab YouDont

DCCC Chairman Rahm Emanuel (D-Ill.) has targeted Reynolds's seat throughout the 2005-2006 cycle.

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