

from our viewpoint...

# Plenty left to say about Tiger Woods

Until Tiger Woods tells us what *really* happened, he'll remain a scar on the golf course.

And this won't be achieved by holding news conferences where only selected people are allowed to ask questions.

Those aren't news conferences, those are Tiger Woods-controlled, waste of time, public relations gimmicks. Period.

We would ask Tiger Woods, who is back on the golf course, where his wife and children are as he arrogantly makes his way around the course at Augusta (Ga.) National in preparation for the Masters. They took off on a flight across the pond, again raising questions as to whether the Mrs. and the children have any place in his life. A supportive wife stands by her man.

We would tell him his attempts to apologize for his mistress-eseseses shenanigans were a farce. Those so-called apologies were as frigid as the deep freeze in the basement.

We would tell him if he wins the Masters there will be countless numbers of former fans not cheering, but turning thumbs down.

Tiger Woods has to come clean, quit hiding behind his golf clubs and act like a grown man for a change. But that's difficult to do, apparently, when you are among the richest of the richest. That kind of wealth eventually takes over and common sense is driven into the ground.

We understand Tiger Woods has a new 'advisor.' We can't say he's doing the golfer any good. Matter of fact, he might be doing just the opposite. But the advisor, we would image, is getting a golf bag full of money so he is doing himself a lot of good.

There are those who will call us all wet, that he will regain the confidence of the masses he once enjoyed, and that Tiger Woods will be the Tiger Woods we once admired before the sex scandals sent him looking for a hiding place. An innocent man doesn't go into hiding.

There are probably golfers in this weekend's Masters who, on camera for the sake of the game, will speak approvingly of fellow golfer Tiger Woods. But down deep they are probably thinking otherwise.

Now with Tiger Woods back on the course, and we would suppose as the heavy Masters favorite, it will be interesting to see if challengers might find hidden talent in an attempt to send the tiger back into the wild.

And if Tiger Woods prevails, it would be appropriate to attire him not in a Green Jacket but Blushing Red. Maybe even have a mistress do the honors.

Gotta do things up right.

Right? -TD

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# My number is 27,526, what's yours?

When I turned 75 last November, I shook my head in disbelief. 75! That number pales now next to 27,526. Yes, 27,526 is how old I am in days. This information was given to me by the following website: <http://www.korn19.ch/coding/days.php>.

That website also told me I am 3,932 weeks and 2 days old. Which, it says, is 75 years and 132 days, including 19 leap years. (=75 years, 18 weeks and 6 days). Therefore, it declares that I am 75.4 years old.

It told me I was born on a Sunday (which is correct), and that my last birthday was on Wednesday (which is correct) and my next birthday will be on Thursday (again, correct).

Incidentally, my next birthday will be November 25, which this year falls on Thanksgiving day.

So, if you are looking for something to do, check out that website.

-td-

You will find this e-mail most interesting: "Although tumbleweeds have been in this country for nearly 150 years, no one has found a reason to cultivate this plant."

The above statement is from an article, "Tumbling along" by John Schlageck.

I am a Goodland native and know the downside of tumbleweeds.



**tom dreiling**  
• time out with td

However, if he would google "prairietumbleweedfarm" he would find that enterprising Kansans have found a use for them. Who would have thought?!

Enjoy your articles here on the west coast. "Goodland Kansas" where common sense still prevails.

Lloyd Kramer  
Whittier, Calif.

I took Mr. Kramer at his word and googled the site he suggested. I hope you readers do, too. Wow, it'll knocks your socks off. I especially like their slogan, *If they don't tumble we don't sell them!*

Thanks, Lloyd, for the note and the suggestion.

-td-

Sorry, folks, no Thumbs Up received. I know you know of some one or some group that deserves a special salute, so e-mail it to me at [tad1@st-tel.net](mailto:tad1@st-tel.net), regular mail to the Star-News office, slip it in our drop box, or call me at 890-2475. Thanks!

-td-

I have a visitor. His name is Flat Stanley. He comes from Aurora, Colo. He doesn't have much, if anything, to say. But he'll be hanging around me for a few weeks., taking in the sights and sounds of Goodland. He will have a lot to pass along when he returns home. I'll be talking about buddy Flat in coming columns.

Well behaved little guy.

-td-

I was watching an automobile commercial on television for Toyota and an elderly couple stood next to a new model, and the man looked at the camera and called it "an exceptionally safe car." *Exceptionally* safe? What in the world does that mean?

-td-

I was sorry to hear on the radio that the snowfall we woke up to Wednesday morning was "crap." No, it was moisture. And the commentator in this case needs to understand that moisture of any kind is always welcome in these parts in any form. Lord knows our thirsty crops need it. And snow is not unusual in April here. It has even snowed in May. So please, call it what it is.

-td-

Have a good evening! And at the house of worship of your choice this weekend, remember to thank the Lord for the 'moisture.'

# Already had spinach salad from our garden

I know bragging will get you in trouble, but I couldn't help it.

I was telling everyone last week that we had had a spinach salad out of our garden before the 15th of March.

It's pretty amazing, really.

Late last summer, after I pulled a bunch of corn stalks, I planted two rows of lettuce with a row of spinach between. We enjoyed several salads of baby spinach and lettuce before the snow and ice covered the garden and froze in place the small fence I put up to protect the crop from the dog.

All winter long, it sat there, a small fenced enclosure in the middle of the garden, a leaf-and-lawn-clipping-covered square. When it wasn't buried in snow, you could see the little, frozen (I assumed) spinach leaves sticking up.

Then a couple of weeks ago, Steve came into the house munching a baby spinach leaf. The crop, he claimed had survived and was growing again.

The next day, I was able to harvest enough



**cynthia haynes**  
• open season

tiny leaves off the spinach for a couple of salads — the first produce of the 2010 garden.

My bragging after a meeting the other night led to a discussion of gardens and unrelated topics.

My friend May noted that the first time she spotted a typographical error in *The Wall Street Journal*, it had been in a gardening/cooking section.

She said it must have been 10 or 15 years ago, but she still remembers reading about how to fix rhubarb stocks.

She still giggles at the thought of cooking stocks and perhaps bonds instead of stalks.

Steve claimed they didn't cook the rhubarb, they just locked up the bad stalks in the stocks. But then, he admitted, he doesn't much like

rhubarb.

Another man grinned and noted that since May had moved, he expected to find more asparagus in his patch this year. May just smiled and said she still knew where he lived, and even though she didn't live next door anymore, that patch was still in danger.

I enquired where this productive asparagus area was located. My own asparagus patch has not been doing well lately, and it might be nice to have a backup patch, er, plan.

Actually, I do have a backup plan. I'm starting a new patch on a different side of the house. The one I had started out was fine, but a small tree nearby has grown so over the past 10 years the patch gets too much shade now.

So now all I have to do is dig out an iris bed on the south side of the house, spade it up, plant some asparagus roots and not worry about getting my exercise for a week or so afterward.

And, I still have to figure out how to get the garden rototilled without killing that row of spinach in the middle.

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