

## Week in The Review

### Woods Divorce Official

Tiger Woods and his Swedish-born wife officially divorced Monday, nine months after his middle-of-the-night car crash outside their home set off shocking revelations that the



world's most famous athlete had been cheating on her through multiple affairs.

### Football Players Fall Ill

Nineteen members of the McMinnville High School football team fell ill last week after a preseason camp. They all suffered from muscle damage and three of the players needed surgery to correct the condition. Excess heat and a lack of hydration were listed as a possible cause. The use of medi-

cations or food supplements was also being tested.

### Home Sales Plunge

Sales of previously occupied homes plunged 27 percent last month to the lowest level in 15 years, the National Association of Realtors said Tuesday. It was the largest monthly drop on record dating back to 1968, and also mag-

nified fears about the broader economy.

### Jet Misses Runway

A Chinese passenger jet broke apart as it approached a fog-shrouded runway in the country's northeast and burst into flames as it hit the ground Tuesday, killing 43 people and injuring 53 others, state media said.



Shirley Sherrod

## Ousted Worker Rejects Return to Agency

(AP)—Shirley Sherrod, the Agriculture Department official ousted during a racial firestorm last month, declined Tuesday to return to the agency, though she said it was tempting.

Sherrod and Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said that she may work with the agency in a consulting capacity in the future to help it improve its outreach to minorities. She told reporters she did not think she could say yes to a job "at this point, with all that has happened."

"I look forward to some type of relationship with the department in the future," she said. "We do need to work on the issues of discrimination and race in this country."

Vilsack, who apologized to Sherrod for pushing her out, had offered her a new position in the Office of Advocacy and Outreach, which works on civil rights issues.

"I think I can be helpful to him and the department if I just take a little break and look at how I can be more helpful in the future," Sherrod said.

Vilsack said that "Shirley has unique opportunities here."

Vilsack said he had worked hard to get Sherrod to return.

Formerly the agency's director of rural development in Georgia, Sherrod was forced to resign after a conservative blogger posted snippets of a March speech in which she appeared to make racist remarks. Vilsack and others, including the NAACP, condemned the remarks before grasping the full context of her speech, which was meant as a lesson in racial healing.

The incident proved embarrassing for the Obama administration, and President Barack Obama called her personally to express his regret.

The NAACP also apologized for its reaction.

Sherrod repeated Tuesday that she plans to sue the blogger who posted excerpts of her speech, Andrew Breitbart. But she declined further questions on the subject.

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