



# At a Glance

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(AP Photo/Danny Johnston)

## Central High to mark 40 years

Students leave Central High School in Little Rock, Ark., after classes Monday, Sept. 15. President Clinton is scheduled to visit the school Sept. 25, 40 years to the day after federal troops escorted nine black children up the steps to integrate the school.

## Satcher is Clinton's next choice

President Clinton and Dr. David Satcher, his choice for surgeon general, meet reporters at the White House Friday, Sept. 12, where the president announced the nomination of Satcher, currently director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



(AP Photo/Greg Gibson)

## Massacre victims finally laid to rest

As mourners walk around at ground level Sunday, Sept. 14, thousands of skulls are seen inside the mass grave for those killed during the 1994 massacre here at the Nyamata (Rwanda) Catholic church. The victims' remains were given a long-awaited burial on church grounds Sunday.



(AP Photo/Brennan Linsley)

## Woods family remembers 'real' Tiger



(AP Photo/Dom Furere, Golf Digest)

Tiger Woods and his father, Earl, look at photographs of the late Col. "Tiger" Vuong Dang Phong, whom the golfer is named after, in Woods' Cypress, Calif., home Thursday, Sept. 11. Also pictured are Tom Callahan, center, Kutilda Woods, second from right, and Vuong Dang Phouc, son of Phong.

## Herman vows Working Mothers

Labor Secretary Alexis Herman delivers the keynote address honoring the "Best Companies for Working Mothers," sponsored by Working Mother magazine Monday night, Sept. 15, in New York. In a speech that inspired a standing ovation, she said that companies with progressive work-family programs are the "workplaces of the future."



(AP Photo/Emile Wamsteker)

## LIMO

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sines can only seat 12 riders.

Bledsoe said he called the Yellow Pages and found out that the contact name for the ad was a man who belonged to King's church and with whom Bledsoe co-owned another limo, a 1995 Mercedes. Lorraine Lawson and Bledsoe entered the arrangement on that car just one month prior to Bledsoe's agreement with Project Homestead.

King said he was not worried that another company was advertising his organization's car.

"It didn't concern me because it didn't affect us," he said.

In December 1996, soon after the ad came out, Project Homestead filed suit against East Coast Limousines to terminate its lease. Homestead lost the initial court fight in January, and Bledsoe kept the two cars through prom season, the busiest time for limousine services.

King later had federal marshals seize the cars, and both vehicles sat outside Project Homestead's offices on Martin Luther King Jr. Drive until this week.

King first said that the cars were being rented out, but said later that the cars had been recently sold. On Monday, the 1990 stretch limo still sat in Project Homestead's parking lot, but the 1988 did not. King said the 1990 Lincoln would be picked up by its new owner by the end of the week. He would not disclose the new owner's identity.

Many questioned the appropriateness of Project Homestead's involvement with a limo company, as it is the only CDC in the state to launch such

a partnership. King and other CDC officials defended the venture, and said that CDCs are charged with finding for-profit partners that don't compete with traditional businesses.

King said he wouldn't discuss if the vehicles caused any losses, except to state that public money was not involved.

"I just don't think that it's proper to discuss the inner workings of Project Homestead," said King.

Shortly after the cars were seized, Bledsoe's finances dipped into the red; he later managed to keep his new business, All Stretched Out Limousines, out of bankruptcy. Bledsoe said that for the first few months of partnership with Project Homestead, he handed over his original expense reports, because he didn't have a copy machine.

About one month ago, Project Homestead's attorney, Peter

Juran of Winston-Salem's Blanco Tackabery Combs & Matamoros, offered to settle with Bledsoe. Bledsoe's original expense reports would be returned to him if he agreed to settle with the organization and drop the case. But Project Homestead employees testified that they did not have the reports in their possession.

"That proves that they lied in court," said Bledsoe. Bledsoe said he has been unable to file his 1996 tax return without the reports.

Juran said that once Bledsoe handed over the reports, they became the property of Project Homestead. "When Reverend King was asked if he had any of Mr. Bledsoe's documents or business records, he said no," said Juran. "Mr. Bledsoe seems to think this is a lie."

Bledsoe agreed to settle with Project Homestead, albeit for \$1

million. He is also suing Lawson over their agreement with the Mercedes.

Juran said he cannot comment on the particulars of the offer to settle, but did say that Project Homestead would proceed with a civil case against Bledsoe.

King called Bledsoe a tax evader, and said that he is involved in another court case besides those involving Project Homestead and Lawson.

"It's just a pattern of him going after black individuals," said King. Both King and Lawson are African-American.

Bledsoe admitted that he has been undergoing an IRS audit for almost two years, but said that he has paid his taxes accordingly. And, he added, "I don't have a problem with black people ... if he (King) wants to make it racial, okay, but I'm not."

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