

# "I'm Free Now, Baby, 'I'm Free From Your Spell"

If you're a blues aficionado, you likely know that lyric from B.B. King's "The Thrill Is Gone." Whether your knowledge of the blues is elementary or sophisticated, "A Blues Session: B.B. King and Friends" airing 9 p.m. Eastern/Standard Jan. 21 on The Family Channel could delight you.

Joining B.B. King are Eric Clapton, Phil Collins, Etta James, Gladys Knight, Chaka Khan, Albert King, Billy Ocean, the late Stevie Ray Vaughan and the late Paul Butterfield. The concert was taped in 1987 in the Ebony showcase Theatre in Los Angeles and previously aired on Cinemax.

It's sultry, it's soulful, it's electric, it's the blues. B.B. King on "The Thrill is Gone" is assisted by Eric Clapton on guitar who does a thrilling solo piece. That's followed by Etta James with "I'd rather Be Blind;" Billy Ocean's "When Something Is Wrong With My Baby," and Stevie Ray Vaughan and Albert King on "The Sky Is Crying." Everyone joins in on "Midnight Hour," while the trio of Gladys Knight, Chaka Khan and Etta James treats "Ain't Nobody's Business If I Do" and "Precious Lord" with respect. And that's not all.

B.B. and Albert King, Ocean and Clapton cook a spicy "Let The Good Times Roll" with all four on guitar, one of several occasions that several members of this illustrious group play together.

Harmonica player Paul Butterfield was the leader of his own popular '60s band and has played with Bob Dylan



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and Muddy Waters. Eric Clapton has long been considered one of the best, if not the best guitarist, with a career enduring decades of change. Grammy Award-winning vocalist and drummer Phil Collins keeps the hits coming. Vocalist Etta James has recorded a string of rhythm 'n' blues songs since their first hit, "Roll With Me, Henry."

Chaka Khan made the charts with "I Feel For You" and was featured on the "Miami Vice" soundtrack. Albert King has played guitar with everyone from Janis Joblin to Booker T. and the MG's. Four-time Grammy winner B.B.

King recorded more than 50 albums and has won acclaim for "The Thrill is gone," among others. Grammy-winning Gladys Knight has had many smash hits with the Pips. Billy Ocean became the first black British singer to have a No. 1 single with his Grammy-winning "Caribbean Queen (No More Love On The Run)." Stevie Ray Vaughan topped Guitar Player Magazine's 1985 reader's Poll in three categories: best new talent, blues album and electric blues guitarist.

The one-hour show brings top talent together to salute one of America's originals, the blues.

## YMCA Wins Tax Case

The Oregon Tax Court ruled December 7, 1992, that the Metro Family YMCA on Barbur Blvd. has requalified for property tax exemptions effective July 1, 1989, as a result of the Metro Family YMCA'S change in focus to family and children increased scholarships. This decision affirms the March 23, 1992, opinion of the Department of Revenue and follows a similar win by the Oakland California YMCA in September.

The YMCA is very pleased that the Tax Court recognized in its strongly worded opinion the significant changes made at the Branch to serve children and families and to provide scholarships and community access. Today, 40% of the membership at the Branch are children and families, and one-third of the members are on scholarships.

The Metro Family Branch has reached out to the community, expanded child care programs and youth sports, added 20 new children's programs and provided services each week to 26 community groups such as Morrison Center and Depaul.

"We are back to basics; and are what we have always been. We earn our property tax exemption every day," says Y President, Jerry Balsler.



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## Packwood Makes Statement Concerning Allegations

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Once again, let me repeat my apologies to the women who were hurt by my conduct. It was not done with malice or evil intent.

Now let me make these assurances. I pledge to restructure, drastically and totally, my attitude and my professional relationships. If that requires professional counseling, I will seek it. I guarantee that nothing like this will ever happen again.

I am prepared to cooperate fully with the Senate Ethics Committee to investigate and resolve this matter.

I have been a strong force in the Senate for 24 years for Oregon and our nation. Even my most severe critics will admit that.

Whether it was saving Hells Can-

yon or French Pete, or whether it was those lonely and solitary hours in the late 70's and early 80's defending Rod vs Wade, trying to prevent its reversal or dismemberment, I led the fight. I plan to remain in the Senate and continue my work on behalf of the people of Oregon.

To that end, I would like to address these comments to all Oregonians:

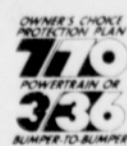
This is a crucial and defining time in my life, I go forward without illusions, but with a new sense of purpose and determination. The bond of trust between us is stretched thin right now, but I am committed to repairing that bond. I ask for the chance to earn back your respect. I pledge to be worthy of your trust.



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