from the water is separated and reused.

"It (the system) takes oil out, the oil is thickened in the separator and is burned again," Esmond said.

The sand removed from the recycled water is used at a land farm to treat contaminated soil.

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Dr. Christopher Mathewson, a professor of geology, said there are two reasons to recycle water.

Conservation is one obvious reason, but the removal of contaminants — such as oil — is equally important.

Mathewson said there is little controversy over the amount of water used at the training center because the realistic training helps save human lives.

"The operation is a good way of solving environmental problems and meeting society's needs," MathewBertha

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those islands, but were canceled for the U.S. and British Virgin

Islands and Puerto Rico.

Two surfers who challenged Bertha head-on were her first apparent victims. Lilton Jones, 35, of New York City drowned off Puerto Rico, and a second, unidentified surfer died in the U.S. Virgin Islands, Gov. Roy L. Schneider said.

Authorities also blamed the hurricane for two traffic deaths on Puerto Rico, in which a car ran off a rain-slick road and hit

Despite an intense search with ships and aircraft, the Coast Guard was unable to locate a ship that amateur radio operators reported adrift in the hurricane. While the Coast Guard was unable to contact the ship directly, radio operators said they picked up reports that half of the 42 people on board

were missing in the storm.
At 11 p.m. EDT Monday,
Bertha was 100 miles north of
San Juan, Puerto Rico, still packing 90 mph winds.

more than a 30 percent chance

of hitting Florida, but the U.S. Hurricane Center in Miami told southeastern coastal cities to

keep an eye on the storm. Although Bertha isn't the strong hurricane, its size makes it formidable, hurricane center director Jerry Jarrell in Miami said.

"This is a huge storm — it's more like Hugo in '89 or Gilbert in '88," Jarrel said. "It's one of those great big ones that in a lot of ways it does more damage than an Andrew, because it spreads thinner damage over a much bigger area.

Evidence of that was all around St. Thomas

A blue tarpaulin shot through the air in downtown Charlotte Amalie, followed by two pieces of lumber, as Bertha turned someone's temporary roof into lethal

projectiles.
"At 90 miles an hour, a person is turned into a leaf" by hurricane winds, said forecaster Matt Bragaw.

An iguana clung desperately to a rocking Flamboyant tree branch on Blackbeard's Hill in Charlotte Amalie, the main city on St. Thomas.

an Juan, Puerto Rico, still acking 90 mph winds.

Forecasters gave Bertha no On St. Croix, rising winds whipped up garbage cans and tree branches, whirling trash

## Clinton offers computer system to track gun sales to youth WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton through documents and serial numbers.

pledged today to go after the "single shadowy supplier" in each neighborhood who illegally puts guns into teen-agers' hands, announcing a 17-city

program to trace weapons by computer.

The president met in the White House's East Room with law enforcement officials from 17 cities who will provide information on guns confiscated from juveniles so they can be traced to the seller.

"We have to give the future back to all of our children," Clinton said. "We cannot ... keep allow-

ing our young people to die before their dreams ever have a chance to take shape."

Republican Bob Dole's presidential campaign said today's announcement is a rehash of a Clinton administration proposal from November 1993 and accused Clinton of staging the event as a campaign ploy.

And a spokeswoman for Sen. John Ashcroft, R-Mo., who sponsored juvenile crime legislation, said Clinton's proposal does not adequately address prosecuting juveniles who commit gun crimes. "It's sort of looking at one side of the coin," spokeswoman Doreen Denny said.

Under Clinton's plan, information on confiscated weapons will be entered into the federal computer

system run by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, and traced back to the original seller Gun traffickers will then be prosecu

ton said. "We owe that much to fine family the Cherys," he said, referring to Jose Tina Chery of Boston.

Their 15-year-old son, Louis Brown, we by a stray bullet in December 1993 while

on his way to a Christmas party sponsor on his way to a christmas party sponsore local anti-gang group.

"Louis dreamed of becoming the first president of the United States," Chery were he alive today, Louis would be very of the current residents of the White House Clinton said the number of teen-agers continued without make he had been a continued without make he had been a second to the continued without make he had been a second to the continued without make he had been a second to the continued without make he had been a second to the continued without make he had been a second to the continued without make he had been a second to the continued without make he had been a second to the continued without make he had been a second to the continued without make he had been a second to the continued without make he had been a second to the continued without the continued without the continued with the continued without the continued with the continued

ting crimes without guns has not changed the 1970s, but the number of homicides or

ted by teens with guns has tripled. "We know gangs often buy in bulk from if the depagle shadowy supplier," Clinton said. "We maid the prenational campaign to cut off the flow." oming from the cities involved in the program were selected ustment.

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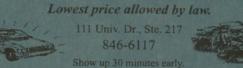
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