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FWCED Holds Fourth Annual Risk Takers, Dream Makers Luncheon

The Fresno West Coalition for Economic Development FWCED held its fourth annual Risk Takers, Dream Makers Awards Luncheon November 18 at the Radisson Hotel.

Director of FWCED, stated that the event was the largest and the most successful to date. Over 500 guests were in attendance to honor four Fresno residents listed below:



Jesse D. Andrews

- **LA'VERA ETHRIDGE-WILLIAMS**, a long-time West Fresno businesswoman who received the 2008 South West Fresno Business Award.
- **STEPHEN D. GEIL** received the 2008 Fresno County Community Service Award. Geil is president/CEO of the Economic Development Corp., serving Fresno County; and, he is Chairman of the Board of Geil Enterprises, Inc.
- **REV. FLOYD D. HARRIS JR.** Community Activist, received the 2008 Southwest Fresno Community Leader Award, and
- **JESSE D. ANDREWS**, a 17-year-old Edison High School Senior, received the 2008 President's Award. ■



Obama Chooses Economic Team

By DAVID JACKSON AND SUSAN PAGE USA TODAY

CHICAGO –

President-elect Barack Obama, calling for "sound judgment and fresh thinking" to address the nation's economic crisis, announced Monday his selection of Timothy Geithner, president of the New York Federal Reserve, as Treasury secretary, and Larry Summers, a former Treas-

ury secretary, as head of the National Economic Council. Obama also named Christina Romer, an economics professor at the University of California at Berkeley, to chair his Council of Economic Advisers, and

Melody Barnes, of the Center for American Progress, as director the Domestic Policy Council.

In making the announcement, Obama said the country

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White Extremists Lash Out Over Obama's Election

More than 200 hate-related incidents reported since election.

By HOWARD WITT

Barely three weeks since America elected its first black president, noose hangings, racist graffiti and death threats have struck dozens of towns across the country.

More than 200 such

incidents – including cross burnings, assassination betting pools and effigies of President-elect Barack Obama – have been reported, according to law enforcement authorities and the Southern Poverty Law Center, which monitors hate

groups.

Racist websites have been boasting that their servers have been crashing because of an exponential increase in traffic.

And America's most potent symbol of racial hatred, the Ku Klux Klan, is reasserting it-

self in a spate of recent violence, after decades of disorganization and obscurity.

Nearly two weeks ago, the leader of a cell based in Bogalusa, La. – a backwoods town once known as the Klan capital – was charged

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Children from FEMA Trailer Park Battle Health Problems

By RICK JERVIS, USA TODAY

NEW ORLEANS –

Children of displaced families from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita have serious health and mental ailments, a new study says.

The report, released Monday by the New York-based Children's Health Fund, reviewed medical records of 261 children who lived in a federally funded Baton Rouge trailer park until early summer. It is the first in-depth review of children's medical and mental health after the catastrophic storms in 2005 that displaced thousands of families throughout the Gulf Coast.

After Katrina, the Children's Health Fund, a non-profit group that provides health care to children, dispatched mobile clinics across the Gulf Coast, including one outside Renaissance Village in Baton Rouge, then the largest Federal Emergency Management Agency trailer park in the region. The Children's Health Fund used medical data gathered from that clin-

ic to conduct the survey, says Irwin Redlener, president of the group and the study's author.

One of the most alarming findings: 41% of children younger than 4 were diagnosed with iron-deficiency anemia, more than double the rate of children living in New York City homeless shelters, Redlener says.

"This is a very big problem that has not been focused on at all in the Gulf Coast," Redlener says.

Other findings:

- 55% of elementary-school-aged children had a behavior or learning problem.

- 42% of children were diagnosed with allergic rhinitis, known as hay fever, and/or upper respiratory infection.

- 24% had a cluster of upper respiratory, allergic and skin ailments.

Heidi Sinclair, a Baton Rouge pediatrician who helped run the Children's Health Fund clinic there, says she saw disturbingly high rates of respiratory problems and skin rashes

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BEYONCE a bit more 'FIERCE'

By NEKESA MUMBI MOODY

With a new album and two movies on the horizon, it appears the Season of Beyonce has begun.

Then again, one could argue that it's always Beyonce season.

Two years ago, it was all about the release of her second CD, "B'Day" and her starring role in the movie "Dreamgirls." Last year, her "Irreplaceable" was up for a top Grammy and she was on a world tour. And this year, besides a high-profile Grammy performance with Tina Turner, her hush-hush marriage to Jay-Z and appearances on hit remixes with Justin Timberlake and Usher generated headlines.

Though it may have been hard to tell, she actually did take a yearlong hiatus

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Rev. Wright Says Election Night was Bittersweet

Rev. Jeremiah Wright, Barack Obama's controversial former pastor, says watching the TV returns on election night was bittersweet, the Associated Press reports.

"It was like a mixed bag of being proud of him (Obama) and being blessed to have lived to see some-

thing my parents would never have believed, was going to happen while at the same time having been put up as the whipping boy by the media to be the weapon of mass destruction to destroy his candidacy," he tells Sirius XM radio host Mark Thompson in

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Black Teen Commits Suicide on Internet in Front of Webcam

By RASHA MADKOUR

MIAMI (AP) –

A South Florida college student killed himself by overdosing on drugs in front of a live online audience as some computer users egged him on, some debated his method, and others tried to talk him out of it.

Abraham Biggs, 19, of Pembroke Pines, died Wednesday at his home from a toxic combination of opiates and benzodiazepine, a drug used to treat insomnia and depression, said Wendy Crane, an investigator with the Broward County medical examiner's office.

Authorities say the Broward Community College student is not the first person to commit suicide with a webcam rolling.

It's unclear how many people were watching through the Web site bodybuilding.com. Someone finally notified a site moderator, who pinpointed Biggs' location and called police, but they arrived too late to save him, Crane said.

Biggs, who used the screen name "CandyJunkie" on the bodybuilding Web site, started blogging about plans to kill himself 12 hours

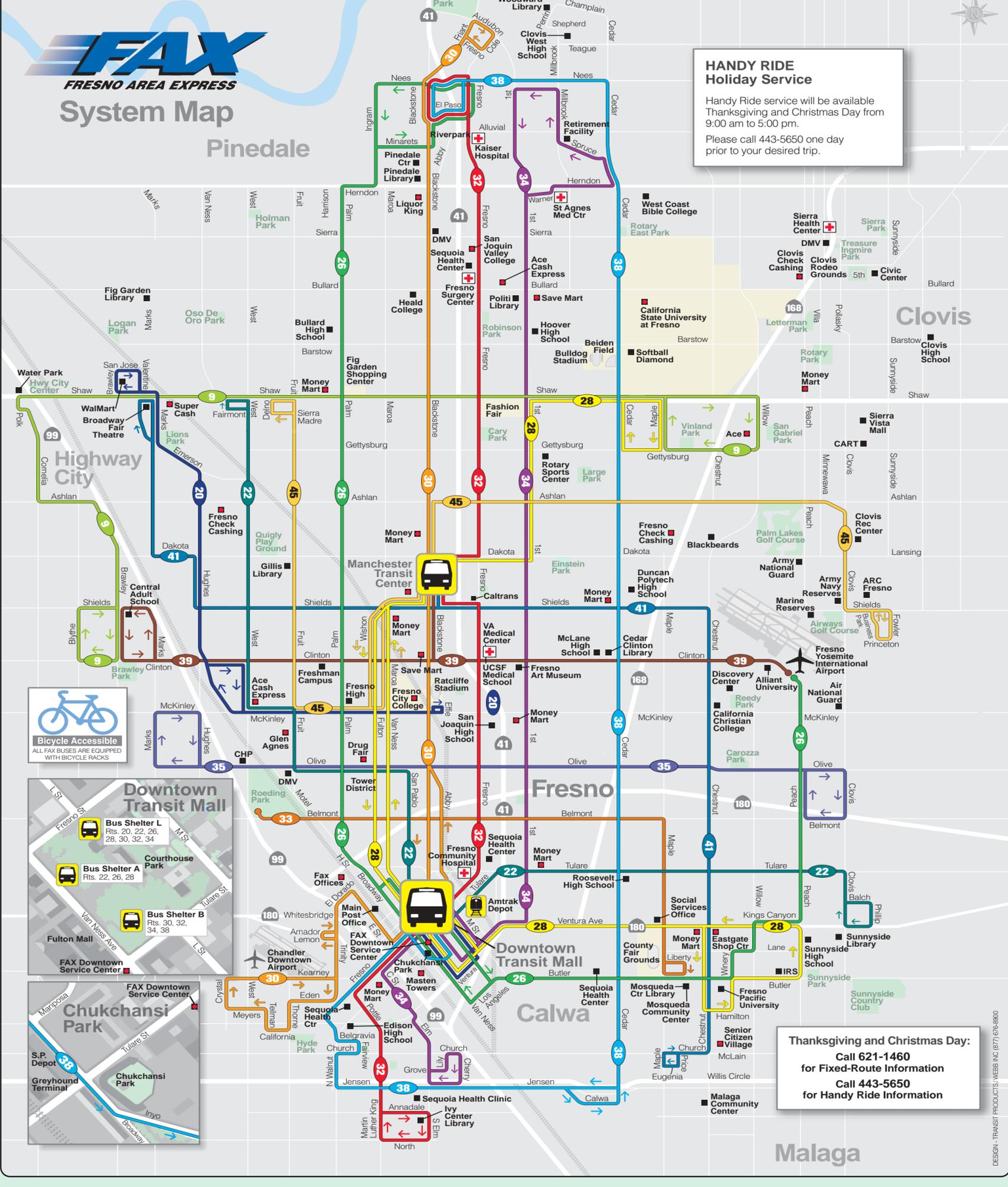
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Obama Chooses Economic Team...

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 is facing an economic crisis of "historic proportions."
 "If we do not act swiftly and boldly most experts believe that we could lose millions of jobs next year," he said.
 To that end, Obama said, he sought an economic team with "sound judgment and fresh thinking."
 He praised Geithner, 47, for his experience and "unparalleled understanding of our current economic crisis in all of its depth, complexity and urgency."
 "He will start his first day on the job with a unique insight into the failures of today's markets and a clear vision of the steps we must take," Obama said.
 The announcements amounted to a display of as-

sertiveness by the incoming administration in the face of increasingly grim economic news.
 On Monday, the government rushed to the rescue of Citigroup by agreeing to shoulder hundreds of billions of possible losses at the stricken bank and to plow a fresh \$20 billion into the company.
 The incoming administration is sending signals about what economic policies the new president will propose, particularly an expanded economic stimulus package aimed at creating or preserving 2.5 million jobs during the next two years.
 Obama, however, declined to say how big a spending package he wants to revive the economy, but he told reporters, "It's going to be

costly." Some Democratic lawmakers, particularly Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., are speculating about a two-year measure as large as \$700 billion.
 The president-elect was mildly critical of the Big Three automakers, saying he was surprised they did not have a better-thought-out plan for their future before asking Congress to approve \$25 billion in emergency loans. He said once he sees a plan, he expects "we're going to be able to shape a rescue."
 But now that Obama has named his economic team, they must decide not only what to do about the economic crisis – but how much they should talk about it before Jan. 20.
 "They need to become as-

sertive in explaining where he wants to go and how he might take us there," said Paul Light, a New York University political scientist who studies presidential transitions.
 Transitions are always a "delicate balance," Light said, but the pressing economic crisis is creating a sense of "drift" and public anxiety.
 "At some point the public is going to start blaming Obama for what's going on here," he said.
 Less than three weeks since a historic election night, Obama has filled most of the top jobs on his White House staff and floated the names of potential picks for much of his Cabinet. He is now poised to announce his national security team.

Students Rename School for Obama

BY MATT JAFFE
 A New York elementary school has been re-named in honor of President-elect Barack Obama. Ludlum Elementary School in Long Island's Hempstead Union Free School District was re-named at a board meeting Thursday, at the request of numerous school students.
 "Just to watch these kids after the board voted on what they asked them to do, they were so elated," school district superintendent Dr. Joseph Laria told ABC News. "You want to talk about 'Yes we can!'" That was a lesson in democracy."
 Effective immediately, Ludlum will now be known as Barack Obama Elementary School, following a decision by the board to adopt the resolution drafted by students and staff.
 Before this month's election, the 5th grade class had a mock presidential debate at the school, which sits near Hofstra University, site of the third and final presidential debate between Obama and Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz.
 "The kids were really into it," Laria said. "They had this fabulous debate...it was just outstanding."
 "The children received such a response from the community and the parents

that they were so energized that they said that if Obama becomes president, we would be so proud to have our school named after him, especially because this is an African-American and Latino community that celebrates diversity," said Laria.
 Most of the school's students are African-American or Latino, the superintendent stated.
 So on Thursday night the kids came before the board to read essays describing what they had learned from the mock debate experience and appealing for the school to be re-named.
 Their resolution read as follows:
 "Whereas the Ludlum School students conducted a mock presidential debate related to the recent presidential elections and whereas the students did a wonderful job of carrying out their tasks and demonstrating their patriotism at an early age and whereas in recognition of their efforts and the victorious feat of Sen. Barack Obama in becoming the first African-American president of the United States, it be resolved that the Hempstead Board of Education proudly re-names Ludlum Elementary School as the Barack Obama Elementary School."

Extremists Lash Out Over Obama's Election...

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 with second-degree murder in the shooting of a woman who allegedly sought to become a member but then changed her mind.
 Late last month, two men with ties to a notoriously violent Klan chapter in Kentucky were charged in a bizarre plot to kill 88 black students and then decapitate an additional 14 students –

and then assassinate Obama by shooting him from a speeding car while wearing white tuxedos and top hats.
 "We've seen everything from cross burnings on lawns of interracial couples to effigies of Obama hanging from nooses to unpleasant exchanges in schoolyards," said Mark Potok, director of the Intelligence Project at the Southern

Poverty Law Center, based in Montgomery, Ala. "I think we're in a worrying situation right now, a perfect storm of conditions coming together that could easily favor the continued growth of these groups."
 Experts attribute the racist activity to factors including the rapidly worsening economic crisis; trends indicating that within a generation

whites will not comprise a U.S. majority; and the impending arrival of a black family in the White House.
 The FBI is investigating whether the recent Klan-related incidents involve conspiracies. And the Secret Service is monitoring the racist activity "to try to stay ahead of any emerging threats," according to spokesman Darrin Blackford.

Teen Commits Suicide on Webcam...

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 before he was found lying dead on his bed. He posted a link from bodybuilding.com to Justin.tv, a site that allows users to broadcast live videos from their webcams.
 Some users who read the blog told investigators they did not take him seriously because he had threatened suicide on the site before.
 But Biggs' family was infuriated that neither viewers nor the site acted sooner to save him.
 "When (police) came in, the webfeed stopped. So that's 12 hours of watching," said his sister, Rosalind Biggs, who said her brother struggled with bipo-

lar disorder. "They got hits, they got viewers, nothing happened for hours."
 Rosalind Biggs described her brother as a friendly, social, outgoing person who struck up conversations with Starbucks baristas and enjoyed taking his young nieces to Chuck E. Cheese.
 "It boggles the mind," she said. "We don't understand."
 Authorities could not immediately verify the authenticity of a video posted online that shows a gun-wielding officer entering a bedroom where a man is lying on a bed, facing away from the camera. The officer peers over to look at the

man, then begins to examine him as the camera lens is covered. The video matches Crane's description of events.
 Condolences poured in to Biggs' MySpace page, where the mostly unsmiling teen is seen posing in a series of pictures with various young women. On justin.tv, his alias was "feels_like_ecstasy."
 In a statement, Justin.tv CEO Michael Seibel said: "We regret that this has occurred and want to respect the privacy of the broadcaster and his family during this time."
 The Web site declined to release information on how

many people were watching the broadcast. The entire site had 672,000 unique visitors in October.
 Messages left with the bodybuilding Web site were not immediately returned Friday.
 A spokesman for the Pembroke Pines police said they were investigating but declined further comment.
 Crane said she knows of at least one other case in which a South Florida man shot himself in the head in front of an online audience, although she didn't know how much viewers saw. In Britain last year, a man hanged himself while chatting online.

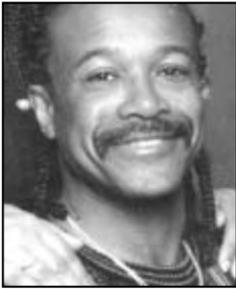
Wright Says Election Night Bittersweet...

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 a rare interview, the AP reports.
 Wright also said he had to keep his sense of humor during the turmoil, laughing when his granddaughter showed him a New York Times column that called him a "wackadoo-lee."

But he was unapologetic about remarks made at a Washington news conference that led Obama to break with him. He said reporters "spat in my face" by not asking any questions about a speech he had given about his theological views prior to taking questions.

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Beyonce: A Bit More 'Fierce' ...

► **Continued from Page 1** from recording music. "I think I did need to take a break. I honestly did," she says, sitting on a sleek chair in an even sleeker hotel room during a recent interview. "I needed to take a break even personally so I could relax and appreciate all the things that I worked for." Of course, Beyonce being Beyonce, her hiatus wasn't a complete vacation: She spent part of that "break" filming her upcoming movie, "Cadillac Records," in which she peels off the glamour to play R&B great Etta James during her drug-addled years. Beyonce says not only did the role propel an acting breakthrough, it provided a musical one, too. "I felt like after I played Etta James, and I sang these beautiful, emotional, deep, honest songs, I really learned

a lot about myself. And I wanted to make classic music ... to grow and make that transition into legendary," she says. Her bid at musical immortality comes this week with the release of "I AM ... SASHA FIERCE," her third solo CD, something of a departure from the frenetic funk of her previous two multiplatinum albums, "Dangerously in Love" and "B'Day." While the new album certainly has its share of club anthems - one of its first singles is the bouncy jam "Single Ladies (Put A Ring On It)" - it is a double-CD with two personalities. The upbeat side is dubbed "SASHA FIERCE" (the namesake of her onstage, divalicious alter ego); the "I AM ..." portion is a ballad-centric pop album that features Beyonce at

what her father and manager, Matthew Knowles, calls her most revealing. "She shows more vulnerability on this record," says Knowles, who with Beyonce acts as executive producer. "That's a natural growth of her age and life experiences." Though Beyonce is an established veteran after more than a decade in the spotlight (she made her debut along with the rest of the members of Destiny's Child in 1997), the 27-year-old has always been among the more guarded celebrities, staying on message about her music and movies while giving up little about her life outside the spotlight. She still refuses to divulge much about her private life (other than confirming her marriage to Jay-Z - a breakthrough itself - she declined

to speak much about the relationship). But she seems more at ease during interviews, more willing to let the Sasha side of her personality come through. The day after the election of Barack Obama, the giddy singer was in good spirits, wearing a suit in honor of the candidate she supported and laughing often as she talked about politics, music, and her future. "I'm learning the importance of balance, which is one of the biggest (concerns) of all working women - when is it enough, when is it time to relax, and to take care of yourself? But I'm very proud of my progress," she adds with a laugh, "and I'm growing." Songwriter Makeba Riddick, who co-wrote songs on "B'Day" and was part of a team of writers on the ballad "Ave Maria" with Beyonce, says that growth was apparent during the creation of "I AM ... SASHA FIERCE."

Children Battle Health Problems...

► **Continued from Page 1** among children. She said that when she began testing for iron-deficiency - a condition that can lead to fatigue, attention-deficit disorder and skin ailments - she thought the machines used to test were malfunctioning because the rates were so consistently high. "The main problem is there's been such a lack of stability," Sinclair says. This year, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said it would launch a long-term study of children who resided in federally issued trailers and mobile homes in Louisiana and Mississippi, hundreds of which were found to have high levels

of toxins, such as formaldehyde. Renaissance Village was emptied this summer, and the children and their families relocated to permanent or other temporary housing. There are still at least 9,300 families in trailers and 1,600 in hotel rooms across the Gulf Coast, according to FEMA. The children in the Children's Health Fund study are probably some of the sickest of the estimated 30,000 children living in trailers and temporary housing in the region, Redlener says. Many other displaced children could experience similar symptoms, he says.

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