The Inland Empire Hispanic News endorses Bill Lemann for S.B. County Third District Supervisor

On March 26, the voters of the Third Supervisorial District will vote for their next supervisor. Four candidates are vying for the office: Dennis Hansberger, Theresa Kwappenberg, Bill Lemann and Chris Smith. The Inland Empire Hispanic News is endorsing Bill Lemann.

Lemann is a longtime resident of the area, a practicing attorney and head of a large law firm. He has a well-deserved reputation in the legal community.

In addition to his law practice, Continued on page 8

Riverside's Eastside Collaborative Program completes successful 1st yr.

The Inland Empire Hispanic News is publishing the following article on the University/Eastside Community Collaborative Program. The Program is under the auspices of the University of California, Riverside.

The University of California, Riverside-Eastside Community Collaborative (UCEC) is a unique program, recently ending its first year of operation. The program has provided outreach and educational enhancement services to a large segment of youth in the Riverside’s Eastside.

The program has strongly demonstrated the potential benefit that an area’s resources can accomplish with a well-coordinated effort.

According to Lucia Ortega-Rodriguez, U/ECC Program Coordinator, the program has achieved its projected goals and objectives. “We have worked very diligently since the program’s implementation in January, 1995. The current results have far exceeded our expectations.”

A meeting was held in mid-1994, attended by UCR Chancellor Raymond Orbach, Riverside Mayor Ron Leveridge and Riverside Unified School District Superintendent Tony Lardieri. The group’s main subject of discussion centered on the escalation and gravity of violence in the Eastside of Riverside, the area adjacent to the UCR campus.

The University/Eastside Community Collaborative with UCR, the City and RUSD’s partnership in the Eastside community has proven that we are committed in our efforts to helping and guiding at-risk youth to make positive choices in their lives.

Ron Leveridge
Mayor City of Riverside

An option would be to isolate the USC campus and secure its students in a safe environment, as has been the case in many urban universities.

The second option was to consolidate the educational and community
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See also profile on page 3 of Lucia Ortega-Rodriguez

Hyatt Elementary School students enrolled in the UCR-U/ECC posed for a group picture with teacher and UCR students that provide tutorial and homework assistance.
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Assemblyman Baca Appointed to Rules Committee

Sacramento - The Assembly Democratic Caucus unanimously appointed Inland Empire Assemblyman Joe Baca (D-Dan Bernardino) as a member of the Assembly Rules Committee.

"A number of Democratic members recently visited my Assembly District. Without question, this appointment to the Rules Committee is not only a testament to my abilities but also a recognition of the Inland Empire's increasing role in shaping the future of California," Baca said.

Widely considered the most powerful of the Assembly's standing committees, the Rules Committee is responsible for the internal operation of the Assembly. Along with assigning bills to their appropriate committees, the Rules committee negotiates and administers contracts, prepares the Assembly's budget and approves the expenditure of funds.

"Today is a good day for the residents of the Inland Empire. While a number of the area's Republican members currently sit on the committee, my appointment will provide a much-needed balance for our constituents' interests," Baca concluded.

Assemblyman Baca will join seven Republicans and four (4) Democrats on the Rules Committee. In addition, Baca will continue to serve on the Assembly Water, Parks, & Wild Life, Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials, and Higher Education Committees.

Homeless Veterans Faire Scheduled in Riverside

The Interagency Coalition on Homeless Veterans (ICHV), a group made up of public, private, and volunteer agencies, is sponsoring the Sixth Annual Homeless Veterans Care Faire from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 27 at the National Guard Armory in Fairmont Park, Riverside.

While the event is geared toward veterans, no homeless individuals or families will be excluded. About 40 public, private, nonprofit and volunteer agencies and veterans service organizations will provide a variety of free services, including: haircuts, clothing, welfare and food stamp information, shelter assistance, veterans claims assistance, mental health counseling, identification cards, health care screening, and immunizations. Hygiene supplies, blankets, and clothing will also be distributed. A hot lunch will be served.

Free transportation to and from the event is also available throughout the Inland Empire. For schedules and pickup locations, please call Volunteer Center of Greater Riverside at (909) 686-HELP or Stan Haines at (909) 825-7084.

Volunteers are also needed to help at the event. To volunteer, or for more information on the Care Faire, please call Bill Densmore at the Riverside Center of Greater Riverside at (909) 369-9755, or Ned Cooney at the Volunteer Center, (909) 686-4402.

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VOTER REGISTRATION

If you want to vote at the Presidential Primary Election, you must be registered. The last day to register is Monday, February 26.

You need to register if you:—Are not presently registered; or
—Are registered but have moved or
—Changed your mailing address; or
—Want to change your political party affiliation.

You’re eligible to register if you are:
—A United States citizen; and
—A resident of California; and
—Not in prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony; &
—At least 18 years of age at the time of the election.

You can be registered by one of the many Deputy Registrars in the County. Postcard forms are available at hundreds of locations throughout the County—post offices, banks, government and business offices as well as the DMV, social service agencies and the Board of Equalization due to the implementation of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA).

Registrar of Voters: Riverside County
Phone: (909) 275-8700 or (800) 773-VOTE
Address: 1260 Palmymira Avenue, Riverside, CA 92507-1703

San Bernardino County
Phone: (909) 387-8300
Address: 777 East Rialto Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92408

Comprehensive Veterans Fair scheduled for February 24 in San Bernardino

Assemblyman Baca will host a 4th Annual Comprehensive Veterans' Fair on Saturday, February 24, 1996, at the Radisson Hotel and Convention Center, Grand Ballroom, 295 North E Street, San Bernardino from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Veteran's Fair will feature numerous employers, governmental agencies, and veterans' organizations. Their representatives will help the 50,000 Inland Empire veterans learn more about their rights, benefits, and opportunities in employment, housing, health care, education, insurance, advocacy, and business loans.

Captain Will Hays, a decorated naval combat veteran of the Korean and Vietnam wars, will be the special keynote speaker during the opening ceremony.

"My fellow veterans have served our country with great distinction in its times of need, and they have earned the right to live in honor and dignity. The freedoms we all enjoy today are a direct result of their service and sacrifice," Baca stated. "Veterans needs are a top priority with me."

For more information, contact Assemblyman Joe Baca's district office at (909) 885-Baca.
Lucia Ortega-Rodriguez leads Riverside's Eastside Collaborative Program through successful first year

Lucia Ortega-Rodriguez has been the mainstay of their activities. She volunteered their time to serve the community-oriented service organization throughout the Inland Empire.

Her previous position was Hispanic Coordinator for the Inland Caregiver Resource Center. Other work experience includes legal assistant for a local attorney for ten years in the Riverside area.

She is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Greater San Bernardino, KMEX-Inland Empire Outreach Committee, UCR Latino Advisory Committee, LaNet, Foreign Student Exchange Program and International Border Committee.

"I believe that our children are our future. We need to do more than just say no. We need to give children choices. In providing children with opportunities and resources, we will enrich their future which, in turn, will enrich our community," she said.

The Gents have been recognized for their achievements and contribution to the community by KCBS with an anedgment in the Congressional Record!

The Gents have been so honored that they have a permanent place for our members' achievements and contribution to the community. Their installation of officers for the 1996 calendar year. Installing officer is Mr. Richard Rodriguez, president.

The Gents have also helped numerous organizations and individuals who have been in need of financial aid. For many years, the members have traditionally volunteered their time to serve dinners on Christmas Day at Casa Ramona for homeless and poverty-stricken families.

The Gents have been reenergized into volunteering more time than they have in the past. In a very short time, we will be able to serve our youth and community, by making the building available for the rental by community groups, and more importantly have a permanent place for our members," said Mojica.

Free Tax Preparation

Free help with income tax form preparation is being offered to low-income, Spanish-speaking and disabled persons until April 13 through the School of Business and Public Administration at Cal State, San Bernardino.

CSUSB accounting students will provide one-on-one assistance to the taxpayer. The prepared federal and state returns will be reviewed by supervising faculty, notes Dr. Joan Kritzberg, a professor of management who oversees the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

No appointments are necessary. Assistance is offered at Cal State on Wednesdays through March 13, from 3 to 6 P.M. in Room 141 of Jack Brown Hall and on Saturdays at the Feldshiem Library in San Bernardino through April 13, from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. Spanish-speaking assistants will be available at all of the sessions.

Participants should bring W-2 forms and information about other income and deductions as well as a copy of last year's return and the tax forms they've received in the mail, Kritzberg says.

More information is available at (909) 880-5714.

New Curtis Middle School Principal

The San Bernardino City Board of Education has selected James Alvarado to be principal at Curtis Middle School. Alvarado was principal of English Learner/Support Programs. Alvarado was principal of Arrowview Middle School prior to taking the alternative high school assignment. He had asked to return to a middle school campus.

The Casa Ramona Child Development Center, 1524 W. Seventh Street, San Bernardino, is currently accepting applications for enrollment of children ages 2 years 9 months to 5 years of age. The Center is opened from 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM, Monday thru Friday. For information call Marianne Elliott at (909) 889-0011.
WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE INLAND EMPIRE

February 9

• The Perris Valley Hispanic Chamber of Commerce has scheduled its 1996 Officers and Board of Directors Installation Awards Dinner/Dance at the Special Occasions, 31999 Highway 74, Hemet, with co-host at 6:00. Speaker is George Aguilar, President of the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District. Tickets are $25 per person. For reservations call (909) 940-4440.

• Democratic Luncheon Forum scheduled a weekly meeting every Friday at Denay's Restaurant, 740 W. 2nd Street, San Bernardino. Speakers and dates are as follows: February 16, Steve Clute, 88th Assembly District candidate; February 23, Wilma Stringati, 63rd Assembly District candidate.

March 1, Panel Presentation of Key Issues; March 8, Tim Taggart, Superior Court 2 candidate; March 15, Patsy Hockersmith, 66 Assembly District candidate; March 22, Raven Lopez-Workman, 43rd Congressional District candidate, "Networking and Your Lighting Fire."

March 3

The Sociedad Progresista Mexicans, Lodge 60 is holding a fund-raising anniversary dinner-dance at the Fontana Elks Lodge, 1540 W. Rialto Avenue, Fontana with dinner at 3:00 PM and dancing at 7:00 PM. Lodge 60 is dedicated to scholarships and community work.

March 25

The Canto Bello Chorale is presenting Tephthah Carissimi Chamber Mass Vivaldi with members of the Inland Empire Symphony. Special appearances by the Arroyo Singers. The performance with be at the St. Bernardine Historic Church, corner of 5th and F Street, San Bernardino. General admission $25, seniors/students $10. For further information call (909) 825-0849.

March 30

The UCR Chicano/Latino student leaders have planned a 1996 Chicano/Latino Youth Conference, "Adelante Sin Fronteras: Affirming our Culture, Determining our Future." For further information call LaNe Net Work at (909) 943-2784 (evenings) or (909) 787-3612 between 1 to 5 PM.

*Organizations are encouraged to submit their activities to the Inland Empire Hispanic News, 1558 N. Waterman Ave., San Bernardino, CA 92404, at least one month in advance.

Special Notice: The La Ne Network gives notice that the weekly Wednesday meetings will be held at the Los Cabos Restaurant, 1756 University Avenue, Riverside, Tel. (909) 682-7271.

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Register to Vote in Presidential Primary by Monday February 26

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, February 21, 1996

"Youth Summit '96 Helps Youth Take a Stand, Not a Smoke"

"Selling cigarettes to minors is not just morally wrong, it's against the law and has been for the last hundred years," said Carlene Henriques, Regional Project Coordinator of Tri-County South Regional Tobacco-Free Project.

"That's why we are pleased about the Tri-County South Regional Tobacco-Free Project's "Youth Summit '96" at the Pilgrim Pines Camp in Oak Glen, California. This Summit gives the youth of Riverside, San Bernardino and the Imperial Counties the power to become advocates against the negative tactics used by the tobacco industry to promote tobacco use in our communities," said Donna Newton, Assistant Regional Project Coordinator.

The Tri-County South Coalition is dedicated to protecting youth and children by: 1) reducing their access to tobacco products, 2) eliminating tobacco advertising and promotions that are aimed at kids and 3) making these youths aware of the deadly effects of second hand smoke," said Henriques.

The Tri-County Tobacco-Free Project is dedicated to eliminating tobacco advertising and promotions aimed at youth and high risk groups from Imperial, Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

The participants in the event learned how to address policy makers, how to interact with various forms of the media, and how to discuss the important issues that we face daily in our communities.

The sessions included effective ways to advocating for local and state strategies that support tobacco free communities. These included: Advocacy through drama, letter writing campaigns, community action activities, and many more.

"Youth recruitment for the event was aided by a coalition of community groups including the Imperial County Tobacco Control Coalition; Imperial County Office of Education; Corona Norco Unified School District; Riverside County Office of Education; San Bernardino County TURN Program; Riverside/San Bernardino County Indian Health Services, Inc.; San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools; Riverside County Tobacco Intervention Advisory Coalition; and the Riverside Peacekeepers," said Betty Mullendore, Tobacco Educator Coordinator of The Imperial County Tobacco Control Coalition.

"If you or your child would like more information on preventing tobacco's negative influence in our communities please call us at (909) 320-1599," said Penny Mitchell, Chairperson of the Tri-County South Regional Tobacco Free Coalition and Associate Executive Director The American Lung Association of the Inland Counties.

Funds for this project were made possible by the Tobacco Tax Health Protection Act of 1988 - Proposition 99, under grant No. 93-19055 with the California Department of Health Services, Tobacco Control Section.
IT WAS A SUPERBLOCK DAY IN SAN BERNARDINO

(San Bernardino, CA) "I am glad this day is here," said San Bernardino Mayor Tom Minor, about the Superblock groundbreaking ceremony last Thursday. "It proves to the public it is happening, and that the state's really working."

The groundbreaking took place downtown San Bernardino under stars in a 10,000 square foot tent with a clear top.

Before the event Governor Pete Wilson, accompanied by Mayor Tom Minor and State Senator Bill Leonard, (R-San Bernardino), took a tour of the Superblock site.

Governor Wilson hailed Mayor Minor as a good mayor who cared about the city he served. "Minor is fighting for his city's best interest." Wilson also commended the efforts of Senator Leonard, noting that Leonard also helped push the project through. Wilson predicted that San Bernardino, through their efforts, would once again be an All-American City.

More than 680 guests attended the groundbreaking festivities with the food being catered by the Radisson Hotel and the Hilton Hotel. The guests enjoyed the event and the reason for the event, the official Superblock Groundbreaking. "The glory days of San Bernardino are returning," said Dr. Stuart M. Bundy.

"It will be a positive effect on downtown ... it will bring customers to the downtown area. It will also have an effect on the entertainment and morale of the people working in the downtown area," said Norine Miller, San Bernardino City Councilperson.

Betty Dean Anderson, Councilperson Elect for the 6th Ward said, "This is great, I am anticipating that the Superblock will help make San Bernardino a better place to live."

The idea for the Superblock was first discussed in 1991. Five years and many delays later the project was approved and pushed through due to the efforts of Mayor Minor, Senator Leonard, the Economic Development Agency and Governor Wilson.

The project will bring 600-800 much needed construction jobs, and keep more than 1,000 state office workers in downtown San Bernardino. "It will also be a catalyst for additional building and business activity in the downtown area," said Larry Sharp, President of San Bernardino County Central Credit Union.

Occupancy of the new building is set for July 1, 1997. According to Governor Wilson, "The revival of San Bernardino has begun."

Congratulations

Sabas "Slick" and Candelaria "Candie" Saucedo on your 60th wedding anniversary.

May both of you continue to enjoy a lasting marital life.

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Board of Directors and Staff
Sacramento - “The new California state University (CSU) policy on remedial education will require unprecedented collaboration between the K-12 system and higher education to ensure that students enter the university fully prepared to do college-level work,” said State Superintendent of Public Instruction Delaine Eastin. “It is an example of the comprehensive approach we need to have if we are going to make lasting improvements in our system of education.”

The CSU Trustees adopted a policy that keeps the doors of the state university open to an increasingly diverse population of students but focuses on improving the precollege preparation of students. In the words of CSU Chancellor Barry Munitz, “The goal is not the elimination of remedial programs, but the elimination of any need for remedial programs.”

The policy calls for gradually reducing the need for remedial classes in English or mathematics for new students in the state university system. At present, more than one half of students fail to meet minimum proficiencies on the CSU’s English and mathematics placement exams.

The next step will be to develop a detailed plan for implementing the new policy. The Implementation Advisory Committee with participation from the CSU public K-12 schools, and the community college system is being appointed to develop a detailed plan.

The Remedial Education Policy Implementation Advisory Committee is holding its first meeting today at CSU Stanislaus. Superintendent Eastin appointed Doris Alvarez, the principal of Hoover Senior High School in the San Diego Unified School District, and Dave Pava, the principal of James Logan High School in the New Haven Unified School District.

For more information you may contact Jim McGrew at CSU Stanislaus, (209) 667-3391 or Barbara Brandes in the California Department of Education’s Interssegmental Relations Office, (916) 445-5709.

Two Rio Vista School Students Win S.B. District Bilingual Logo Contest

Veronica Lizarraga and Carlos Gaetan, both second grade students at Rio Vista Elementary School, San Bernardino, recently won the logo design contest sponsored by the San Bernardino School District Bilingual Education Department.

Rio Vista’s principal Dr. Dunneen DeBruhl stated, “We are so proud of our two young students, Veronica and Carlos. They put forth so much effort to win and were rewarded by winning this contest. The students at Rio Vista extend their congratulations to both these fine young students.”

Veronica is the youngest of seven children. Her father passed away as a result of a heart attack two years ago. The mother and sisters work together to support the family.

Elizabeth Brennan, Veronica’s teacher, says that her pupil’s favorite subjects are reading and art. She loves to read for her own enjoyment and puts much effort into her artwork.

Carlos favorite subjects are math, drawing, baseball and reading. His mother said that he loves school and especially his principal, Dr. DeBruhl. The father is a construction worker and the mother is a homemaker. Carlos has five sisters and three brothers, and each speaks Spanish at home.

His mother said that when Carlos found out he had won the logo contest, he was unable to sleep the nights before being recognized at the bilingual education meeting.

Carlos said that he would like to be a policeman so that he can help abused children.

Free Parenting Classes

Barbara Montoya and Doris Roberts, counselors at Pacific High School, are offering a series of eight, free workshops on parenting skills, beginning Thursday night, February 29, 1996 and continuing every Thursday night for eight weeks. The last class will be held on Thursday, April 25, 1996. Classes are open to the public and will be held in Room B-6 on the Pacific High Campus from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Course topics include how to be an assertive parent, how to set limits, setting up positive and negative consequences, and building self-esteem in yourself and your child.

For information or to enroll in the course, please contact the Pacific High counseling Center, 909/388-6419, between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Pacifie is located at 1020 Pacific Street.

Wednesday, February 21, 1996

The Southwest Voter Registration Education Project’s (SVREP) local advisory committee has appointed “Rocket” Rios as coordinator for the local chapter.

Rios is actively involved in youth groups and the Kiwanis Club of Greater San Bernardino. He has been instrumental in organizing Key Clubs at Aquinas High School and Cal-State, San Bernardino. His other activities includes the Inland Empire Latino Youth Organization.

The SVREP was organized in San Antonio, Texas by Willie Velasquez for advocating the registration of Latino voters throughout the southwest. Since that time, many thousands of Latinos have been registered to vote and involved in “get out the vote”.

The local chapter will campaign to register voter in the weekend of February 24 in the Inland Empire. Mecha Groups and other volunteers will be designated to cover strategic precinct for the March 26 primary elections.

Persons wishing to volunteer to register voters may call Rios at (909) 387-0813.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino will, at their regular monthly session for TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 1996 at 7:00 P.M. in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors, 385 North Arrowhead Avenue, First Floor, San Bernardino, CA, consider the following proposed substantial amendment to the 1995-96 Consolidated Plan and will consider citizen comments regarding this amendment.

Proposition $125,000 to a new County wide Microenterprise Expansion Revolving Loan Program and $125,000 to a new Small Business Expansion Revolving Loan Fund Program from the Countywide Business Expansion Revolving Loan Funds Program.

CONSORTIUM PLAN

Each year since 1975, the County of San Bernardino has qualified to receive federal housing and community development grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The funds are to develop viable communities by providing decent housing, suitable living environments and expanded economic opportunities, principally for low and moderate income persons. In 1993, the County qualified to receive these funds over a three year period from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) and HOME Investment Partnership Acts (HOME) programs. The funds are for eligible projects in the unincorporated communities and 13 participating cities. These cities are Adelanto, Town of Apple Valley, Barstow, Big Bear Lake, Chino Hills, Colton, Grand Terrace, Highland, Loma Linda, Montclair, Needles, Redlands, Ruhi, Twentynine Palms, Yucaipa, Victorville, and the Town of Yucca Valley. For the purpose of these grant funds, this area is referred to as the County Consortium.

To receive the 1995-96 CDBG, ESG, and HOME grant funds, the County prepared a consolidated grant application called the "Consolidated Plan." On April 4, 1995, the County of San Bernardino Board of Supervisors approved a proposed Consolidated Plan. Upon completion of the public review period and after all comments were received and considered, a final Consolidated Plan was prepared. The final Consolidated Plan was submitted to HUD on May 31, 1995 for funding approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT

For a period of thirty (30) days beginning on February 20, 1996 and ending on March 21, 1996, the public is invited to submit written comments on this proposed amendment. Comments received after 5:00 P.M., March 21, 1996 cannot be considered in the preparation of the amended 1995-96 Consolidated Plan. Send comments to the County Department of Economic and Community Development at the address shown below.

Those individuals wishing to express their views on this substantial amendment may be present and be heard at the Board of Supervisors meeting or may, prior to the time of the meeting, submit written comments to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, 385 North Arrowhead Avenue, Second Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0130.

If you challenge any decision regarding the above proposal in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the meeting described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at or prior to the meeting at issue.

Due to time constraints and the number of persons wishing to give oral testimony, time restrictions may be placed on oral testimony at the public hearing regarding this proposal. You may make your comments in writing to assure that you are able to express yourself adequately.

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Riverside's Eastside Collaborative Program completes 1st yr. - From page 1

resources to establish an in-depth program targeted to the core of at-risk students at Eastside school sites and offer a positive educational window of opportunity.

The latter option was selected and the U/ECC concept was formally developed to provide tutorial, enrichment, employment, educational and mentoring opportunities to children and youth during that "window of opportunity" between 2:00 and 6:00 PM, a time frame that is recognized to be the greatest risk to gang involvement and drug and alcohol experimentation.

Rodriguez was selected to coordinate the program through UCR's Office of Governmental and Community Relations and its director, Robert Nava. "The people in the various agencies were very cooperative and became very much involved. This was very helpful, since many variables were considered in the program's initial development," Rodriguez said.

Community and educational resources were identified for inclusion in the program. The city, university, school district, community college and community-based agencies provide funds, with added funding grants from the area's corporations.

Program's development included tutorial, enrichment, youth employment and mentoring programs. Additional program designs included supervised cultural, recreational and social activities.

Tutors and mentors were recruited from the university's undergraduate student population, with the incentive of academic credits for participation in the program.

The targeted schools for student recruitment included Hyatt, Highland and Longfellow elementary schools and Cesar Chavez Community Center. These sites would provide after school tutorial, enrichment and homework reinforcement programs.

Students at University Heights Middle, North High and Lincoln Continuation high school would receive youth employment and mentoring program. The U/ECC Program was implemented on January 4, 1995. Typically, the program begins immediately after school. UCR students provide tutorial and homework reinforcements, which includes mathematics, reading and language arts. The agenda follows with enrichment, where the university students share their talents and experiences with music, science, art, dance and arts and crafts.

The Cesar Chavez Community Center is an added site for after school services to the elementary students where students are taught literature, dance, science, story time, art, and creative writing.

During the first year of operations, U/ECC program has served 558 elementary students from an ethnically and economic diverse community.

The Youth Employment/Mentoring program targets at-risk middle and high school students between 14 and 18 years of age. The criteria for admission to the program is teen mothers, low academics, poverty situation and unconventional behavior.

Participants work four hours per week after school on the UCR campus. Participants' interests and hobby are matched with job assignments. Class rooms may include from anthropology to physics, and the Museum of Photograph.

As an added component to changing participants' behavior and providing opportunities is the enrollment in the "Youth Leadership Academy." This component is a series of courses taught by university faculty and staff. From self identification, values and understanding of cultural differences, the participant is provided with tools to build self-esteem.

Participants are assigned mentors and role models. With training and supervision, UCR students provide direct contact, assistance and friendship.

The program has served 78 "at risk" adolescent students and 148 UCR students have completed 4000 hours of community work.

Rodriguez continued, "The success of the U/ECC Program has received statewide recognition. We are pleased that Mayor Ron Leveridge, Chancellor Orbach and other officials were invited to make a presentation of the program to the UC Board of Regents on February 16 in San Francisco."

"The young men and women of our community are a great resource," said Raymond L. Orbach, Chancellor of the University of California, Riverside. "We at UCR are committed to welcoming expertise," said Rodriguez.

The University/Eastside Community Collaborative was just a dream a year and a half ago. For the past year, through the efforts of the University of California, Riverside, the City of Riverside, and the Riverside Unified School District, the Collaborative has provided tutorial, enrichment, and employment opportunities for kindergarten through high school students who live in the eastside of Riverside.

The program is extremely successful bringing opportunities to students and their families that previously have been unavailable in that community.

The program targets at-risk middle and high school students and their families. By working closely with the school and community, the Collaborative is able to provide critical educational support and post-school preparation.

Anthony J. Lardieri, Superintendent, RUSD

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Lemann has contributed many years of his time, skills and talents to improving the quality of community life in the Inland Empire. He is a member, or has been a member, of 38 professional, social, economic, cultural, law enforcement, civic and religious organizations in the Inland Empire.

One of the issues that has surfaced in the campaign is the financing/construction of the county medical center. The board of supervisors have publicly stated that the medical center will be built (based on the high cost of a modified hospital construction plans and more importantly, the prior approval by federal and state medical review boards).

Secondly, the medical services provided by the private hospitals and the medical center are locally competitive.

Lemann had previously recommended a negotiated regional approach to them to our campus, and to reach out to them at their schools and community to form a bond between our campus and community.

"The University/Eastside Community Collaborative Program has strengthened that bond by bringing the city, county, schools and UCR."

"Our responsibility is to provide opportunity and assistance to develop skills and interests. We welcome our community to our campus, and we wish to be one of them."