

added to his 5'8" frame.

Finn wasn't far off. The Vietnamese Viking finished second to Delarosa in the heavyweight class, and even though the 225-pound Delarosa (who, by the way, wants me to give him a nickname; any suggestions?) got straight ones from the judges, I felt that An came much closer than the scores indicated.

In any case, it was a terrific showing for the 26-year-old Nguyen, who was featured as one of my Rising Stars two issues back. He was nearly 18 pounds heavier this year, and I can see him being at the top of the class at his next outing, in both weight and results.

ADD USA—DENIZ DAZZLES—It was the first year for the men's physique division, and the turnout—more than 70—was as good as had been expected. Florida's **Deniz** (pronounced *Dennis*) **Duygulu** won the overall, besting the other class champs, California's **Frankly Shredded** (hey, I just announce the names from the sheets!) and **Nick Garton**. Look for this category possibly to double in numbers by next year.

WCC Honor Roll

Six athletes who took part in my '11 NPC BMR West Coast Classic five weeks earlier went on to land in the top five in Sin City—and one earned a pro card to boot! **Narmin Assria**, the WCC A-class winner in bikini, duplicated that feat at the USA, which earned her the right to move up. **Michelle Taracjak**, the WCC bikini overall winner, placed fourth in the USA F-class. Well-known mainstream model **Vida Guerra**, who made her NPC debut at the WCC with an overall victory in the 35-and-over division, finished third in class B.

Nhon Ly, who's won the lightweight class at the WCC for the past two years, repeated his fourth-place finish of 2010 at the USA. The 46-year-old wonder was, in my view, much improved over last year; the class was just a lot tougher this season.

Shaka Smith, the A-class and overall winner in men's physique at the WCC, placed fifth in Vegas, one slot ahead of **Tim Roberts**, who also landed one slot behind him at the WCC.

ADD WCC—Rocky Nehk (as in neck), the WCC masters 50-and-over winner, who was also second in the open middleweights, went on to take the same division at the NPC Teen, Collegiate, Masters Nationals in Pittsburgh a month later. And **Rosalind Gutierrez**, who won the masters figure 45-and-over overall at the WCC, captured her class in that division in the 'Burgh. Kudos to all.

Add Pittsburgh

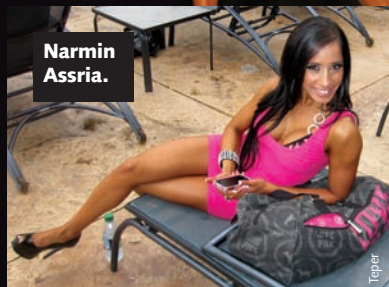
IRON MAN correspondent **Dave Liberman** was on the scene at the **Gary Udit**-produced Teen, Collegiate, Masters National Championships and sent along his backstage shots of the big winners, as usual. One photo particularly intrigued me. Kid sure looked familiar. Oh, yeah: It was **Jonathan Irizar-**



Michelle Taracjak.



Vida Guerra.



Narmin Assria.



Shaka Smith.



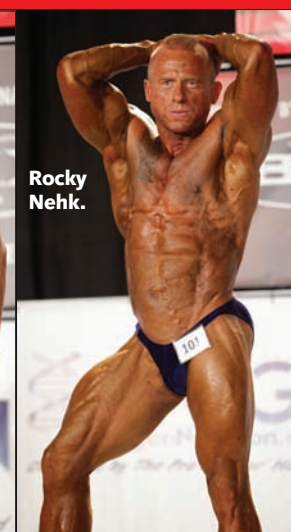
Nhon Ly.



Tim Roberts.



Rosalind Gutierrez.



Rocky Nehk.