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Dr. Thomas Haider is gung-ho in expanding his Children's Spine Foundation & on March 10, the public is invited to attend a fund-raising event at the RainCross Convention Center.

He chose the field of medicine as a career. He left his country after high school in 1972 to study in the United States. Receiving a B.A. and M.A. at the University of Colorado, Haider received his medical training at Loyola University's Stritch School of Medicine. His internship, residency and spine fellowship were at the University of Colorado.

In 1990, Dr. Haider started his orthopedic practice, becoming a spinal specialist in Riverside, and began his association with the University of California, Riverside, working with the biomedical science programs.

He invented and patented a surgical device, which became a state-of-the-art tool in spinal surgery. The expectation is that royalties will produce approximately $2 to $3 million per year. He has given away about $5 million and has pledged all royalties to UCR.

He hopes that the gift will enhance the newly founded Dr. Thomas Haider Biomedical Science Program, which will keep students at UCR in lieu of going to UCLA, a move to initiate a local medical school.

Throughout his medical career, Dr. Haider has been generous with his services as a spine specialist. In charge of a 12 person clinic in Riverside, he sees a need to examine children who would not otherwise be examined, generally because of economic reasons.

In 1994, he created the Children's Spine Foundation to serve children in Riverside and San Bernardino. This large area can be serviced due to his association with six hospitals, three being in the San Bernardino area.

The focus of the CSF is early detection of spinal problems in children and, more importantly, to provide skilled medical services to those who cannot afford them.

Dr. Thomas Haider

Supervisor Jerry Eaves to be honored by Latino ImPACt at First Annual Recognition Dinner Feb. 18

The Latino-ImPACt, a political action committee actively involved in the Inland Empire, is celebrating the First Annual Recognition Dinner to be held Thursday, February 18 at the Gents Community Center with San Bernardino Mayor Judith as Mistress of Ceremonies. Jerry Eaves, San Bernardino County Fifth District Supervisor, will be the honored guest.

"Supervisor Eaves has been involved in political and community activities in our region for many decades. It is appropriate that he be one of many individuals in the region to be recognized for his endeavors," stated Martin Valdez, president of Latino-ImPACt.

"This event will also demonstrate the political unity of the Latinos in the Inland Empire, and will be the catalyst to continue to enhance the political power and voter strength that was demonstrated in the recent state elections," Valdez said.

Latino-ImPACt was organized in 1988 by Dr. Armando Navarro, long-time activist and then President of the Institute for Social Justice and El Congreso Para Pueblos Unidos, currently Director of Ethnic Studies at the University of California, Riverside.

The political group's main focus at that time was to organize the diverse organizations and individuals into a cohesive and viable concentrated political strength to effectively impact the political process at the local and regional level. The group was very active for a number of years and ceased to be active when Dr. Navarro was appointed to UCR. The group was reactivated in 1995.

According to Valdez, the political group's current objectives are to finance registration drives, encourage Latinos to become politically active, candidacy development and political education.

"Our goal is to demonstrate to our citizens that we have a responsibility to become involved and as a political group, affect national, state and local legislative policies to meet our needs," Valdez said.

Supervisor Eaves was elected to the County's Board of Supervisors for the Fifth District in November, 1992. His main priorities on the Board have been to upgrade the county's computer system to meet the need of the year 2000; a new juvenile hall due to overcrowding; preparations for the expansion of court house and of the court system; the new Arrowhead Regional Medical Center in Colton; welfare reform; and creation of TecParc at the San Bernardino International Airport.

He currently serves on eight major state and local commissions and task forces.

Prior to his current tenure on the Board, Eaves was elected to the California State Assembly, where he

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Bustamante names Hispanic as his Director of Communication

Lieutenant Governor Cruz M. Bustamante announced today that veteran journalist Phil Garcia, Deputy Chief of The Sacramento Bee’s Capitol Bureau, has been named Director of Communication for the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

In his new role, Garcia will oversee statewide media relations for the Lieutenant Governor. His duties will also include speech writing and external communications.

Of his appointment, Garcia said: “I am honored to join Lieutenant Governor Bustamante’s team. The people of California put their trust in him to address challenging issues facing the state, including international trade, infrastructure needs and access to higher education. I look forward to helping him to communicate his message to Californians.

Garcia joined the Bee in December 1988. He served as business writer, an assistant city editor and state editor prior to his promotion to Deputy Capitol Bureau Chief in January, 1996. Earlier in his career, Garcia worked for the United Press International in Washington D.C., covering the U.S. Justice Department and Congress as a regional reporter. He also previously worked at the San Diego Union and the Arizona Daily Star (Tucson). A 1980 journalism graduate of the University of Kansas, Garcia also has completed two professional fellowships. In 1985-86 he was a Congressional Fellow with The American Political Science Association. In 1981-82, he spent 10 months in Mexico City on a journalism fellowship with the Inter-American Press Association.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT DAVE LONG NAMED MAN OF THE YEAR

Dr. David Long, Riverside County Superintendent of Schools, was named 1998 Man of the Year by the Canyon Lake Chamber of Commerce. Long moved to Canyon Lake six years ago when he took The reins of the Lake Elsinore Unified School District. He became the district’s second superintendent after the unification of Elsinore’s elementary and high school districts. Long recently took office on January 4 as the newly elected county superintendent.

Chamber President Dr. Vick Knight presented the award trophy to Long before an audience of 125 Chamber members, civic leaders and their guests. Long’s award was sponsored by Lake Chevrolet.

Knight praised Long for his dynamic stewardship. “He has supported local activities over the years,” said Knight, “and may be best known for his innovative Community Action Planning Conference each summer.” The three-day seminars brought together diverse community groups to identify local problems and work to solve them.

The local Youth Center, Youth Summer Meeting, Youth Court and other positive, programs resulted from the summer work sessions. Under Long’s guidance, said Knight, “the local schools achieved statewide recognition as educational leaders.”

Knight credited Long with a vision that made him the obvious candidate when the county superintendency became vacant.

George Aguilar Joins Cal State Board

George Aguilar, long time resident of the Inland Empire is joining the Cal State University Foundation Board according to a report by President Albert K. Kamin.

Aguilar is chief executive officer of Moran Transportation Network. He also is vice president of the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District board, chairman of the regional commission as a member. Recently he was named chairman of the regional commission for the Santa Ana River Watershed. He served in leadership roles for a number of community groups, including the Rialto Jaycees, Democrats United, The Home of Neighborly Service and the Inland Empire Hispanic Democratic Club.

George Aguilar
Inland Empire Hispanic News

"Vikki Carr: Memories, Memorias," a performance program celebrating Mexican and Latin-American music and its influence on popular music in the U.S. in the 1940s and '50s, airs in March.

Pepe Aguilar, Jack Jones and Arturo Sandoval Join Grammy Winner Vikki Carr for 60-Minute PBS Special

Vikki Carr: Memories, Memorias," a performance program celebrating Mexican and Latin-American music and its influence on popular music in the U.S. in the 1940s and '50s, airs in March. Vikki Carr is surrounded by the guest stars who join her in the program (from left): Trumpet player Arturo Sandoval, popular Mexican singer Pepe Aguilar and Grammy award-winning vocalist Jack Jones.

"Vikki Carr: Memories, Memorias," a 60-minute performance program that celebrates Mexican and Latin-American music and its influence on popular music in the United States in the 1940s and '50s, airs nationally on PBS stations in March (check local listings). Special guest performers include popular Mexican singing sensation Pepe Aguilar, Grammy award-winning vocalist Jack Jones and Cuban-born trumpeter Arturo Sandoval.

Host and featured artist Vikki Carr takes the audience on a special musical journey back to the golden era of the 1940s and '50s, when beautiful Latin-American melodies crossed the border, with new English lyrics to become enduring standards in the United States. "Perfidia" and "Frenesi" hit the American charts, "Cuando Vuelva a Tu Lado" became "What A Difference A Day Makes," and "Solamente Una Vez" was popular as "You Belong To My Heart." The three-year Grammy award-winning Carr is one of an elite cadre of singing stars whose appeal crosses boundaries of language and culture to attract English and Spanish-speaking audiences. Carr and special guest artists perform the songs in both languages, backed by a 22-piece orchestra, conducted by Larry Blank, who has been the conductor/music director for Broadway musicals and movies and has guest conducted for major orchestras throughout North America.

Born Florencia Bisenta de Casillas Martinez Cardona in El Paso, Texas, Carr began her singing career in 1961 with her first recording contract. It was soon followed by the hit song "It Must Be Him," which was later featured in the 1987 movie "Moonstruck." To celebrate her Mexican heritage, in 1972 she persuaded her record company to allow her to record in Spanish. In the years since, she has become one of the most popular and beloved recording artists in the Latin world, winning three Grammy awards and performing for five presidents, the Queen of England and sold-out audiences worldwide.

"Vikki Carr: Memories, Memorias," is made possible by PBS, with additional support from the Johnny Mercer Foundation.

Soto Takes Oath of Office and is Assigned to Key Committees

On December 7, to a jammed packed Assembly chamber, Nell Soto took the oath of office, along with 79 colleagues to become the first woman elected from the Inland Empire to the State Legislature. Her firsts didn't stop there, however, she is also the most senior member of the Assembly and its only great grandmother. She also introduced her first bill on this, her first day of work.

McGinniss Wins Third Ward Council Seat

Gordon McGinnis won out in a field of five candidates for the special election to the San Bernardino 3rd Ward, as a result of the resignation of former council peron Rita Arias. McGinniss was a political newcomer to the electoral process. Previously, he had been involved in issues within the city, specifically, the San Timoteo flood channel assessment and the proposed public safety tax.

In November, McGinniss will be running again for a four-year term. Tony Campos, former 1st Ward councilperson, indicated that he will also run in the regular election. Flores-estado that the elections on which he has kept his options open and will decide at a later date. Flores was a favorite in the race and other candidates targeted him as the person to beat. However, McGinniss was the most aggressive of the candidates running.

"Would I be where I am today without help from Anheuser-Busch? Maybe. But I'm glad I didn't have to find out."
The Inland Empire Hispanic News' Annual Young Role Model - International Style

Derek Parra, a 1998 Olympic Team member, returns home and received a welcoming party at his father's home.

by Consuelo Lopez

In 1984, a 14 year old young man walked into the San Bernardino's Stardust Roller Rink, put on a pair of in-line skates, stepped out into the rink, and this experience changed Derek Parra's lifestyle forever.

That day, Parra began a plan which eventually made him one of the most skilful skaters, propelling him to achieve his highest goals: a world class skater competing in the winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan in 1998. And becoming the first Mexican-American to go to the Winter Olympics, and second San Bernardino native to become an Olympian.

Introduced to skating by his brother, he was inspired to race, observing other skaters at the rink, practicing and improving his skating skills.

In 1988, Parra graduated from Dwight D. Eisenhower High School in Rialto. After skating four years at the Stardust, he went to Santa Ana to team-s skate for a year. He finally decided to train full time with Virgil Dooley, a former national speedskating national champion who has coached other skaters for the past 30 years.

For Parra, the move was a major turning point in his already successful career. He placed third overall at the 1988 Outdoor Nationals in Colorado Springs at the Olympic Training Center.

In 1989, Parra finished fourth, earning a final spot on the United States team at the national speed skating competition. The win resulted in Parra and his three teammates journeying to New Zealand in 1990 to compete in a world roller skate competition, winning a gold medal in the 10,000 meter relay.

In the next six years, Parra won world championships: 1991, a gold medal in Belgium; 1992, in Rome, four medals, three being gold medals; 1993, in the United States, six medals; France in 1994, seven medals; 1995, in Australia, three gold medals; and 1996, in Italy, four medals.

During the height of his speed roller skating career, Parra competed at the 1995 Pan-American Games. At this event, he became the most decorated athlete of the games, winning eight medals, five being gold.

In spite of his successes, Parra felt that greater opportunities were available for him. He continued to dream about competition in the Olympics. Unfortunately, in-line skating was not an Olympic sport. He made the decision to transition to speedskater.

In 1997, Parra finished second in the men's national 5,000-meter finals. In 1998, he finished third in the 5,000-meters and earned a spot on the United States Olympic Team for the Winter Olympic Games in February, 1998 at Nagano, Japan! Although participating in the Olympics Opening and Closing Ceremonies, he was not chosen to compete in the Games.

On April 15, Parra returned to San Bernardino and was an honored guest at Roosevelt Elementary School, his alma mater, which he had not visited since 1982.

Parra was well received by the 600 or more young students. He spoke to them for 20 minutes about attributes, including "perseverance, working hard, never giving up, be a good person and do what your parents tell you." Many questions were asked regarding his experiences and the many accolades received throughout his skating career.

Parra stated that his plans are to continue to improve his skating skills and compete for the 2002 Olympics, promising to return to Roosevelt School after participating in the Games.

The Inland Empire Hispanic News compliments Derek Parra for his dedication to the sport and determination to reach the highest achievement at the national and international level. We commend Derek Parra for appearing at public functions and Roosevelt School, becoming a role model and inspiration to our young people.

Derek Parra, (second right) spoke before the Kiwanis Club of Greater San Bernardino on his speed skating career. Pictured above (l to r) is Hiram Diaz, Rachel Clark, Parra's granduncle and grandaunt, respectively, and Gil Parra, father.

Derek Parra, center, visiting his alma mater, Roosevelt Elementary School, San Bernardino, and being introduced by Roosevelt Principal Gerald Kisinski, right to the students in a special assembly to greet the Olympic skating star. Parra was in Kisinski's fifth grade class during the 1980's.

Derek Parra, left, receiving a city proclamation from San Bernardino Mayor Judith Valles, right, with Roosevelt Elementary Principal Gerald Kasinski, center, (Kasinski was Parra's fifth grade teacher at the school).

REMEMBER YOUR VALENTINE ON FEBRUARY 14
National Hispanic Leaders Meet with Vice President Albert Gore

Washington, DC-The National Hispanic Leadership Agenda (NHLA), a nonpartisan coalition comprised and represented by the principal officers of 32 national Hispanic organizations and distinguished leaders from across the nation met with Vice President Albert Gore January 22, 1999 on key issues of concern for the Hispanic community.

The meeting with the Vice President was the first order of business as part of NHLA’s annual leadership retreat. The issues, raised included the Hispanic Education Action Plan, a full and accurate Census reduction as the backdrop to Naturalization applications, the inclusion of the Latino community in Economic Development initiatives, immigration, and under-representation of Latinos in the Federal Career Workforce.

During the meeting, the Vice President commented on the significance of meeting with the national Hispanic leadership— noting that the growth of the Hispanic community in the next millennium will have social, political, and economic implications for the nation as a whole.

“The meeting was an historic gathering of our national leadership and the Vice President of the United States. We were very pleased with the constructive dialogue with the Vice President and his commitment to addressing our concerns,” stated Arturo Vargas, Chair of the NHLA.

Vice President was accompanied by Latino members of the Administration including Secretary of Energy, Bill Richardson; Administrator of the Small Business Administration, Aida Alvarez; White House Deputy Chief of Staff, Maria Echaveste; White House Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Mickey Bass; White House Director of Legislative Affairs, Janet Murguia; Chief Financial Officer for the Vice President’s Office, Moises Vela; Deputy Director of the Office of Personnel Management, John Sepulveda; Executive Director of the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans, Sarita Brown; and Associate Director of Presidential Personnel, Veronica De La Garza.

According to Elisa Sanchez, Executive Committee Member of NHLA, "The Administration agreed to keep the lines of communication open and meet on a regular basis with the Vice President and Latino members of the Administration." Mrs. Sanchez continued, "It is important that the Latino Community be part of all critical policy decisions made on behalf of our community every day." Ms. Sanchez concluded.

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Report on San Bernardino School District
By PamelaLee Bailey-Shimizu

Last year I began attending San Bernardino City Unified School District meetings. It had been a few years as my child graduated in the 70's. As an sociologist now involved in Native American Indian education I once again was involved.

Some things never seem to change. The school district says parents are welcome and as I watched a group of concerned parents struggle to voice their concerns, one board member said the board must support the school staff. If no concerns were desired the meetings could be held in closed chambers. It seemed that these concerns in and of themselves are not attacks but attempts to be active in children's schooling. So maybe the question to the school district should be do you really want concerned, active parents or do you want free, silent teacher assistants.

I attended a meeting where some facts were made clear and others were made so foggy I got a need to clear the fog. This was a meeting between the city officials, Parks and Rec. officials, and the San Bernardino City Unified School District. I was delighted to hear a question asked by the mayor that was to me a key to the problems in our city. Mayor Valdes pointed out that it was hard to get industry to come to San Bernardino because our schools didn't seem to be thought of as good schools. Then she sat the school board to help her understand this. I believe it was Neal Roberts the Superintendent that answered, but it could be wrong. It was a made up of 10% in the school board that answered I do remember. The mayor was told that there was no reason anyone questioned our school system because we got so many awards.

I had sat through several board meetings held up for an hour or two or more while these awards were given out. At first I thought how nice to recognize those people who deserve an award. After months of these awards at each meeting I did begin to wonder who was granting them out. When the final defense from the school official was how many awards they had, I realized the true importance of these awards.

Now I sat there thinking of my daughter who a few years earlier had graduated from this district. She was a good student according to the awards she received, a debatist which again she must keep her grades up. She was a star athlete which also I assumed she must keep a good g.p.a.. When she graduated with honors, I was sure she had received a education of at least basic importance. As a sociology graduate at California State University San Bernardino I had been studying Native American Indian educational numbers. For the last five years I found no record of a Native American Indian student graduating from the local schools and entering C.S.U. S.B. When she graduated with honors, I was sure she had received a education of at least basic importance. That's when I knew my child could not read at a level high enough to even pass a good high school English class.

I was willing to believe our schools had improved if I didn't see enough room for them to be worse. As a sociologist graduate at California State University San Bernardino I had been studying Native American Indian educational numbers. For the last five years I found no record of a Native American Indian student graduating from the local schools and entering C.S.U. S.B. So I asked the man talking about all those awards where the Native American Indian students were going. I was not only told I was wrong but after the meeting a man followed me to my car to tell me 10 Indian students had gone on to higher education. Later I found out the school does "phone surveys" and just asks students what their plans for after school is. No follow up or proof is required.

Any answer that can be called "Higher Education" like beauty school, trade school, etc. is then reported as "Survey Results". Well I was told that 10 Indian students had been called and 16 were going on to higher education. So I had no room to protest, over half the Indians were going on to education and that was above standard.

Here's the real numbers as I received them from the San Bernardino School District office:

Total Native American Students 665
Total Native American Dropouts 11
Total of Native American 12th Grade Graduates 9
Total of Native American 12th Grade Students Who Met University Requirements 2
Oddly enough I was sent the numbers for 3-years and each year only 2 Native American students get the proper classes for University requirements. Least you think the requirements are high, the University, requirements are only in math and English and a good grade point average.

The numbers on other students were dismal:

Total of Black Students 9,341
Total of Black Students Dropouts 121
Total of Black 12th Graduates 151
Total of Black Students Who Met University requirements 23

Total Latino Students 24,214
Total of Latino Students Dropouts 293
Total of Latino 12th Graduates 322
Total of Latino Students Who Met University requirements 55.

Total Euro-American Students 11,360
Total of Euro-American Students Dropouts 112
Total of Euro-American 12th Grade Students Who Met University Requirements 88

Total Asian Students 1,604
Total of Asian Students Dropouts 23
Total of Asian 12th Graduates 39
Total of Asian Students Who Met University requirements 13

Total Pacific Islanders Students 252
Total Pacific Islanders Students Dropouts 4
Total of Pacific Islanders Students Who Met University requirements 7

Total Filipino Students 218
Total of Filipino Students Dropouts 1
Total of Filipino 12th Graduates 4
Total of Filipino Students Who Met University requirements 1

Out of the graduating class of 1997, a total of 1,611 only 184 of these students could qualify for higher education (or I believe higher education to mean a University). This letter should not be taken as one more award, just the facts as the school district gave them to me.

Calendar of Events

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE INLAND EMPIRE

Wednesday, February 3, 1999

To LaNet Members-Riverside:

LaNet’s Network (LaNet) new weekly meeting location at Centro de Niños, 4525 Victoria Avenue, Riverside, tel. no. (909) 683-8935. Coffee and donuts and sweet bread available.

- February 3

People Reaching Out’s Earn/Learn Internship Career Program and ICUC offering positions for juniors and seniors. Contact Gloria Lopez at (909) 686-8946.

Deadline February 15.

February 6

SBA, IEEP and IESBCD sponsoring free business seminar in Spanish for persons starting a business on sessions in legal aspects, financial resources and motivation/personal empowerment at IESBCD, 1157 Spruce Street, Riverside. Ca Call (800) 642-1422 for registration.

February 10

Heartcare Day: “Learn What You Can Do For Your Heart” session 5 to 7 at Riverside Community Hospital. Free testing on blood pressure and cholesterol.

For information call (909) 788-3471.

February 13

UCR Chicano Student Programs present “Noche Cultural” at UCR University Theatre at 7:00 PM with Ballet Folklorico, Mariachi Trompetas de Mexico, Los Romeros and many other performers. Admission: adults $3, students $7.

For information call Alfredo Figueroa at (909) 787-3821.

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February 18

Chicano Student Programs Ethnic Studies, MECHA English Department are presenting “Down These Mean Streets” by poet/writer Piri Thomas: Poetry Reading Poetic Struggle for Survival, Identity and Effects of Racism. For information contact Alfredo Figueroa at (909) 787-3821.

February 22-23

PRO presenting “Just Among Men” Jam Session, Parenting Custody/Paternity Issues at Cesar Chavez Community Center. Two evenings 6-8. For information call Gloria Lopez at (909) 686-8946.

February 23

Riverside Hispanic Chamber of Commerce hosting mixer at Fritts Fords: $400 Auto Driver, Riverside from 5 to 7. For information call at (909) 340-5946.

March 13

Mexican-American Golf Association’s 13th Annual Scholarship Tournament at Calimesa Country Club, 1300 So. 3rd Street, Calimesa, 9 AM shotgun start. Menudo served. Fee: package A $280 foursome, package B $70 single. Send check to: SBMAGA Annual Scholarship Tournament, Hiram Diaz, PO Box 881, San Bernardino, CA 92402, tax ID 51-0181206. Event sponsors are welcome, tee sponsorship: $50. For sign-up call Diaz at (909) 381-4253, Hernandez at (909) and Racl at (909) 466-6233.

March 26

The Hispanic Lifestyle Magazine is presenting the Inland Empire Latina Conference-1999 to be held at the Radisson Convention Center, San Bernardino, with Gloria Molina as keynote speaker. For information call (888) 893-8772.

STATEMENT OF SENATOR DIANNE FEINSTEIN

ON ADMINISTRATION PROPOSALS TO RESTORE BENEFITS TO LEGAL IMMIGRANTS

I voted against the Welfare Reform law of 1996. One of the reasons I did so was because of its unfairness to legal immigrants and my belief that there were many frail, fragile, and elderly legal immigrants who would be unable to survive in this society without the SSI, Medicare, and Food Stamps.

I have worked hard over the past two years to restore SSI and Food Stamp benefits for many legal immigrants who were already living in this country when the Welfare Reform law was signed into law. Now I am pleased to see that the Clinton Administration has proposed limited, reasonable measures to restore some benefits for elderly, disabled, children, and pregnant women who entered this country legally after 1996. These are vulnerable populations who need and deserve basic health care and subsistence level benefits. I truly believe that to deny them care, in the richest nation in the world, is grossly unfair.

I look forward to working this year to protect that children and pregnant women who are in this country legally can again be eligible for Medicaid, that legal immigrants who become disabled can rely on subsistence level cash benefits; and that legal immigrant senior citizens can collect food stamps, it's simply the right thing to do.
### UNIVERSITY INITIATIVES, LINKAGES REPORTED

Current and future directions for Cal State, San Bernardino, including its linkages with business and other community partnerships, will be outlined in remarks Feb. 3 by President Albert Karning in an Executive Briefing at the Student Union Events Center.

The 7:30 a.m. breakfast presentation will bring Business Partners members and community leaders up to date on Cal State developments, budgetary changes and the university's building master plan. Much of the talk will revolve around the university's strategic plan.

The event is open to the public. Individual admission is $20 for the general public and $12 for Business Partners members; group rates also are available. More information is available from the College of Business and Public Administration (909) 880-5771.

### Local AAU Bench Pressing Team being formed

Fred Francia, AAU 1998 National Bench Press Champion in the 181 lb. class made a run at AAU's World Bench Press Championship held on Saturday & Sunday November 21,22 in Moreno Valley, Ca. Francia who's main sponsor is Penske Motorsports' California Speedway secured himself a respectable 4th place finish with an impressive bench press of 366 lbs. Brazil took first place with 407 lbs. and U.S.A. rounded out the top four in this years extremely competitive 181 lb. class. Complete results will be published in an upcoming issue of Powerlifting USA Magazine.

Francia, a 24 year old Chino, California native is looking to put together a team for the 1999 season. Already signed on is AAU World Champion in the 275 lb. class John Baldwin and former Chino High wrestling star Darryl DiSanto. If you are interested in sponsoring or competing Fred can be reached at (800) 362-8216.

### MEDICINE AND HEALTH CAREER EXPO'99

Representatives from various graduate schools offering training in areas such as medicine, pharmacy, optometry, and chiropractic will attend the 4th Annual Health Career Expo at Cal State, San Bernardino on Feb. 10 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Student Union Events Center.

The expo, sponsored by the Medical Association of Prehealth Students (MAPS), will give students the chance to ask representatives questions about their admission to graduate school.

For more information call a MAPS representative at (909) 777-5208.

### Mexican Human Rights Activist to Speak on Struggle for Democracy in Mexico

Chiapas Coalition - San Bernardino/ Riverside presents Mexican Human Rights activist Rosario Ibarra who will speak on "The EZLN Plebiscite and the Struggle for Democracy in Mexico." Rosario Ibarra has been designated to act as liaison between Zapatistas and Mexican Civil Society for the March 21, 1999 Plebiscite on the Peace Accords between Zapatistas and the Mexican Government and will also address the urgency of Mexican participation in Mexico and the U.S. and its impact on the democratization of Mexico.

Rosario Ibarra will be in the San Bernardino and Riverside Counties January 25, 1999. The Chipas Coalition will be meeting to prepare the agenda for her visit.

For more information, contact Rosa Martha Zarate from Calpulli Project at (909) 889-5551.

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