



This trio of post-Olympia babes-in-black looked like a chorus line, but I couldn't get them to do a kick. Claimed they were figure, not fitness, competitors.



Veterans Memorial Auditorium Tales times two. J Zubir gives Sonia Gonzales a stairwell touch-up in Columbus (left), while Chaundra Tangi (below) glams up Kim Cotton in a ladies room at the Cal.



More fun than the Arnold? Gina Aliotti will pass on the Ohio event in 2010 and head to Cabos, Mexico, with fiancé Michael Silva for their dream wedding.



USA winner Kristal Marshall, who may be the hottest of all the bikini champs crowned in '09, is a wrestling diva in real life. Maybe she can give Zivile (and me) a few tips.

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No pro card yet for Michelle Brent, but her kick-ass protein cookies got everybody's vote. Ten varieties and counting—find them at www.MichellesMagicMorsels.com.

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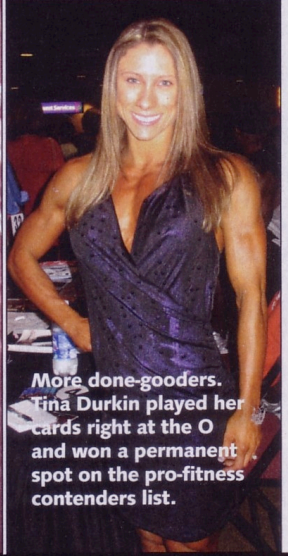
All that puddle hopping has paid off for Australian Rosa-Maria Romero—when she invites for the Figure I went out, hers was in the pile.



Above: Raegan Lucero upstages Adela Garcia at the Border States.



More primping. Jen DeJoya pumps out some curls at the Border States.



More done-gooders. Tina Durkin played her cards right at the O and won a permanent spot on the pro-fitness contenders list.



Left: Christine Pomponio-Pate and Huong Arcinas at the FitExpo. Hard to believe they represent two generations of figure pros.

Right: Yaxeni Oriquen fires off a round at the Dayana Cadeau Classic last October. If that's what she calls off-season, someone should warn her Ms. International competitors.



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