



Above: Rosa-Maria Romero and Mindi Smith wrap Terry Bratcher in an expo sammich. Hold the mayo!

Timea Majorova's and Bob Cicherillo's ensembles are color coordinated to the Bodybuilding.com booth. What are the odds it's a coincidence?



Wonder Woman Heather Clay decorates the IRON MAN booth. Rumor has it she catered the sammiches.

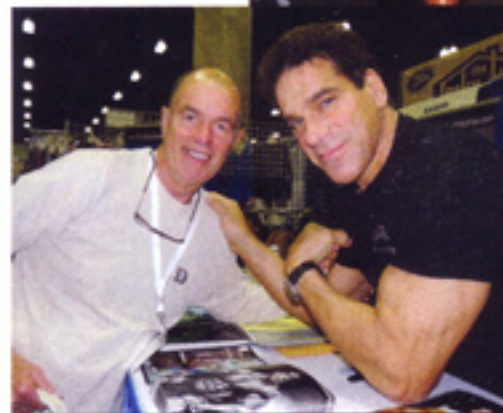
Below: Jerry Fredrick and Lou Ferrigno, set to play Laurel and Hardy in an upcoming biopic, run lines for a new routine—"Lou's On First."



Above left: Sonia Gonzalez keeps the fires burning at the GNC booth.

Above: Renowned choreographer and fitness star Madonna Grimes (right) has dance videos that will get you fit—and maybe get you a spot in a chorus line.

Left: If I look a little dazed and confused here, it's because Alexandra Porchnikoff has just told me she has a teenage daughter. No way.



Sherlyn Roy interviews Model Search winners Ben Booker and Jacquelyn Kay Roberts—just minutes after I interviewed Sherlyn. Versatile girl.



Sherry Goggin is her own best advertisement for her Fit Girl Wear clothing line. At right: Brenda Kelly introduces her friend Ranjit to all the physique celebs, including Sherry. Lucky guy.



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DROP DEAD DANGEROUS
Rookie Mindi Smith took no prisoners in Arizona, becoming the first reigning NPC Figure National Overall champ to win at her pro debut.

PHOTO BY JESSICA
Some fitness watchers were surprised when Palmer prevailed—but not all. Julie was “quiet, focused and in the zone,” with a positive attitude that is “quite the example for the newer athletes,” according to one backstage observer. Not to get mushy, but that sounds about right.



DESERT FLOWERS IN BLOOM



1) Yenny Polanco has an ace up her sleeve—figuratively, that is. She's already got her Olympia qualification. No worries. 2) Figure's Rosa-Maria Romero is going to the big show too. Like Amy O'Neil, she's



really, really earned it. Sweet. 3) Nita Marquez nails down “the look” before the finals. Hot chick! 4) Kathleen Tesori appears ready to burst into the Holey Pokey. Sure were a lot of happy rookies at this show.

