

# UPCLOSE AND PERSONAL: APRIL O'BRIAN

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If you start in Los Angeles and drive northeast for two hours, toward and then into the mountains, you'll find yourself in the desert flatlands of Lancaster, Calif. Everybody knows of a spot of sparse civilization, but this gas station photo shoot location—the same station seen in Gov'nar Schwarzenegger's *The Terminator* movie—seemed so astoundingly remote it may have been on the very edge of the middle of nowhere. April is a 7-year modeling veteran who's been spotted relaxing all over the world. When she's not sipping on an apple martini she craving Grandma's pot roast with the trimmings: rice, biscuits and carrots. She likes a sincere guy with a great personality (preferably a surfer-type)—guys who talk about themselves all of the time need not apply.

Not only is there a sexiness to April's 25-year-old southern bell accent, the smokin' West L.A. resident proved (I submit these pictures as evidence) she could add a few degrees to our briskly-cool morning desert romp.

2NR: I understand you've had a few nice gigs in a few nice places.

AO: Yeah. I've been modeling since I was a baby, and I've lived in different cities like New York; Miami, Fla.; and Milan, Italy. I've lived in all the cities you're supposed to live in if you're a model. I've been lucky enough to have worked with L'Oréal, Playtex, Abercrombie & Fitch, Perry Ellis, Coke, Mercedes-Benz and I just got a call from Lee Jeans. Modeling has been good to me and I'm very happy with it. Although I decided recently I don't want to live out of a suitcase anymore. I base myself out of Los Angeles now.

2NR: You decided you didn't like throwing on panties and jeans while running out the door anymore?

AO: I needed a place where I could slow down a little and relax—that and it is difficult to take my 100-pound Old English Sheepdog with me. I'm out in Georgia right now, and I'm having a little bit of separation anxiety. I have to have a dog.

2NR: Have you spoiled yourself any?

AO: Yes. I believe we all spoil ourselves to some extent. I bought myself a vintage-looking ruby and diamond ring.

2NR: As sad as it sounds someone else should have bought that diamond!

AO: Yeah, a diamond is a girl's best friend. It is absolutely stunning, and I had to have it.

2NR: A model's life seems to be an easy job. What do you do for a vacation from your "vacation?"

AO: If you love what you do, everyday is a vacation, right? I'm lucky. I've traveled as far as the British West Indies. I worked for a German catalog and the hours were 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. It was truly hard. When I take a break from modeling, I go places I've never been. Some of the exotic places I've seen are St. Tropez, France and Ibiza, Italy. I also like to go to places like Kansas and Lake Tahoe, Calif., as well as visit friends in Miami, Fla.

2NR: What's the final modeling gig that will make you rip off your clothes, throw them to the ground and walk off declaring, "There's nothing left, I'm done here"?

AO: If I get into the *Victoria's Secret* catalog and the *Sports Illustrated* swimsuit issue I'm done! I wouldn't even have to get the cover. Just as long as I am in there, there won't be anything left for me to accomplish!

## STATS

Model: April Ann O'Brian  
Height: 5 feet 9 inches  
Weight: 123 pounds  
Measurements: 36C-24-35  
DOB: April 23, 1979  
Sign: Taurus

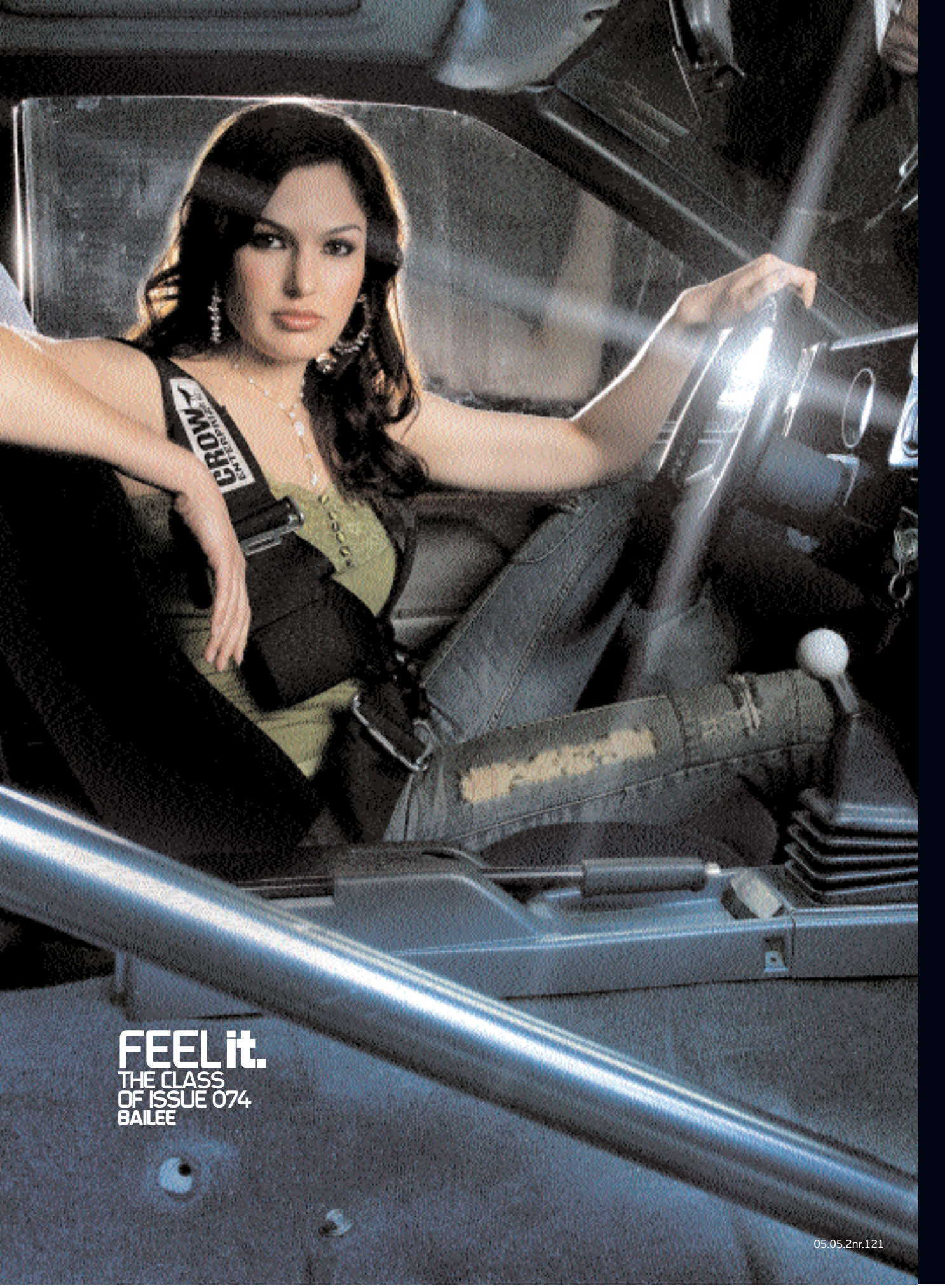




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