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A touch



In love or unhinged?

Her passion for Tony and the scoop on her rumored tattoo

THERE seems to be no limit to how far Eva Longoria will go to let the world know how much she loves her boyfriend, 23-year-old NBA star Tony Parker.

Not only is she always at San Antonio Spurs games and traveling on the team's private jet, but the tiny actress finds every way possible to publicly show her love by wearing his name, initials, team logo and jersey number on her neck, or on her butt and thighs over jeans or sweatpants.

We couldn't help but wonder if this type of behavior is healthy, so we contacted our beloved relationship-shrink pal, Dr. Belisa Lozano-Vranich, who explains that these may be signs of obsessive and possessive behavior. "Eva is acting like a love-



Nothing can come between Longoria and her point-guard paramour, Tony Parker of the San Antonio Spurs.

Ramey Photo

of Eva

TV diva debuts new flick and dishes on love, immigration and the 'sexy' label

By SANDRA GUZMAN

IN her upcoming film, "The Sentinel," Eva Longoria plays a secret service agent who spends most of her time on screen walking and even chasing criminals in three-inch heels. While to many the idea that real-world agents would pursue bad guys in pumps is preposterous, to the actress it's perfectly plausible, especially if the agent is Latina.

"We do everything in heels," she laughs. "I go to the beach in heels, I do aerobics in heels, I'm always in heels," says the 31-year-old Texas-born Mexican American actress.

In the crime thriller, which also stars Michael Douglas and Kiefer Sutherland, Longoria plays Jill Marin, a language expert who's brought in to interpret important messages written in various dialects. In real life, Longoria speaks Spanish and French, the latter thanks to her private tutor, Spurs star Tony Parker (see sidebar).

Originally, Longoria's character was not Hispanic.

"She was a white girl. I think her name was Jill Inski. During rewrites I said, 'That name doesn't sound very Latin' and they changed it for me," she explains.

Those who know Longoria know that the 5-foot 2-inch bombshell is a huge advocate for Latinos. Before "Desperate Housewives" made her a household name, she volunteered with various Hispanic community organizations, including the National Council of La Raza.

Fame has not given the sexy star amnesia about her heritage, either.

"It's who I am and everything is derived from that, no matter what I do," says the Corpus Christi native.

Longoria, who shot to fame as the adulterous vixen Gabrielle Solis on "Housewives," is, in real life, concerned about much more than the latest designer frock

or shoe. Lately, in fact, she says she's keeping a close watch on the immigration debates taking place in DC.

"People have a huge misconception about who we are and what we contribute to society," she says. "History repeats itself. This happened after the Great Depression, where there was a huge deportation of Mexican Americans and Mexicans . . .

"It's necessary that an agreement is made that makes sense for our economy, our people, and for the human beings who have come to America to continue to strengthen

[Latinas] do everything in heels. I go to the beach in heels. I do aerobics in heels ...

the land of immigrants."

Next month, Longoria will lend her name and fame to the Alma Awards, the Latino gala which had been on hiatus for several years due to a lack of financial support. She explains that when ABC, the network that airs "Housewives," asked her to host the program, she accepted on the condition that she also get to produce it.

"I have a strong opinion on what should be reflected and how we [Latinos] want to be portrayed," she explains. "I wanted to make sure that they didn't over-Latinize the show or make it too American."

Speaking of Latina portrayals, does the diminutive beauty mind that her name is always preceded by the stereotypical "sexy" and "sultry" adjectives?

"Are you crazy?" she responds. "I am going to run with sexy as far as its gonna take me."

"The Sentinel" opens April 21.



Courtside, with Tony Parker's Rocking a pricey San Antonio spurs pendant.



Eva makes clear whose girl she is with this TP's top.



struck adolescent, wanting to shout it from the hill-tops," says Vranich. "Part of her acting crazy is that new, lusty love, like this one, is based in the part of the brain that also [responds to] cocaine and heroin addiction. She is, in fact, 'high' on love,"

According to the Cuban-

American expert, Latinas have a tendency to act like this more than others do. "Latinas are very passionate and very possessive. You get the same vibe from J. Lo. They both want to be in sight of their men at all times. Unfortunately, sometimes we Latinas let our love, or lust, for someone to

take over our own identities." There is one line that Longoria has *not* crossed. Putting whispers that she tattooed her man's initials on her private parts to rest, Longoria shared the truth: "Nope, that rumor is *not* real." — Mercedes Sánchez

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