

ENQUIRER EXCLUSIVE

MARRIAGE PROPOSAL for pregnant Jamie Lynn

Boyfriend's special way to pop the question



Jamie Lynn is spending some quiet time in Louisiana. Shown here pumping gas on March 14

DESPITE their rocky relationship during the past few months, pregnant teen star Jamie Lynn Spears' boyfriend is going to pop the question, The ENQUIRER has learned.

Casey Aldridge, 18, will propose to Jamie Lynn, who turns 17 on April 4, before their baby arrives – and he's decided on a very special way to do it, a close source told The ENQUIRER.

Taking a suggestion from his older sister, Casey is planning on assembling a crib and will attach an engagement ring from a mobile hanging over it, says the source.

"He is very excited about the idea. He's shopping for a ring to seal their engagement."

Despite reports that Jamie Lynn and Casey have broken up, Casey told The ENQUIRER exclusively that he and the former "Zoey 101" star are doing just fine.

They both know they have faults, but they've agreed to work on being close again

"We are just having our ups and downs. What relationship doesn't?" Casey said. "She was just stressing me out, that's all."

The two were enjoying the "up" side of their relationship during a recent weekend at a crawfish boil at the home of one of Jamie Lynn's high school friends.

"The couple spent some peaceful, fun hours



Casey washes the truck Jamie Lynn bought for him, and they both go shopping at an auto parts store



with Jamie Lynn's friend," said another insider.

At the get-together during the March 14 weekend, Casey showed off the new white truck that Jamie Lynn has bought him, proudly pointing out the vehicle's touch-screen radio. He later went "mudding" with some of the party guests while a very tired Jamie Lynn took a nap.

But Casey still played the role of doting boyfriend, checking in on the teen several times while she slept to make sure she was OK, says the insider.

The bliss was a far cry from the tension that existed between the two in recent weeks, revealed the insider.

"Casey has been pushed by his own parents, as well as Jamie Lynn, to marry the pregnant teen. He got cold feet and told Jamie Lynn he didn't want to marry her, that he didn't want to be with her."

Casey felt Jamie Lynn was getting "too serious" about their relationship, says the insider – and

he wanted to take a break. He began spending more time out partying with his buddies and their girlfriends, while Jamie Lynn sat alone at her mother's Kentwood, La., home – which made Jamie Lynn furious.

"Casey felt like he was being forced into a life that he wasn't ready for," said the insider. "He said that everything Jamie Lynn does is because her mom, Lynne, tells her to do it."

"Casey felt like Jamie Lynn put her mom and her career plans before him."

When Casey stepped away from the relationship, he made it clear to Jamie Lynn that she should be focusing more on how to be a good mother than how to relaunch her career after the baby arrives, says the insider.

"She took Casey's talk to heart and started showing him a different side of her."

"They both know they have their faults, but they've agreed to try to work on being close again. Jamie Lynn doesn't want to have distance between them before the baby is born, and Casey doesn't want to look like a jerk to her family."

According to those close to Jamie Lynn, the teen is very concerned about being a single mom and desperately wants to work things out with Casey.

"Jamie Lynn knows Casey has his faults, but she doesn't want to be alone," said the insider. "She's trying to be sweeter and more understanding. She is willing to compromise – and so is Casey."

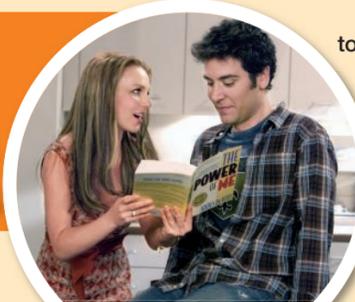
by LOGAN PEREL

Dad's plan to relaunch Britney's career

- New music tour
- More TV roles
- Control finances
- Sell possessions

MEET the new Britney Spears. She's hardworking, business savvy and most important of all – she's mentally stable. There's no doubt that the new Britney is still a work in progress, but there are signs that she is finally becoming more stable, thanks to her dad Jamie.

He is reshaping his once-unstable daughter, using



Britney landed a guest role on "How I Met Your Mother"

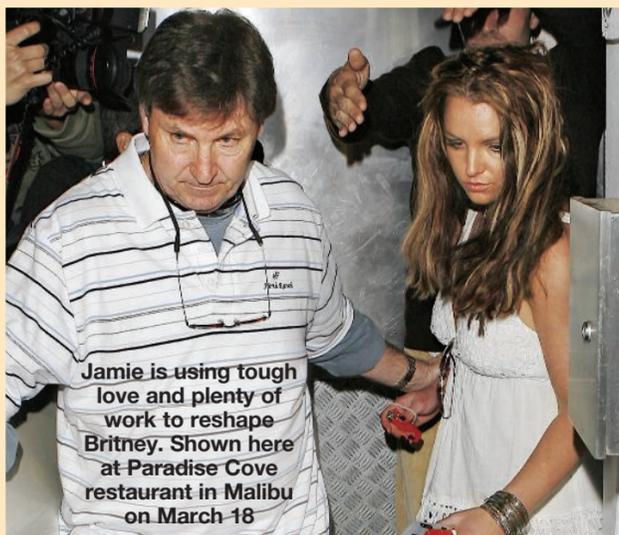
tough love and plenty of work, say sources.

Jamie, who took over the "Toxic" singer's affairs in February, is streamlining her businesses, selling off unnecessary possessions and putting the troubled star on TV and back on tour.

"Jamie understands his daughter is sick, but he also knows that work is therapeutic for her," revealed an insider.

"HE DOESN'T FEEL THAT HIS

expectations of a Britney comeback are impossible. He wants her doing what she knows how to do."



Jamie is using tough love and plenty of work to reshape Britney. Shown here at Paradise Cove restaurant in Malibu on March 18

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Jamie wants to get his daughter touring in support of her latest album, "Blackout." He told Britney's agents at the William Morris Agency, who helped her land a guest role on the TV series "How I Met Your Mother," that Britney is ready to do concerts, said a music industry source.

JAMIE WAS SHOCKED TO LEARN THAT HIS 26-YEAR-OLD daughter had blown through much of her estimated \$125 million fortune. He is drastically cutting Britney's spending, said the insider.

"Her liquid assets and cash on hand is less than \$15 million," said the source.

If Jamie hadn't stepped in when he did, Britney

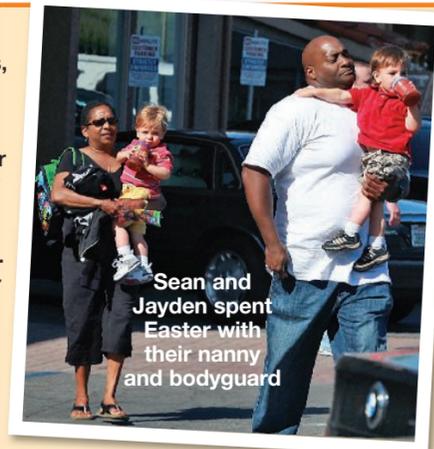
would have been broke in a few years, said the insider.

Jamie is planning to sell all of her vehicles except for her Audi – including her two Mercedes, her Mini Cooper and two Escalade SUVs. Jamie has also canceled the lease on her rented Malibu house as of April 1, which was costing \$35,000 a month.

He's also committed himself to networking on his daughter's behalf.

"Jamie's plan is to give Britney back her work life," added the insider. "He knows that work is good for her."

by ROBIN MIZRAHI



Sean and Jayden spent Easter with their nanny and bodyguard