



Britney was out with friends in West Hollywood recently and enjoyed a lollipop in the car (left)

could barely stand up and ended up throwing up.

"Now it is as if she uses the pop as a substitute for pain pills or Vicodin."

While the insider says Britney treats the lollipops like candy, they're potentially lethal.

Approved by the Food and Drug Administration in 1998 to treat severe pain in cancer patients, they contain the powerful narcotic painkiller fentanyl citrate. It's highly addictive and 80 times more potent than morphine. The narcotic lollipop has been linked to 127 deaths. Of those, 47 have been associated with addiction, overdose or misuse.

Britney's mother Lynne first heard of her daughter's use of the drug-laced lollipops when Britney detailed her drug history before being admitted to rehab, according to an insider.

"Until then, Lynne never even knew drug lollipops existed," said the source.

Spurred by the discovery, Lynne has joined forces with her ex-husband Jamie - hiring a private detective to keep an eye on Britney, says the source.

"Britney's mom and dad are very concerned about her," another source close to the troubled pop princess tells *THE ENQUIRER*.

"Although Lynne and Jamie are divorced, they're united about seeing to Britney's well-being. So they've hired a private eye to watch her.

"The detective keeps track of Britney's affairs, especially her personal life, and reports back to Lynne and Jamie.

"Since Britney has cut off almost all communication with them, they felt they had no other choice."

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what she's really saying is: 'I need to get high.'

BRITNEY WAS INTRODUCED to the "drug lollipops" while on her "ONYX" tour in Europe in 2004, said her friend. In Amsterdam, she visited legal marijuana cafes where the lollipops were sold.

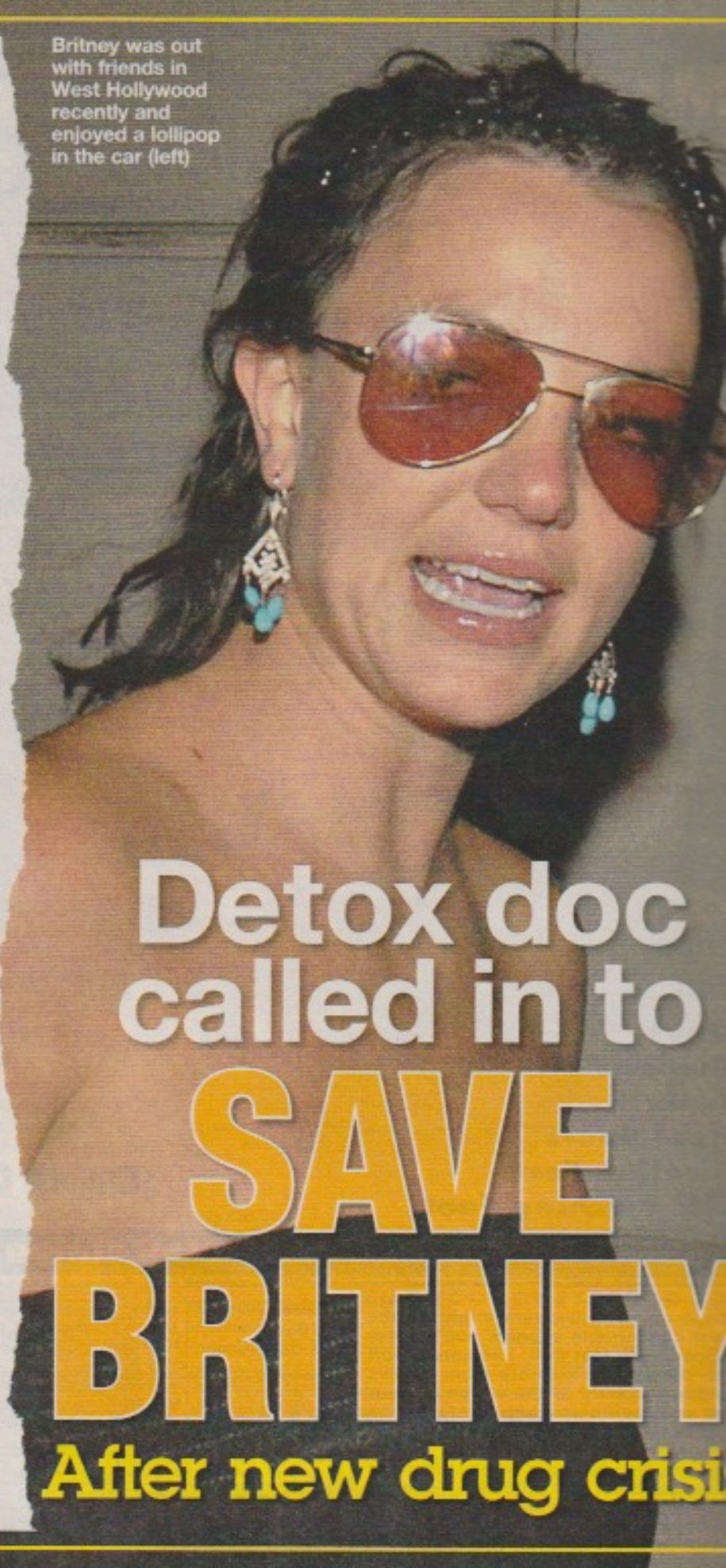
After the tour, Britney found a place to buy marijuana "pops" in Santa Monica, said the source. But the insider claims she soon graduated from marijuana-laced lollipops to pops laced with a morphine-like drug that's an even more potent narcotic.

"The morphine-laced pops are round and look like gum-balls," said the source. "Britney was photographed with them in New York right before her breakdown.

"Sometimes she'd pass out after sucking a morphine pop. She mixed it with alcohol and



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