



ECR'S JANE LINLEY THOMAS IS ABOUT TO BECOME A MOTHER
... AND IS ONE OF THE HAPPIEST WOMEN ON THE PLANET!

PETA LEE SPOKE TO THE SOON-TO-BE
PROUD PARENTS AND FOUND THEIR
EXCITEMENT CONTAGIOUS

Blooming lovely

She's a
changed
woman. Still

flamboyant, animated,
wonderfully colourful – scarlet
outfit, black nail-polish, pillar box
red lipstick – but the Jane of old, the
Stuyvesant Blue-smoking nightclubbing
Jane of old is on hold.

As for husband Mike, says Jane: "If he could
carry this baby in his tummy, give birth to it, he
would! He's so stoked. So hands on, and we're both just
so incredibly excited and looking forward to it." Young
Cooper Turner Thomas (yes, it's a boy), is expected round
about August 15, but Jane has a strong feeling he might make
an earlier entrance than planned.

"I'm hoping he'll arrive on July 26, our wedding anniversary. I want
him now. I've had the most brilliant pregnancy. No morning sickness
– okay, I was a bit off my oats in the beginning, and had the odd touch

of nausea, but really, I've sailed through it." They're ready now, she adds. The nursery in their new home in Umhlanga is also baby-ready: awesome cot, grey, white and red stripes and accessories, unusual little stuffed aliens on the fabulous rocking chair, gorgeous wooden Teddy, the cutest, most divine little designer denim jacket, fresh from Italy, compliments of a mate . . .

Apart from the obvious physical differences, has being pregnant changed her much? "Definitely. My priorities are so different. I've always been a party girl, yet I haven't seen the inside of a club for seven months. In fact everything has changed. I just want to give this little guy the best life ever, and Mike and I are gearing



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“We’ve been together for six years, and I never thought I could love him more than I did at the beginning, but I actually love him more every day”

everything towards his priorities as opposed to ours. Also, I now have this deep seated respect for women, which I’d never really had before, although I’ve always respected people, generally. It’s a mindblowing concept that inside me is another human being, with toes and eyelashes and a heart . . . instead of say the usual samoosa or biltong stick.”

She and Mike share a smile. That the two are still madly in love with each other is patently obvious. “It’s incredible,” muses Jane as her husband heads inside. Their new home, as did their flat in which I interviewed her before she got married more than a year ago, exudes warmth and style. Their CD collection is vast, as is their box of LPs. I spot The Stones, Frank Sinatra, the Mamas and the Papas, Debbie Harry . . . Hundreds of books, wonderful paintings, colourful throws and some great wooden chests add to the eclectic mix.

Jane plonks herself down on a garden chair and grins. Pats her bump. “We’re going to wait about two years before having a second child – two’s a good number – and I definitely want a little girl at some stage.”

Adds Michael: “We have to have at least two.”

But not straight away. “I miss my wine,” laughs Jane. “Six months of sobriety is not for sissies.” **R**