

K IN THE ZONE

Stepping into an advanced hip-hop class at L.A.'s Millennium Dance Complex on March 23, Britney Spears—in nude fishnet stockings, black hot pants, long-sleeved shirt, dance boots and her favorite brown wig under a baseball cap—“basically lit up the room,” says instructor Darrien Henning. Taking a spot in the back of the 30 or so other students, the singer “nailed” the difficult choreography, says Henning. “She was right on it. On it!” With her kids in their dad Kevin Federline’s care (see box), Spears, 25, looking slim and refreshed since completing her 30-day stay at Malibu’s Promises treatment facility on March 20, has been shopping, dining out with friends, sampling dance classes and generally getting her groove back in low-key style. Says Spears family friend Dr. Phil McGraw: “We’re going to see a turn for the better here.” ●

MEANWHILE... Kevin Turns 29



“Kevin is the best he’s ever been right now,” a pal says of Federline (at his bash).

Combining daddy duty with party time, Kevin Federline hit Las Vegas with his and Spears’s two boys—Sean Preston, 18 months, and Jayden James, 6 months—to mark his 29th birthday. Celebrating at Caesars Palace’s PURE Nightclub on March 24 with a group that included his siblings, parents and ex Shar Jackson, Federline “was clearly having a good time,” says an observer. By 4 a.m., he left to join his snoozing sons in their hotel suite.



“Anything goes in Vegas,” the rapper (with members of the Pussycat Dolls) said upon arriving at PURE. “We’re gonna have a really good time.”

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Shortly after lunching with a friend at Beverly Hills eatery Barefoot, Spears stopped by a hospital—accidentally entering through the ER—for a routine visit to *Extreme Makeover* dentist Bill Dorfman. “She was not having any kind of dental extreme makeover,” he says.