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Britney Gets Ready, Too

She and **Kevin** pick a name as they get set for their new baby

Release? Check. (Violet now tops the list.) Revamp Affleck's grocery habits from Doritos to veggies? Check. Replace the plants in their L.A. home with child-safe shrubs that have not been fertilized with toxins? Yep!

So what's left? Shopping! On July 27, the actress took a break from the *Catch & Release* set in Boulder, Colorado, to make a return trip — her second in two days — to maternity shop Hello Mommy Inc. "She saw a woman pushing a Stokke Xplory stroller," owner Elize De Boom tells *Us*. "She ran up to ask the woman where she got the stroller." (Garner even signed it!) At the store, the actress talked a great deal about the \$749 stroller, says De Boom. She decided to wait (though Stokke sales manager Ron Fredericks tells *Us* it will send her one), but picked up Michael Stars muscle tees and a Chiara Kruza dress. And *Alias* wardrobe designer Laura Goldsmith tells *Us* Garner has become a fan of Chip & Pepper's Bump Watch jeans. "She loves them and wears them both on the show and off-set."

All Systems Go

As the couple settle down, they're also getting back to business. Affleck is in talks to create and write *Resistance*, a futuristic drama series for television. And Garner has not allowed pregnancy to slow her down, says Stephen McPherson, president of ABC Entertainment. "We are going to embrace the fact that she is pregnant. [Creator J.J. Abrams] has some great ideas about how we're going to play out that story." (Spoiler alert: Sydney and Vaughn survive, but her faith in the father of her baby may not!)

Well, this is one case where art doesn't imitate life. **US**

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"Britney has no interest in performing again," a source tells *Us*. But aspiring rapper Federline (with Spears on August 9 in L.A.) plans to put out an album in 2006. And sources tell *Us* he has been voted Husband of the Year by *GQ* magazine!

With a month to go before their son is born — a source tells *Us* the due date is in mid-September — Britney Spears, 23, and hubby Kevin Federline, 27, are counting the days until delivery.

■ They've picked a name

Sources tell *Us* Spears' baby boy may be called Preston, an English moniker that means "dweller at the church."

■ The nursery is ready

Petit Trésor in L.A. designed the baby's room in Spears' Malibu, California, home, but "Britney had a lot of input," the store's co-owner Samantha Winch-Groper tells *Us*. "She's very into feng shui and kabbalah. White means innocence, so she used a lot of white." The singer also registered at Petit Trésor for a slew of items, many of which she received at her August 6 shower (see below).

■ She's having a C-section

No marathon labor here: Spears has her entire birth mapped out, and the first-time mom has signed on for a cesarean section, says a source close to the singer.

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Her Baby Shower Gifts



Petit Bateau white velour footed pajamas, \$65, petittresor.com

▼ Baby Cie food tray, \$19, petittresor.com



▲ Hula Moon Kids green chenille car-seat cover, \$110, petittresor.com

▼ Kaloo chenille bear, \$42, petittresor.com



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