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Levi Speaks . . . to Tyra

And we thought he was so media-savvy! Usually discreet and humble when dealing with the press, **Levi Johnston** — ex-fiance of **Bristol Palin** and the father of her 3-month-old son, **Tripp** — divulged some juicy personal information during a taping of "The Tyra Banks Show" this week.

In an interview set to air Monday, the 19-year-old Johnston told **Banks** that he and Bristol, 18, practiced safe sex "most of the time" when they were together. He also said he's pretty sure Alaska Gov. **Sarah Palin** knew he and her daughter were having sex, because "moms are pretty smart." Johnston was joined on the show by his mother, **Sherry**, and sister, **Mercede**.

Bristol and Levi, who had planned to wed after graduating from high school, broke up in February. At the time, Johnston blamed his own immaturity for the split and said he'd like to get back together with Bristol. The couple's child was born Dec. 27.

Setback for Madonna

A judge in Malawi derailed **Madonna's** attempts to adopt a 3-year-old Malawian girl yesterday, but the pop star's attorney has already filed an appeal.

Yesterday's ruling said Madonna's adoption of **Chifundo "Mercy" James** would set a dangerous precedent, the Associated Press reports, since it would bend rules requiring prospective parents to live in Malawi for 18 to 24 months before an adoption can be finalized. The government allowed Madonna, 50, and former husband **Guy Ritchie** to sidestep these rules when they began adoption proceedings for their son **David**, now 3, in Malawi in 2006.

The judge said this adoption is different, since Mercy is receiving "suitable" care in an orphanage. In David's case, an orphanage was preparing to return the boy to his father, who had said he was struggling to care for him.

There was no immediate comment from Madonna or her spokeswoman in New York.

The supermodel, 28, and New England Patriots quarterback, 31, gathered with about 25 others Thursday night for a rehearsal dinner at the Milarepa beachfront hotel in Costa Rica, the magazine says. The official festivities were set to kick off last night with a larger dinner, followed by a ceremony and reception at the Milarepa today.

The re-wedding won't be as intimate as the couple's Feb. 26 ceremony at a Catholic church in Santa Monica, Calif., but won't be huge, either. The guest list includes family, friends, some of Brady's teammates and a handful of Bündchen's friends from modeling.

End Notes

Spotted: **Denzel Washington** at the Ritz-Carlton Washington yesterday, speaking to recipients of the Horatio Alger National Scholarship . . . Washington Redskin-about-town **Clinton Portis** dining at Hudson Thursday night . . . Gymnasts **Dominique Dawes** and **Carly Patterson** going head-to-head in a grocery bagging contest at the CityVista Safeway on Thursday. The contest was tied to Safeway's launch of a fundraising campaign to benefit the Special Olympics and Easter Seals.

In D.C.: Washington.

Quoted: "Legalize marijuana and take all that money and invest it in teachers and in education. . . . You will see a transformation in America." — **Carlos Santana**, 61, to the AP earlier this week. The guitarist, about to start a six-month gig at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, was commenting on **President Obama's** brushoff of questions about marijuana legalization during an online town hall meeting last week.

— Marissa Newhall, from staff, wire and Web reports