

CELEB WATCH

Brady, Bundchen welcome baby boy

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady and supermodel Gisele Bundchen have welcomed a baby boy.



Model Gisele Bundchen and New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady / AP

Brady announced the birth Wednesday. He said the boy was born Tuesday and that he and Bundchen had not chosen a name. "Everyone's great," Brady said. "I didn't get much sleep."

Brady also has a 2-year-old son, Jack, with actress Bridget Moynahan. Bundchen is a mother for the first time. The birth was first reported by People.com.

Brady and Bundchen were married in February in Los Angeles in a small ceremony. In April, they held another wedding ceremony in Costa Rica for friends and family.

On Wednesday, Brady

showed up 16 minutes late for his weekly media availability. Asked what was new, he said, "a normal week," and smiled.

FBI: Mich. pair tried to extort John Stamos

MARQUETTE, Mich. — Two people in Michigan have been charged with threatening to sell photos of John Stamos unless he paid them \$680,000.

Stamos spokesman Matt Polk said Tuesday the photos simply are pictures of the actor posing with fans. He says the photos eventually will be released.

Weezer cancels tour after bus crash

ALBANY, N.Y. — Weezer has canceled the rest of its December tour after the lead singer was injured in a bus crash in New York. Rivers Cuomo and band assistant Sarah Kim suffered minor injuries when the group's tour bus skidded on ice, struck a guide rail and slid into a ditch Sunday morning. Cuomo's condition isn't clear.

A message on the band's Web site says Weezer is canceling the rest of its Ratitude tour and will try to reschedule those dates.

—Associated Press

DUNE TRAN

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took songwriting classes. "I just focused on music, kept pushing at it, working on whatever I needed to learn."

Her influences include Regina Spektor, Coldplay and — especially — Tori Amos. "It's funny, when I first bought a Tori Amos singles songbook, not long after I had started playing piano, I tried reading it and it was like, 'Whoa! Pretty tough!'"

But Tran persevered, honing her skills. Craigslist helped her find a band needing a keyboardist. She spent 18 months playing with San Francisco indie group Leilujh.

Tran's musical skills blossomed to the point where she was ready to showcase her own material.

"The difficult part for me is performing. When

you're sharing something that you've written, you're in a vulnerable position. I have serious stage fright. But I'm working on it. I like the setup when it's dark and you can't see the people. You don't get distracted so easily."

Her stint with Leilujh had given her performing experience. "But it's not the same as being the front person, by yourself, having all the attention. I told myself, after I released the album, that I would try to play as much as I could until the end of year and get better at it, more comfortable."

The emotional reward outweighs the intimidation factor. "I just love sharing music and connecting with people. I enjoy hearing music. If I can do that for others, that would be very fulfilling. I try to make my songs, hopefully, in a way, that they can apply to a lot of people who may be listening to them."

Now she's working on getting the album heard. "It's a great learning experience. This past year, I learned about rehearsal spaces, setting up a P.A. and also about the music industry — copyrights, signing with ASCAP or BMI, how to promote your album yourself, how to get on the radio or get distribution, how to get reviewed."

"The whole business side of it is daunting and draining for me. It's the creative side that I enjoy. But, if you want playing music to be a big part of your life, you have to learn all this stuff."

Contemplating the completion of "Heart Anchors," she said, "I actually got the songs together and got the sound I wanted. It's incredible that I did it," she said. "Now I have to use the album as a stepping stone and move myself higher, touring outside of the area."

Learn more about Tran's music by visiting www.dunetran.com or myspace.com/dunetran.

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