

# Shared name may be clue in embryo mix-up

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The story of a metro Detroit woman's embryos mistakenly being used by a fertility clinic to impregnate an Ohio woman has gone national — and there's another odd coincidence.

Shannon Morell's maiden name is Savage; the Toledo-area woman carrying her baby is Carolyn Savage.

Morell said she has no idea how the mistake happened, but would not comment on whether the clinic ever had her maiden name on file. Despite the name coincidence,

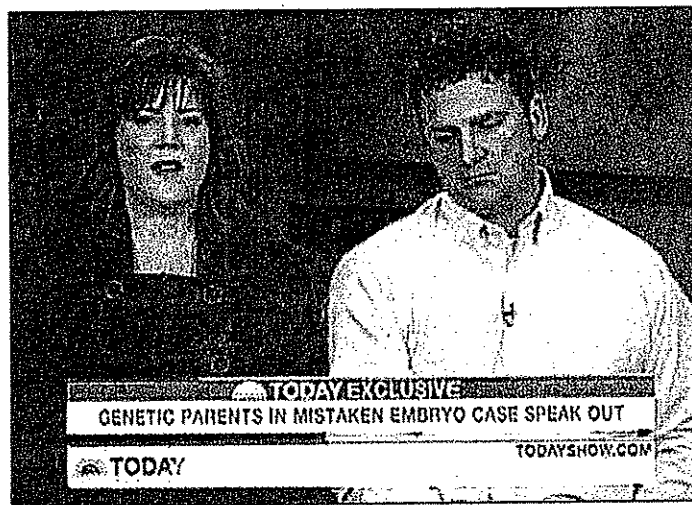


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she said the couples did not have a connection prior to the clinic error.

Savage, who is to give birth within weeks, said she will

give the baby boy to the Morells.

Morell would not say which clinic she and her husband, Paul — both 39 — used or what

Metro Detroiters Shannon and Paul Morell talk about the in-vitro mistake Wednesday morning on NBC's "Today Show." A Toledo-area woman is carrying their son.

legal action they were considering because of the mistake.

The couple has twin girls conceived through in-vitro fertilization.

Savage said she doesn't consider herself the child's mother, but rather his guardian angel.

"If I had to choose a family to bring this child into the world," Shannon Morell said, "I couldn't think of a better family to do it."

Savage said the lives of the families "just crashed into each other."

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