

TRISTA & RYAN SUTTER'S

Battle for a Baby

From difficulties conceiving to life-threatening complications during pregnancy, the former stars of *The Bachelorette* share their uphill battle to start a family — and introduce *Us* to son Max

AMERICA WATCHED TRISTA AND RYAN SUTTER FALL IN LOVE ON *The Bachelorette* in 2003 and get married in a live ABC special that fall. But if their journey into parenthood had been a TV show, it would have been a cross between a Lifetime movie and an episode of *ER*. After struggling to conceive for two years, Trista, 34, finally became pregnant in November 2006. But the drama was only beginning: First, she developed gestational diabetes; then, four weeks before her due date, she was diagnosed with preeclampsia and HELLP syndrome (see box, page 73), both life-threatening medical conditions. On July 26, she underwent an emergency C-section

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"Alston is Ryan's dad's middle name and Maxwell seemed to go well with it," says Trista. (At left, the announcement.)

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