

Watching her sister, Emily (far right), burp her newborn while simultaneously making business calls encouraged Martie (left), says a friend.

# Dixie Chick's baby dream

## How Martie Maguire found out she's expecting twins

**H**aving already conquered the country music world, the three gorgeous ladies who make up the Dixie Chicks are ready to prove their talent with diaper changings and 3 a.m. feedings.

The group's fiddle player, Martie Maguire, has just announced that she is in her second trimester with twins by her husband of two years, school-teacher and actor Gareth Maguire. With her first pregnancy, Martie will

complete a triple play of mommies for the Chicks. Her sister, mandolin and banjo player Emily Robison, gave birth to her first child last year, and lead singer Natalie Maines has a 2-year-old son with her actor husband, Adrian Pasdar.

Martie, 34, says she learned her happy news in an unusual way while the Chicks were out on their world tour promoting their latest CD, *Home*.

"We were playing Stockholm, Sweden, and I asked Gareth if he would go out

and buy a pregnancy test," Martie recalls. "The test was in Swedish, and we had no idea how to read the results."

### A family affair

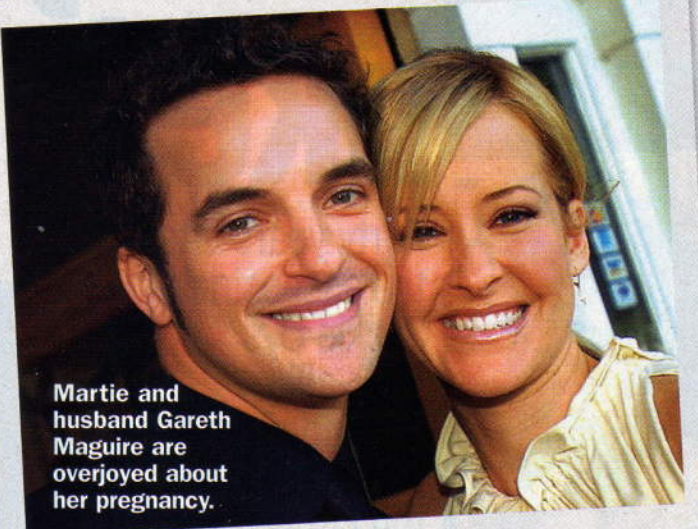
"We ended up having to call in a local promoter to translate for us. Sure enough, there it was, positive," explains Martie. "Of course, in the following days, I took no less than five more tests, just to make sure."

A close friend of the Dixie Chicks

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The Chicks' new CD and DVD of their 2003 world tour will hit stores November 25.



Martie and husband Gareth Maguire are overjoyed about her pregnancy.

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tells *In Touch* everyone is ecstatic about the news of Martie's pregnancy. "The other girls were like, 'Welcome to the club, Martie!'" she says. "They've all worked so hard to get where they've gotten in the music business — family has really become a priority to them at this point in their lives.

"Natalie and Martie both went through divorces shortly after the band broke big, and they've

suffered for it," the friend adds. "But everyone in the group is in a loving, stable relationship, and building families is just a natural progression."

Martie echoed this sentiment earlier this year at the Grammy Awards: "I neglected a lot of loving relationships to pursue this ultimate goal — success," she said. "Now we take the time to realize what's important. Family comes first."