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The MOM GAME

Morris coach-mothers juggle roles

By JANE HAVSY
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Vanessa Lewis Benfatti is a former Morris County sprint champion, but she's not getting around quite as quickly as she usually does.

Benfatti is pregnant with her second child and due on Monday.

But that hasn't stopped her from coaching the Mount

Olive girls track and field team. Nor did Benfatti's first pregnancy keep her off the sidelines with the Marauders soccer program.

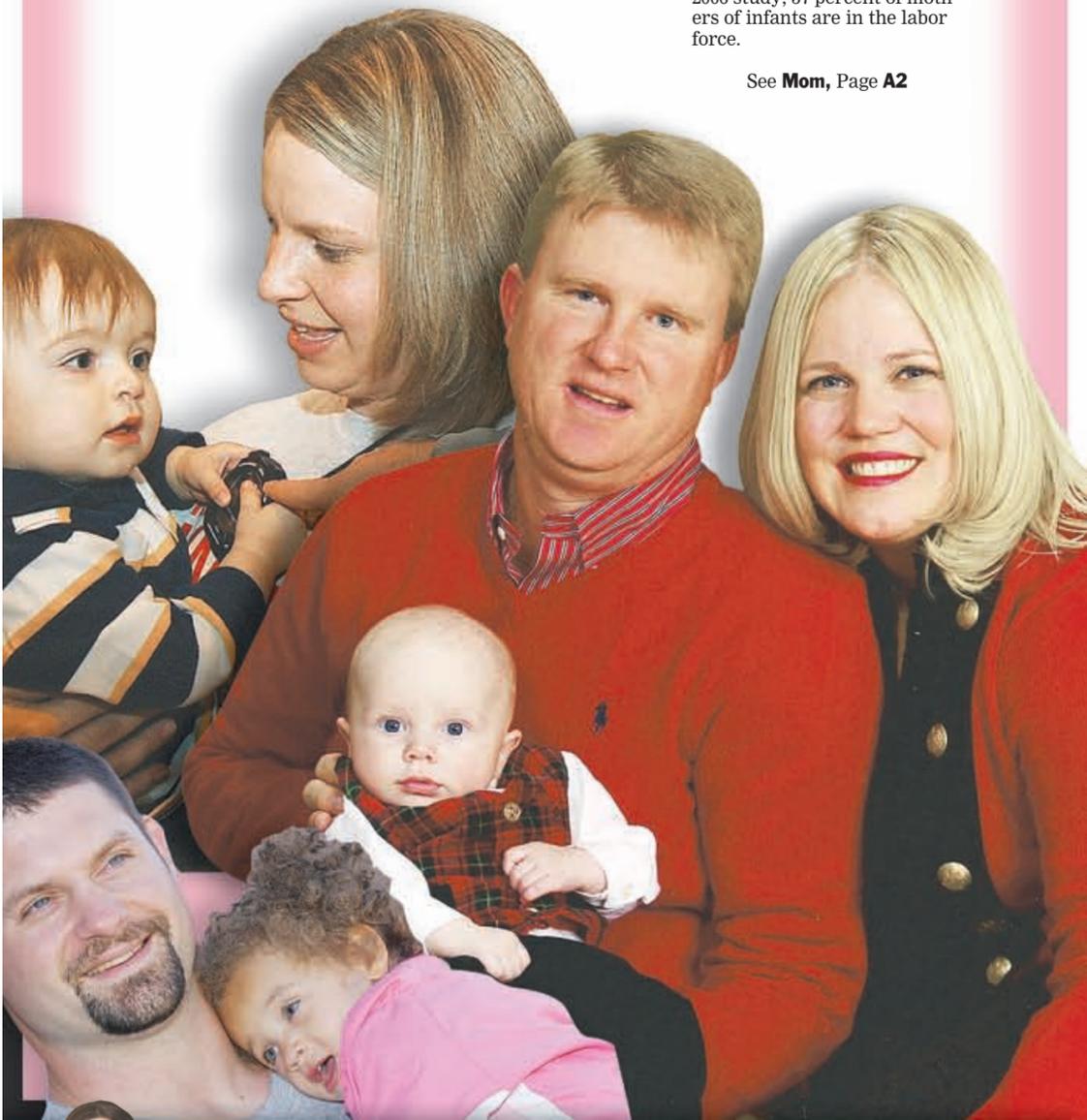
Benfatti and Hanover Park coach Lori Devine Pfarrer used to talk about their pregnancies during track meets. Pfarrer, too, continued coaching two years ago despite her growing belly. In fact, her ath-

letes gave her a packable chair at the end of the indoor season.

Pfarrer and Benfatti, as well as Montville volleyball coach Heidi Kmetz and Morris Hills swim coach Heather McDonald, are part of a growing group of working — and coaching — moms.

There were 4.3 million births registered in the United States in 2007. According to a 2006 study, 57 percent of mothers of infants are in the labor force.

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MOTHER, DAUGHTER NOVELISTS

PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY ADAM HOLLANEK
 Clockwise from top left: Morris Hills swim coach Heather McDonald and her 13-month-old son, Ryan; Montville volleyball coach Heidi Kmetz and Garfield assistant basketball coach Stephen Michael Kmetz Jr. with their son Stephen Michael Kmetz III; and Dave Benfatti, Mount Olive High School assistant football and wrestling coach, with his 17-month-old daughter Gianna.



Gov to unveil 33-bill raft of reforms

Property tax hike limits, benefit changes included

By MICHAEL SYMONS
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TRENTON — Gov. Chris Christie plans to unveil a 33-bill package Monday making up his long-anticipated "tool kit" of systemic reforms, including lower, stricter limits on property tax increases and a host of changes to rules that govern civil service, collective bargaining and public employees' salaries and benefits.

According to administration briefing details obtained Saturday by Gannett New Jersey, the legislative package contains a mix of ideas that Christie rolled out in his March budget proposal and a host of new wrinkles. Christie's overall plan is also expected to include changes that can be achieved through executive orders or other adjustments within administrative agencies.

The memo also hints at other changes that may be examined further by state Treasurer Andrew Sidamon-Eristoff and other Cabinet members, such as cutting cost-of-living adjustments to pensions, having public employees pay more toward their pensions and health care, raising the retirement age to 65, making current employees contribute toward their health care when they're retired, eliminating all state-run health plans and closing the traditional pension plan for new hires.

One of the proposals would cap pay to current public employees upon their retirement for unused sick leave at \$15,000.

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Patterson seen as strong court pick

By ROB JENNINGS
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MENDHAM TWP. — The statewide political uproar sparked by Anne Murray Patterson's nomination to the state Supreme Court contrasts with the quiet life she has led here.

Patterson, 51, a partner at a prominent Morristown law firm, was known to both Republicans and Democrats at the state level prior to Gov. Chris Christie nominating her for the top court last week.

Patterson has donated \$14,630 to political candidates, mostly Republicans, since 1993 according to the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission. A former deputy state attorney general, Patterson took part in the court battle over Republican gubernatorial primary ballot access in 2001.

In Mendham Township, where Patterson and her husband bought a home in 1995, she has had a much lower profile — at least before last Monday. That's when Christie, who lives about four miles away on the other side of the township, announced his nomination of Patterson.



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