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Cops: Little League official caught stealing

Bridgeport man accused of bilking Westport organization of money, equipment

By Anne M. Amato

A Bridgeport man is accused of embezzling more than \$40,000 in money and equipment from the Westport sports organization that oversaw last year's title-winning Little League and youth softball teams.

Kevin Hlavac, 39, was arrested Wednesday following a criminal investigation that began in March, said Westport police Capt. Vincent Penna. Hlavac was a member of Westport Baseball & Softball Board of Directors until recently, when he was asked to resign after the revelations.

Police were contacted by leaders of Westport Baseball & Softball after their annual internal audit, which "showed that over \$40,000 worth of funds and equipment were unaccounted for," Penna said. "All of the items were found to emanate from one individual who was

given authorization from the board to order equipment and submit expense reports for reimbursement."

The scandal came to light in the aftermath of what had been a banner year for the Westport leagues in 2013.

The Little League team of 12- and 13-year-old play-

ers won the state and New England championships and advanced to the national championship game in the Little League World Series in August before losing to a team from Chula Vista, Calif.

The 11-and-under Little League girls' softball team won the state championship.

Penna said Hlavac, of Greystone Road, was interviewed by detectives and admitted to falsifying invoices and canceling orders after submitting invoices for equipment so reimbursement was made to him by the league, but the goods were never delivered.

Police said Hlavac also See Bridgeport on A5



Kevin Hlavac

Accused: of stealing \$40K in money & equipment

from Westport Baseball & Softball



HELP FOR STRANDED CYCLISTS

AAA expands services to bike riders

By Amanda Cuda and John Burgeson

Springing a flat tire in the middle of nowhere is a terrifying prospect — and not just for those driving cars and trucks. Bicyclists dread it, too.

"Getting a flat tire is a huge issue that really weighs on people's minds," said Shawn Emerson, owner of Bicycle Center in Brookfield.

Many cycling enthusiasts carry their own tube and pump in case of a flat, but not everyone does. And, Emerson said, sometimes a bike can have a more serious problem that leaves the rider stranded and in need of a lift.

So the shop owner was intrigued by a new AAA program that provides bicycle riders with the same kind of roadside service it offers to drivers of automobiles.

AAA Southern New England started offering bicycle roadside assistance earlier this month, which is National Bike Safety Month. The auto club, which serves residents of Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and parts of New Jersey, is one of a handful of AAA See Bicycle on A5



John Wilkins bikes to The Beehive in Bridgeport for a meeting with other cyclists Wednesday. The Connecticut arm of AAA has launched a new bicycle assistance program in which AAA members who have a problem with their bike can call the club and get help with minor fixes or transportation within 10 miles.

Autumn Driscoll/Staff photographer

Fast facts about AAA roadside bicycle assistance:

- AAA members receive two bicycle calls per year. Member must be present at the time of service and have a valid AAA Southern New England card. Bicycle service is not available to members of other AAA clubs. Bicycle service applies to all two-wheeled bicycles, including rental bicycles that can be transported by a normal bicycle rack. Tandem bicycles are not eligible for service. Bicycle service cannot be used to transport a bicycle from a member's home to a repair shop or other destination. Service is provided only along a normally traveled road or street. Transportation beyond 10 miles will incur mileage fees.

TRENDING: HOW OUR STUDENT LOANS STACK UP

Connecticut's college debt drags down grads' net worth



Maggie Gordon

The thousands of Connecticut college students who crossed the stage this month to claim their diplomas have met the huge challenge of attaining a degree. But some of the biggest obstacles still lay ahead — like the tens of thousands of dollars many owe in student loans.

The average amount of outstanding debt for Connecticut

residents is among the highest in the nation, at \$25,100 per borrower, according to a Federal Reserve Bank of New York analysis of fourth-quarter figures from 2012. That puts the state at 14th highest among the 50 states and Washington, D.C.; debt load is the lowest in Wyoming, where the balance averages out to

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