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Connecticut fans turn out for Fairfield National's win over Nevada at Little League World Series in Pennsylvania



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on the team and the

Little League World

Series, see Sports.

Photos by Christian Abraham/Hearst CT Media

By Jesse Leavenworth

STAFF WRITER

OUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Jubilant Connecticut fans were on their feet before the last pitch of Wednesday's game between Fairfield National's Metro team and the Mountain team from

When the Nevada batter swung through the air, sealing the 7-3 victory for Fairfield, stoked fans let out a shout that shook Lamade Stadium. It was a proud moment for Connecticut, particularly for the state's celebrated Little League baseball town.

Ruth and Paul Harrison, who lived for 40 years in Naugatuck Fans continues on A4

At top, a Fairfield National fan takes a selfie before the game against Nevada in Williamsport, Pa.

Fairfield turned a rough start **COMING UP** into a huge win Fairfield National plays Saturday vs. TBD, 3:30

SOUTH WIL-LIAMSPORT, Pa. -Before recording an out Wednesday afternoon at the Little League World Series, Fairfield National pitcher SJ **Taxiltaridis**



Anthony COMMENTARY

issued a walk, allowed a single and had a fastball redirected like a bullet over the center field wall.

At left, SJ Taxiltaridis pitches Wednesday against Nevada during the Little League World Series.

City restores school bus service

State steps in to add transportation funding for Bridgeport students

By Brian Lockhart STAFF WRITER

 ${\tt BRIDGEPORT-Thanks\ to}$ a combination of state dollars and efficiencies, bus service will be restored for all school students this academic year.

Commissioner of the state Department of Education Charlene Russell-Tucker said in a news release, "Reliable transportation is essential for attendance, engagement and student success, and I am grateful that, together with the City of Bridgeport and the transportation company, we can provide this stability and peace of mind for students and families."

The joint announcement by the education department, Bridgeport's school district and Mayor Joe Ganim's office was released Wednesday. Classes begin Aug. 28.

In April, the local school board voted to increase the distance some students must walk by half a mile to save \$4.6 million, effectively eliminating free busing for about 2,400 elementary and high schoolers, including local charter school students. Research suggests students at the furthest edge of the expanded walking zones could face unintended consequences, including increases in absenteeism. Bridgeport is already grappling with record-high rates of chronic absenteeism.

In the municipal budget the Bridgeport City Council approved in May, Ganim's admin istration had set aside an additional \$875,000 to try to address the shortfall. As of last week, the district was exploring a partnership with Greater Bridgeport Transit to provide bus passes to students.

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Colleagues support state lawmaker who reported death threats

By Alex Wood STAFF WRITER

HARTFORD - With more than two dozen Democratic elected officials standing behind them Wednesday, speaker after speaker at a news conference condemned the threats directed at state Rep. Corey Paris after he warned of federal immigration enforcement in his district.

A central focus of the criticism was the use of an official account of the federal Immigration and Customs Enforce-



on Paris, a Stamford Democrat, including statement, 'Charge him." "Corey nothing wrong,'

ment agency to repost attacks

said Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., a comment that was repeated by a number of other speakers.

Paris posted on social media last week that he was made aware of ICE activity in his district. He urged residents to "re"There is no place for this, it has to stop, we condemn it in the strongest of terms, and we are glad Rep. Paris and his family are safe."

State Senate Republican Leader Stephen Harding

main vigilant, stay aware of our surroundings, and, above all, prioritize your safety." He also encouraged residents to share information about ICE activity with advocacy organizations.

A right-wing account known as Libs of TikTok reposted Paris' Threats continues on A6

Prosecutor in Dulos case to take supervisor post in Bridgeport

By Ethan Fry STAFF WRITER

BRIDGEPORT — One of the prosecutors who helped convict Michelle Troconis of conspiring to kill Jennifer Dulos will take over as prosecutor of the state's attorney's office at the Golden Hill Street courthouse next month.

State's Attorney Joseph Corradino said he has been selected Sean P. McGuinness to succeed Craig P. Nowak as supervisory assistant state's attorney at the Geographical Area 2 court-



McGuinness

prosecutes misdemeanors and lesser felonies in Bridgeport, Fairfield, Stratford, Trumbull, Monroe, and Easton.

Bridgeport has the second-busiest geographical courthouse in the state, behind only Hartford.

McGuinness, currently senior assistant state's attorney in Stamford, officially will assume the new post Sept. 5. He will re-Prosecutor continues on A6

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