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Shevon Morris teaches fourth-grade science with a large computer monitor at King school in Stamford.

A TALE OF THREE SCHOOLS

King marks 150 years



Head of School Thomas Main speaks in his office.

Stamford institution aims to continue growth, evolve with the times

By Evan Simko-Bednarski

STAMFORD — The archives of the King school sit at the top of three flights of stairs, in a pair of small rooms in the attic of the old white Simon House on Newfield Avenue. The 150-year history of the three institutions that merged to create the independent school now known as King is spread out over several bookcases in a room with bare floors and crumbling wallpaper. Binders full of press clippings stand alongside a filing cabinet full of black-and-white photos. A table near the window holds several dusty football trophies. A sheet covers a bookcase full of letters and diary entries by an early school leader. “This room was the classic repository of stuff that you know you can’t throw away,” said Rick Starr, a retired educator and archivist who has been hired by King to organize, digitize and preserve the school’s historic docu-



Simon House holds the archives and admissions department at King school.

ments and memorabilia. “Archives aren’t really archives if they’re kept in cardboard boxes,” he said with a smile. “If it’s just sitting there, it doesn’t serve you well.” The 2015-16 school year marks the 150th anniversary of the 1865 founding of the Heywood-Thomas School, the oldest of the three schools that

would become King. The anniversary has sparked a year of celebration for the school, which teaches some 700 students from preschool through 12th grade and has undergone a multitude of changes to its name, its student body and its campus over the past century and a half.

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FATAL MARCH 23 ATTACK

Man charged with beating mom unable to stand trial

By John Nickerson



Timothy Anderson Maryann Anderson

STAMFORD — A city man accused of beating his mother so badly that she died from her injuries three days later has been ruled incompetent to stand trial. Authorities say Timothy Anderson attacked his mother, 76-year-old Maryann Anderson, in the Sleepy Hollow Lane home they shared on March 23 after she and her oldest son decided to confront Anderson about not taking his prescribed medications for psychological problems. Judge John Blawie ruled Tuesday that Anderson, 42, was unable to understand the charges against him or assist in his own defense. His decision came after testimony by Eileen Hamel, a licensed clinical social worker, who testified that Anderson suffers from a mental disorder severe

enough to require specialized housing and ongoing intensive mental health treatment with psychotropic medications. Either because he is unwilling or unable to take the medications, the medications will be administered involuntarily. “They are indicating that they will be trying different medications to see if they can restore him to competency, but he has had longstanding psychiatric difficulties so there is a question about whether he can be restored to competency,” See Attack on A7

FRANCIS COMES TO U.S.

Pope’s visit excites state’s Catholics

By Dan Freedman

As he mixes with the mighty and ministers to the downtrodden in the nation’s capital, Pope Francis is delivering his progressive message of tolerance and mercy — a world view that has brought joy to many Catholics and headaches to some others. And arguably nowhere in America does that message resonate more intensely than diverse southwestern Connecticut, where the wealth gap is a fact of life. “As I travel the well-off circles of my district, I will pay the wealthy the honor that most understand — the obligation to the poor and how much of a challenge it

is to the world if rewards are not more broadly shared,” said Rep. Jim Himes, whose district incorporates struggling Bridgeport as well as wealthy Greenwich and New Caanan. “Unless the pope calls for the overthrow of the capitalist system, I think most people will welcome his message.” Since his investiture in 2013, Pope Francis has alternately delighted and shocked the faithful with See Catholics on A2

MADE BY CONNECTICUT COMPANY

Trump action figure, toupee and all, for sale

By Neil Vigdor

Donald Trump likes to say he can’t be bought. But for \$39.95, an enterprising doll maker from Connecticut is proving otherwise. Herobuilders recently started selling a foot-tall likeness of the bombastic real estate mogul and surprise GOP presidential frontrunner, complete with a removable toupee. A talking version of the tuxedo-clad Trump retails for \$59.95.

The Oxford-based company has created a cottage industry out of political action figures since its inception in 2001, from former vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin to sexting pol Anthony Weiner. The election is more than a year away, but the company’s president, Emil Vicale, isn’t waiting to experience Trump’s vision of an economic renaissance. “The toupee thing maybe went a little bit too far, but that’s all anyone is talking about it,” Vicale told Hearst

Connecticut Media. “I think he’s going to be a home run.” If “The Donald” isn’t your thing, there’s a BlackBerry-clutching Hillary Clinton action figure for \$39.95, poking fun at the woes of the former secretary of state for using private email at the State Department. The Trump and Clinton campaigns did not respond to requests for comment Tuesday. Both frontrunners sell swag on their websites, ranging from Trump’s ubiq-

uitous “Make America Great Again” baseball cap to a “Grillery Clinton” apron. But when it comes to self-branding, Trump is in a league of his own. In 2004, the tycoon tried to trademark the phrase “You’re fired” from his television show “The Apprentice,” but was thwarted. Vicale said that Trump running for president makes him a public figure. “If he doesn’t like it and his lawyers call us, we’d be more than happy to take it See Trump on A7



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A Donald Trump action figure is the latest parodied by Herobuilders, an Oxford-based retailer, which is selling the foot-tall likeness of the GOP presidential hopeful (with and without his toupee) for \$39.95. A talking version retails for \$59.95.

