

Your Views

Southington says

Are you looking forward to the Olympics?



"I haven't watched them in the past, until last year, when I really got into the summer ones. I now plan to watch this year."

Keith Goldstein Southington



"Yes, it's been a while since I've seen them. I am going to try to keep track of it this year."

Brett Simms Southington



"Yes I am. Watching skating, skiing and sledding should be fun to see."

William Tyler Simms Southington



"Yes. I was born in Canada, so I have that connection. I am a big hockey fan."

Kristen Shaw Tolland



"Yes, I like snow boarding and ice skating."

Katherine Myers Southington

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Letters

Double standards revisited

To the Editor,

I applaud Roger Beliveau's letter in last week's Observer for the courage to write what we are all thinking about the corruption and double standards in our small town government, police force, town jobs...

All the examples he cited about the criminal behavior of the former police chief, sergeant, town employees, park & recreation director, (and many more past incidents worthy of firing) have been stirring anger and disbelief in town residents.

The same people are

elected to govern our town, so nothing seems to change. Employees in any other positions would be fired immediately without pay over things that these men have done, but yet they have continued to keep their jobs, their excellent pays, their pensions, all at the cost of the taxpayers.

And if they've committed these dishonest acts before, I'm sure they're capable of repeating any number of other abuses of power. They all should have been fired immediately, instead of keeping their jobs, with their smug, holier than thou attitudes.

They believe they are

above the law, and it seems like our Southington laws do nothing to prove different. They should all be ashamed of themselves, and do what's good for our town, and step down voluntarily, but that will never happen, because these are not men of honor.

I wonder if corruption goes all the way to the top, so it's "honor among thieves," which means nothing will be done about it. We need honest, trustworthy people in these positions, and it's time people start speaking up.

Melissa Gomes Southington

Chamber seeks nominations

The Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for its annual awards to be presented at its 72nd annual dinner meeting scheduled for Saturday evening, April 17 at the Aqua Turf.

Each year the chamber honors a Businessperson of the Year, Community Spirit, Employee of the Year and numerous Public Service award recipients.

The public may submit nominations for any category by composing a brief description of the nominee's accomplishments in the town.

The annual dinner meeting will also include the installation of new chamber directors and officers.

The event theme is 'Good Vibrations,' with music from the 1960s-70s-

80s.

The Dave & Dave Show will provide the entertainment. The dinner will also feature solo singing acts from the finalists of the recent Karaoke competition held at Machiavelli's.

The chamber is located at One Factory Square and information about the dinner and awards can be obtained by calling the chamber at 628-8036.

Auxiliary is seeking donations

Want to get rid of your used books? The American Legion Auxiliary of Southington is raising money through donations of new and used books, CDs, DVDs, videos, and audio books.

The group has recently placed a drop-off donation container to collect these

items from community members who'd like to repurpose their used goods while also helping the Auxiliary raise money. The group will be paid on an ongoing basis for all items collected in their donation container.

The gray book donation container, distin-

guished by its purple and yellow 'Got Books?' signs, is located in the back parking lot of the YMCA at 29 High Street in Southington.

All funds raised through the collection of these donations will help the group purchase books and reading materials for local schoolchildren.

Reverend to return to church

The Rev. Henry Frascadore will return to St. Dominic Church on Thursday, Feb. 11.

He will share his personal experience of transition to retirement.

Fr. Frascadore will address how, guided by the Spirit, he met the uncertainties of his own retirement by being curious and open to new possibilities.

From trekking across England to joining a writing group and discovering a new passion for poetic response to scripture, Father Frascadore will



Fr. Henry Frascadore

share how the Spirit has directed him throughout his life.

In view of the popularity of the noted speaker, please register as early as possible.

Contact Teresa Soltys at 860-621-1142 or by e-mail at teresa@saintdominicchurch.com. If e-mailing, please include your phone number.

In case of inclement weather, check with WFSB Channel 3 for storm closings.

If the St. Dominic Church event is indicated as postponed, this presentation will be held on the snow date of February 25, 2010.

This presentation is sponsored by the St. Dominic Parish of the Future Education Committee.

Realtor joins Southington company

CENTURY 21 Access America is pleased to welcome Barbara L. Kessler, Broker Associate to its Southington office. Kessler has 17 years of experience selling homes throughout the central

Connecticut area.

Kessler specializes in Marketing & Selling Residential Real Estate from condos, new construction and Fine Homes & Estates.

"I'm very excited to

join CENTURY 21 Access America and I look forward to sharing all of the great resources CENTURY 21 provides with my customers and clients," said Kessler.



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St. Thomas School eighth graders, Joseph D'Agostino, Sarah DiBenedetto, Zachary Black, and Nicholas Szyszowski present a donation of snack bags to Eldon Hafford, the Executive Director of the Bread for Life.

The school's entire student body participated in this important community service project.