

OBITUARIES

**RAYMOND E. SORONEN**  
Mr. Soronen, 73, of Farmington died March 14 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.  
Born in Laurium, Michigan, Mr. Soronen was a retired foreman for Ford Motor Company for 35 years.  
Survivors include his wife, Irene; sons, Raymond and Keith; daughters, Renee LeValley, Karen Neville and Laurie Hall; sister, Gertrude McPeak; nine grandchildren.  
Mass was celebrated in Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church with the Rev. Loren O'Dea officiating. Burial was in Oakwood

Cemetery, Farmington.  
Arrangements were made by the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

**THOROUGH K. DELCOMYN, SR.**  
Mr. Delcomyn, 88, of Farmington Hills died March 15.  
Mr. Delcomyn retired from the Good Humor Ice Cream Company as the plant manager. He was employed with Good Humor for 40 years. After his retirement he donated his time to SCORE which is a non-profit organization which assists people starting a business for the first time.

Mr. Delcomyn was a member of the Detroit Commandery No. 1 Knights Templar, the York Rite Council No. 1 of Detroit, the Monroe Council No. 1, the King Cyrus Chapter, Scottish Rite of Detroit, the Moslem Temple Shrine, the Blue Lodge and the Noontide Club.  
Survivors include his son, Theodore Jr., daughter, Sandra, Randolph, one brother and four grandchildren.

**THOMAS P. MCPHILLIPS**  
Mr. McPhillips, 56, of Farmington Hills died March 18 in University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Born in Alpena, Mr. McPhillips was a professor of physical education at Oakland Community College since 1969. He was a volunteer for the American Red Cross for 30 years.  
Mr. McPhillips was a basketball coach at Oakland Community College for 15 years.  
Survivors include his daughters, Heather McPhillips and Kate McPhillips; brother, Frank McPhillips; sister, Catherine Ellsworth.  
Services were March 21 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home,

Farmington. A memorial service was held March 22 at Oakland Community College (Orchard Ridge Campus), the Wallace Smith Theater.  
Memorials may be made to OCC Foundation/Tom McPhillips Memorial Scholarship Fund, 2480 Updyke Road, Bloomfield Hills 48304.

**DEFOREST W. DORR**  
Mr. Dorr, 75, of Farmington Hills died March 19.

Born in Waterloo Township, Mr. Dorr was employed by Chevrolet Gear and Axel in Hamtramck. His interests were golf, bowling and gardening.  
Survivors include his wife, Kathryn; son, Bruce; daughter, Suzanne Dorr.  
Services were at the McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery, Grass Lake. Memorials may be made to St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 Six Mile, Redford 48240.

**WILLIAM WALLACE SEXTON**  
Mr. Sexton, 45, of Oak Ridge, North Carolina, formerly of Farmington Hills, died March 15.

Born in Rochester, N.Y., Mr. Sexton worked for Norton Company in Worcester, Mass. for the past 18 years as a district sales manager at various locations in the United States.

Survivors include his wife, Carol; sons, Richard, Roger and Reid; daughters, Michelle and Lynn; parents, Dr. and Mrs. Richard and Sexton of Barrington, R.I.; brothers, Thomas and John; sisters, Ann Teller and Katherine Hunt.

Mass was celebrated March 18 at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church with the Rev. Jim O'Neill officiating.

Memorials may be made to Bill Sexton's Children and sent to: Paline Webber c/o Patricia McMonagle, 1 State Street, Suite 1000, Hartford, Conn. 06103.  
Arrangements were made by the Forbes & Dick Funeral Home, Greensboro, N.C. 27410.

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Antonini leaves Kmart to mixed reactions

BY DOUG FUNK, STAFF WRITER  
What now for Kmart — shoppers, shareholders and employees — following the resignation Tuesday of Joseph E. Antonini, a Bloomfield Hills resident who had served the Troy-based retailer as chief executive officer and president?  
Kmart shoppers approached earlier this week with the news of Antonini's resignation were divided over whether any individual president/CEO really makes a difference in how a business performs.  
Several shoppers, however, at the original Kmart store in Garden City and the Livonia store had advice for the new person in charge, whomever it ultimately may be.  
"The first thing you have to do is close stores that have been unprofitable," said Les Wilson of Livonia. "Renovating so it looks better doesn't mean much to me."  
"Work with people below you," said Jean Armit of Inkster. "Get morale up. Morale is a big thing."  
"Keep prices with the competi-

tion," said Kenny Massicotte of Westland.  
Kmart stores in the Observer & Eccentric coverage area are also located in Westland, Canton Township, Farmington Hills, Plymouth Township, Bloomfield Township, Southfield and Troy.  
Kmart stock rose by \$1 per share shortly after Antonini's resignation was announced. It had closed Monday at \$12 per share and has traded during the past year between \$19.25 and \$11.83.  
Tony Howard, an analyst with First of Michigan, attributed the price jump directly to Antonini's resignation.  
"We think Antonini had already turned the corner," Howard said. "It's a shame someone else will finish the job."  
Antonini, himself, had become a distraction in the company's bid to turn things around, Howard said.  
First of Michigan has rated Kmart stock a buy for about four months, Howard said, and continues to do so.  
"The stock is cheap. I would use the dividend (24 cents per

share for the current quarter) as icing on the cake," he said.  
Roney & Co. also continues to recommend Kmart as a buy.  
"Our argument now basically revolves around the idea that Kmart fortunes basically have scraped around the bottom and we'll see significant increase in earnings over the next few months and years," said Dean Gullis, Roney's director of research.  
Long-term affects remain to be determined, he added.  
No changes were announced in on-going efforts to upgrade Kmart stores, a plan orchestrated by Antonini, in light of his resignation.  
"Store renewal and modernization, I believe is pretty well completed," said Teri Kula, manager of corporate affairs for the retail giant. "That's one thing being looked at by the board (of directors) in our strategic review process."  
"Customers, through many programs in place now, will see stores stocked fuller and see more effective operations," she added.  
The mood around corporate headquarters to Antonini's resig-

nation was mixed, Kula said.  
"It's sort of a sense of sadness," she said. "Joe Antonini was a leader and he made several important contributions. There's also a sense a change needed to be made to minimize the distraction and focus on the future."  
"As we regain our focus... I think employees will have a renewed sense of optimism," Kula said.  
Some 1,750 employees have been laid off since September at which time the company had said as many as 2,300 would be let go during the next 18 months.  
No layoffs other than those announced are anticipated at this time, Kula added.  
Antonini, 63, started working for S.S. Kresge Co., the forerunner to Kmart, as a management trainee in 1964. The native of Morgantown, W. Va., rose through the ranks and became chairman, president and CEO in 1987.  
Antonini relinquished the chairmanship title in January. His ultimate leave taking had been the subject of much speculation since then.

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