

State Dems elect local attorney as treasurer

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As an 11-year-old schoolgirl in Detroit, Barbara Rom wrote a letter to President John F. Kennedy. "I got a letter back. It was a lightening moment. I felt government was there for me," said Rom, now 43 and an attorney living in Bloomfield Hills.

For the next two years, Rom's name will be on a lot of mail soliciting contributions to the Michigan Democratic Party. Democrats Sunday elected her state party treasurer, succeeding Birmingham attorney Laurence Delich, who took office Jan. 1 as a University of Michigan regent.

Rom was on a unanimously elected slate of officers headed by state chair Gary Corbin, who starts a second term.

"I became active in the party in 1968," she recalled. "I went to Indiana to work for Eugene McCarthy (presidential hopeful). My mother, Mollie Kahn, is a precinct delegate in Southfield."

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Although her bachelor of arts and law degrees were from the University of Michigan, for which Rom has done heavy-duty fundraising, Democrats nominated her four years ago for the Michigan State University board of trustees. She lost.

"I got into it (Democratic politics) with Stu Hertzberg — he was state party treasurer, and I joined his law firm. One of my law partners is William T. Coleman III, (President) Clinton's roommate at Yale."

She is with the Detroit office of Pepper, Hamilton and Schetz, a national firm. Husband Bart is a financier.

A bankruptcy specialist, Rom was named in the Nalich & Smith survey as one of the 200 top lawyers in Michigan.

Not that Michigan Democrats need a bankruptcy lawyer. Corbin said the party has erased nearly 70 percent of its \$700,000 debt from the 1990 campaign, restructur-



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Ron Thayer, an aide to former Gov. James Blanchard and now with the Wayne County executive.

There's lots of talk of judge-ships, now that Democrats hold the White House, Rom says no. "It's been suggested I apply for a bankruptcy judgeship. I'm content doing what I'm doing."

11th District

It started as a friendly contest between two hard-working, dedicated Democrats. It ended as a contest between the labor caucus and "others," including the Michigan Education Association, at last weekend's Democratic State Convention.

Vickie Barnett, a Farmington Hills homemaker and activist, emerged Saturday as chair of the 11th-Congressional District Democratic organization, swept in by the labor ("Unity") slate. She re-

places Walter Briggs IV, who chaired the group while running two unsuccessful races for Congress.

Barnett collected 136.3 votes to 100.7 for Marvin (Mickey) Melzer, a Clinton campaigner from Birmingham. Melzer was backed by Elizabeth Howe, 1992 candidate for Oakland County executive.

"Last week Mickey said we can have a friendly race between two nice people," said the winner.

Mary Ryan Taras, a former county chair from the MEA ranks, explained how the states developed. "MEA has gotten skunked on education boards and the Democratic National Committee," Taras said, referring to the teachers union's losses at state conventions.

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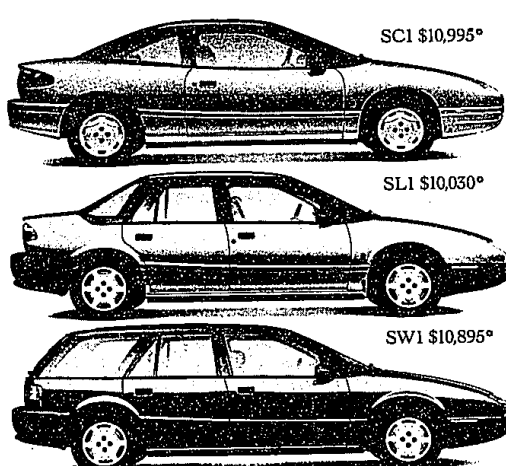
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