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ponent's interpretation of it. "I won't dignify her claims, that would be degrading."

"I intend to run on my record and hope voters recognize her for what she is — a mean, nasty person who distorts the truth," said the senator.

A spokeswoman for Honigman's campaign went a step further.

"Until we see a poll, we don't believe one exists," said Kay Honigman-Singer, who is the senator's sister.

A spokesman for Barnett's campaign said 121 people were surveyed by random sample. Names were drawn by Practical Political Consultants in East Lansing.

The poll was done by Oakland Survey Research Company, which is operated by Barnett's campaign spokesman, Michael Shippee. He said Barnett's opponents doubt the poll exists. Shippee said, "They're going to be surprised then."

Barnett said she interprets the poll data to mean voters were dissatisfied with Honigman's voice on school finance reform, which she said reduced funds available

to public schools and municipalities in southwest Oakland County.

People were turned off by all the mudslinging between him and Judge Alice Gilbert, Barnett said in a written statement, referring to the 1992 Republican primary campaign in 11th U.S. House District, eventually won by Joe Knollenberg of Bloomfield Hills.

"I've been going door to door. People have not forgotten," Barnett said. "They viewed that race as very negative. And, because of that, many of them have told me that Joe Knollenberg was a good choice, that voters rejected negative campaigning."

Barnett, Democratic chair of the 11th Congressional District, said her poll also indicated surprising name recognition — and approval rating — for her although she's never held public office.

Barnett attributed her name recognition and approval rating to her ties to the community and her participation in CARE (Citizens Alliance for Responsible Education).

She has been active in religious education at Temple Beth El in



Vicki Barnett



David Honigman

Birmingham and Temple Kol Ami in West Bloomfield. She was also chair of CARE, which last year successfully circulated a petition drive to guarantee continued state funding for public education.

"I was all over with that thing," she said. "I know it was a year ago. It was a gut, strong, visceral reaction people had to the wiping out of school financing."

Barnett has a bachelor's degree and an MBA from the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Except for her political involvement, Barnett considers herself to be a mother and homemaker. She is married to attorney Mark Stieckloff. They have two children, Samantha, 10, and Jordan, 9.

In addition to being chair of the 11th Congressional District, Barnett has been active in the campaigns of Michigan Appeals Court Judge Marilyn Kelly and Democratic state Sen. Jack Paxon of Farmington Hills. In 1984, Barnett ran unsuccessfully for state representative.

Mystery writer in Livonia

National best-selling author William Kinsale will sign his latest paperback when appearing in Livonia Friday.

Kinsale will autograph "Dead Wrong" beginning 7 p.m. Friday in the Books Connection, 19043 Middlebelt at Seven Mile, in the MC Sporting Goods Plaza in

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