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where he still lives. From 1974 to 1989 McDonald was a Republican member of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

He ran unsuccessfully for county prosecutor in 1988, losing in the Republican primary to the eventual winner, Richard Thompson.

McDonald has a bachelor's degree from the University of Detroit (1961), a master's degree from Wayne State University (1963) and a law degree from the Detroit College of Law (1970).

Before he began practicing law, McDonald was a Detroit public school teacher (1961-65) and a General Tire account executive (1964-70). He also worked as an

Oakland County assistant prosecutor (1970-73).

Asked to name the most important qualities for a judge to have, McDonald listed patience, "broad trial experience and a firm grasp on evidentiary matters."

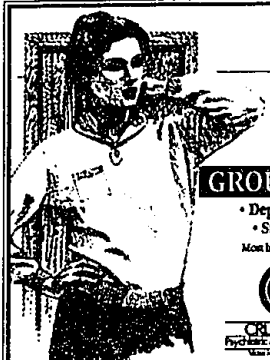
On county Prosecutor Richard Thompson, McDonald said, "Dick Thompson has his job to do, and I have my job to do."

However, Thompson sometimes tries to get a conviction on a higher charge than is warranted. And the prosecutor's policy against plea bargaining is an irritant.

"There has to be plea bargaining," McDonald said. "There's no question about that."



John McDonald



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en a "well qualified" rating.

Levy acknowledges his underdog status in this race, considering Gilbert's 28,000-vote margin in the primary and her willingness to loan her campaign a great deal of money (more than \$100,000 to date).

However, "I will concede nothing," Levy said. "I'm going to run a race to the best of my ability. I'm convinced I'm the better candidate."

One attorney who has practiced in Levy's court called him "by far the most outstanding candidate of all those who are running. He's got a keen understanding of the dynamics of settling a case."

Another attorney called Levy "a decent guy and a competent judge, very considerate to people."

Gilbert's reputation is mixed. "Alice was a decent judge," said one attorney. "She did her homework. She worked hard."

"Alice is a competent judge," said another attorney.

Sometimes criticized for her temperament, Gilbert said, however, in an interview last July that

the most important qualities in a good judge were "human qualities. The judge has to be sincerely interested in what is taking place. Listen to what is being said, but hear it. You don't just sit up there like you're watching a movie. Be courteous and respectful to everyone."

Conversely, Levy said the most important quality for a judge is "the ability to legally reason, to take a set of facts, apply the law to that set of facts and do it now. The second quality is demeanor. It goes beyond being a nice man or woman."

People appearing in court, Levy said, should walk away with "the perception that you're about justice, that you're trying to do the job without shoving it down people's throats."

Gilbert, unlike Levy, declined to attend a second interview with The Observer & Eccentric because, she said, the newspaper didn't endorse her in the primary.

The Oakland County Bar rated Levy as outstanding, its top level, and Gilbert as well qualified, the next highest rating.

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of Representatives. The West Bloomfield resident was formerly an assistant U.S. attorney (1989-92) and Oakland County assistant prosecutor (1984-87). Langford-Morris received her law degree from the University of Detroit.

She called her judgeship "an extremely rewarding job to the extent that you feel that you're helping people."

However, the volume of cases she is expected to handle came as a surprise to her. "The volume is just incredible," she said. "You have to work efficiently. Efficiency is imperative."

Langford-Morris said she works seven days a week now and "there's no such thing as finishing your work. If you're looking for an easy job, this is not the one."

Christian College Fair today

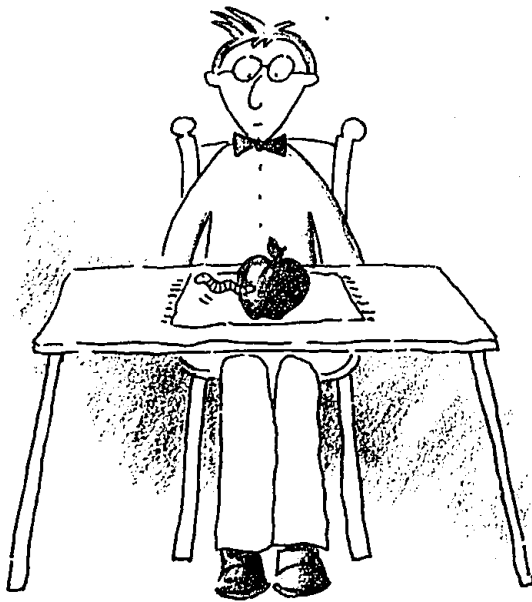
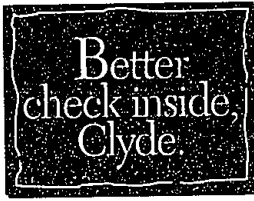
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More than 30 Christian colleges and universities from all over the country will have representatives available to share information and answer questions about their schools with prospective students and their parents.

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