

# Jury selection resumes for Kevorkian

## Attorneys expect further appeal

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An jury selection was expected to resume today in Oakland Circuit Court in the assisted suicide trial of Dr. Jack Kevorkian. It was clear delay hasn't dulled the competitive edge of prosecutors or defense attorneys.

Nor has delay affected the degree of respect Lawrence Bunting and Geoffrey N. Fieger — lead attorneys for the prosecution and defense, respectively — afford each other.

Bunting and Fieger exchanged insults Friday in the courtroom of Judge David F. Breck as they were about to argue motions on jury instructions and whether statements of Kevorkian could be admitted as evidence.

Before Breck came in the courtroom, Bunting said Fieger "is acting like an idiot," as he questioned a deputy sheriff and Oakland Township volunteer fire fighter — people with whom Kevorkian chatted on Oct. 23, 1991, at the Bald Mountain Recreation area.

"Talk to them (the deputy and fire fighter) like human beings," Bunting admonished the flamboyant defense attorney.

Fieger fired back at Bunting. "You ARE an idiot, you'll always BE and idiot."

Moments later Fieger insisted Bunting was not a human being. Fieger and Bunting stood glaring at each other, their faces inches apart.

Hostilities subsided when Breck took the bench, although there were occasional flare ups during the three-hour hearing.

More than 100 prospective jurors were expected to be on hand today when selection was to resume. The selection process was broken off abruptly on April 2, when the Michigan Supreme Court advised the Court of Appeals to order new jury instructions.

Breck Friday said he will give new instructions, and they would include — but not be restricted to — those ordered by the court of appeals.

Bunting argued the judge's instructions should be restricted to the words ordered by the court of appeals.

During a recess, Bunting said he would likely file a new appeal if Breck did not limit his new instructions to the jury.

In other motions argued Friday, defense attorneys said they wanted three sets of statements excluded as evidence because Kevorkian had not been advised they could be used against him in criminal proceedings.

"No court in the country would allow these statements to be admitted because Dr. Kevorkian had not been advised of his con-

stitutional rights," insisted Fieger.

But at the time Kevorkian made the statements, he was not a suspect nor had he been arrested, countered the prosecution. There was no criminal investigation in progress, said Bunting, so prosecutors were not obligated to advise the retired pathologist of any right against self incrimination.

Judge Breck took the arguments under advisement. He is expected to make a ruling prior to opening arguments.

Those arguments are expected to be made later this week, once the jury is selected and the trial itself begins.

Kevorkian, 67, is charged under common law in the assisted suicides of Marjorie Wentz, 56, of Sodus, and Sherry Miller, 43, of Roseville.

# Trust funds set for 2 children

In the wake of last week's plane crash in Croatia, which took the life of Guardian executive David L. Ford and 34 others, trust funds have been arranged by Guardian for the two children of David Ford — Kathryn, 11, and Douglas, 9. The funds will provide for the children's future education and other appropriate needs.

Ford's close personal friend and managing director of Guardian Europe, James Moore, has been named a trustee of the trust funds. Guardian Industries

launched the two funds with a corporate donation of \$25,000. Guardian employees, friends of the Ford family and people who simply want to contribute are eligible to make donations.

All donations will be deposited equally into the two funds and will be acknowledged to the Ford family. Checks should be made payable to James Moore, trustee, and mailed to one of the following locations: c Guardian Industries Corp., 2300 Harmon Road, Au-

burn Hills, Mich. 48326-1714. Attn: Kathryn Ford & Douglas Ford Trust Funds; or, to c Guardian Europe S.A., L-3462 Dudelange, Grand-Duché de Luxembourg. Attn: Kathryn Ford & Douglas Ford Trust Funds.

"When we learned of David's death, our thoughts went immediately to his wife and two children," said William Davidson, president and CEO of Guardian Industries Corporation. "To provide for the financial future of his children was our primary concern.

While David's life has been cut tragically short, we want to ensure that his legacy lives on through his children."

Ford, 43, was one of 12 U.S. business executives accompanying U.S. Secretary of Commerce Ronald R. Brown on the ill-fated commercial trade mission to Bosnia and Croatia. Secretary Brown's plane crashed into the Croatian hillside on Wednesday, April 3, en route from Tuzla, Bosnia to Dubrovnik, Croatia.

# Janet Good honored by ACLU April 21

Long-time civil libertarian Janet Good of Farmington Hills, founder of the Michigan chapter of the Henlock Society, will be honored at the annual dinner of the Oakland Branch, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) at 6 p.m. Sunday, April 21, at the Kingsley Inn, Bloomfield Hills. Speaker will be Jack Lessenberry, reporter and columnist,

whose work appears in The New York Times, Boston Globe, Vanity Fair, Michigan Monthly and others.

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Sheeter is chair of the Oakland County chapter.

Janet Good, the dinner honoree, is a humanitarian who is a member of the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame, founders of the Older Women's League and a supporter of Dr. Jack Kevorkian.

Lessenberry is affiliated with journalism programs at Wayne

State University and the University of Michigan and a longtime observer of the assisted suicide debate.

He was a reporter/producer for an Emmy-award-winning Frontline documentary on Dr. Kevorkian, as well as for an upcoming A&E Biography on the Michigan advocate for legally assisted suicide.



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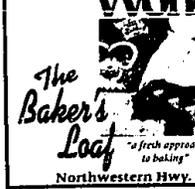
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