

Advocates for Life Ministries

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Kevorkian suit against AFLM dismissed

Detroit, MI — Michigan state Judge Marvin R. Stempen has dismissed the lawsuit against Advocates for Life ministries brought by Cheryl Gale and Jack Kevorkian's attorneys Geoffery Feiger and Michael Schwartz.

The suit alleged that AFLM, Lynn Mills and others had defamed Cheryl Gale when they revealed Kevorkian's "Final Action" document showing that Gale was present and assenting to her husband's death by assisted suicide. The document said that Hugh Gale had asked that the suicide process be stopped, but Kevorkian refused to remove the carbon monoxide mask.

The opinion, given by Judge Stempien, said that attorneys Feiger and Schwartz had willfully disrupted the process of the court and disobeyed court orders as the suit progressed. They refused to allow Kevorkian to be deposed by Constance Cumby, attorney for AFLM and Lynn Mills. They also advised people to ignore court orders, deliberately threw up roadblocks to legitimate investigation by the defense attorney, and improperly threatened defense counsel with a Bar grievance.

The court also awarded sanctions against the attorneys for their obstructionist behavior.

"In this case, the court finds the actions of attorneys Feiger and Schwartz chargeable to themselves and the plaintiff equally," the opinion read.

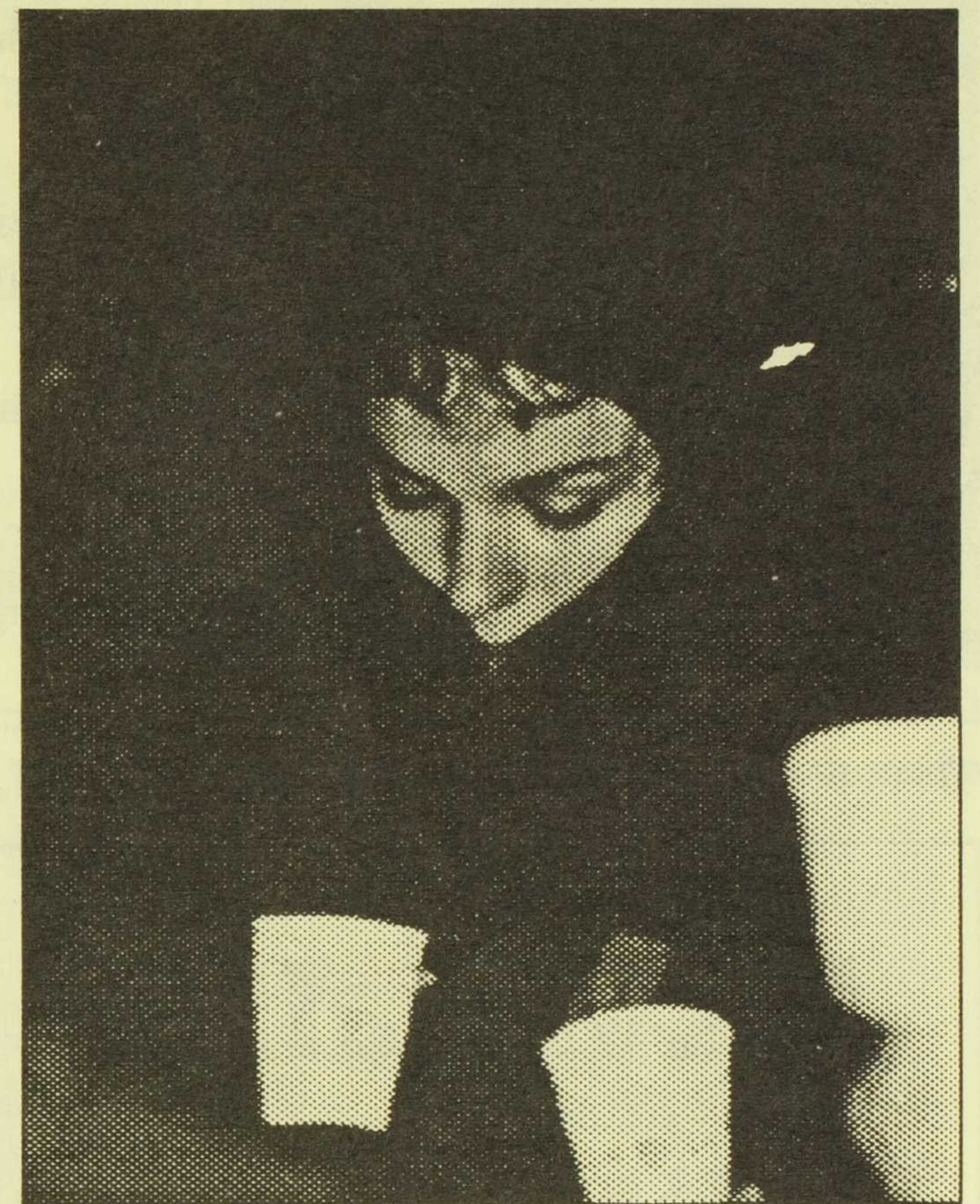
Saying that the attorneys could easily have been found in contempt for their actions, the court decided against that charge but said, "Defendants may present a bill of costs" pursuant to state law for plaintiffs to pay.

AFLM holds second annual Candlelight Vigil

Portland, OR — Thirty pro-life activists joined Advocates for Life Ministries for the second annual candlelight vigil commemorating the deaths of children in Bethlehem at the order of King Herod 2,000 years ago.

The December 28 date was chosen to coincide with the liturgical calendar's observance of the Feast of the Holy Innocents.

The participants held candles and spent an hour singing and praying near the Portland Feminist abortuary located at 2nd and NE Hassalo. The group walked around the block while praying several times. All the properties on that block including a pre-school nursery are owned by the same person who owns the building in which the Feminist Center is located.



A candlelight vigil participant bows her head in prayer for the children killed at Portland Feminist Center Abortuary.



Dawn Stover, AFLM associate director, stands in the midst of the candlelight vigil participants on the Feast of the Holy Innocents