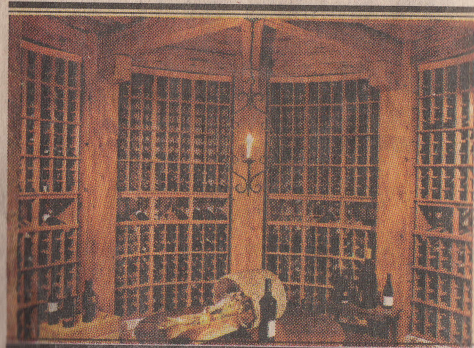


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On the broader scale, a sense of inevitability took hold and Schiavo's father offered a dark prognosis. He said his brain-damaged daughter, whose feeding

tube was removed on March 18, was “down to her last hours.”

“The effects of her starvation and dehydration are showing more,” Bob Schindler, fatigued, angry and tearful, said after visiting her Friday night. “I think people who are anxious to see her die are getting their wish. It's happening.”

Earlier, a federal judge in Tampa, Fla., ruled for a second time against Schindler and his wife, Mary, who want Schiavo's

For many Orange County people with disabilities and for their loved ones, the Terri Schiavo debate has underscored how they feel that contemporary society devalues their lives as a whole.

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