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NANCY GRACE, CNN HOST: Tonight, a beautiful young woman, Terri Schiavo, running out of time. It's been over a week, day eight since Schiavo's feeding tube was removed. Is Governor Bush her last hope or is it all just talk? And a shocking turn of events. A 28-year-old Virginia man murders a pregnant woman. P.S., the victim is the killer's twin sister.

And bombshell testimony and the state ends the week with a major score trial-wise in the Michael Jackson sex trial. Both sides waiting for Monday's major ruling, whether the Jackson jury will ever hear about Michael Jackson's other alleged molestation victims.

Good evening, everybody. I'm Nancy Grace. Thank you for being with us tonight.

Twenty-eight-year-old Larry Nielson behind bars tonight in a Virginia jailhouse. Why? The stabbing death of Tabitha Bonaparte, the young victim, three months pregnant and the defendant's own twin sister.

And in the Michael Jackson trial, trial judge Rodney Melville rules Monday morning if other boys, young boys, claiming Jackson molested them as well will be before the jury.

But first, day eight and still no food, no water for Terri Schiavo. Her family continues to hope.

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BOB SCHINDLER, FATHER OF TERRI SCHIAVO: And I kissed her (UNINTELLIGIBLE) again, which was encouraging but I think people who are anxious to see her die are getting their wish. It's happening.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

GRACE: Tonight, in Tampa, Florida, David Gibbs; in Pinellas Park, the Schindler family spiritual brother, Paul O'Donnell; in New York, from the National Advocate for Compassion and Choices, Robert Raben.

But first, to Time Magazine Miami bureau chief, Tim Padgett.

Hello, Tim. Friday night has come. Another day has gone, still, no food, no water for Terri Schiavo. Bring us up to date, friend.

TIM PADGETT, TIME MAGAZINE: Well, and it's Good Friday night, which has even more meaning for a lot of people, particularly in this case.

Tonight, Nancy, where the case stands is that, once again, it's in the court of state Judge George Greer. And he held an emergency hearing this afternoon as the Schindler family lawyers brought another claim that they said that he should pay attention to this time, claiming that they have evidence that Terri is actually has been actually communicating thoughts such, "As I want to live."

GRACE: OK, wait a minute. Wait a minute. Let me get this straight. Did you say the same judge heard evidence today that Terri Schiavo said she wants to live?

PADGETT: Yes. One of the lawyers for the Schindler family testified to Judge Greer that -- I believe it was about a week ago -- that she had been convinced that Terri had uttered something very much like, "I want to live." And this is the new claim, the new evidence that the family's bringing to the courts in an attempt to get the courts to at least pay

attention to the case and reinsert her feeding tube in the meantime.

GRACE: Now, is this the same judge that turned the family down before?

PADGETT: Yes, yes. This is the judge that has been with this case since the outset seven years ago.

GRACE: OK, you know, Tim, this is something I don't understand.

OK, you know what? Let me get Elizabeth. Elizabeth, do we have the sound from the doctor?

Earlier, and I'm going to play this for you in a few moments, we have heard one of her treating physicians, Tim, say over and over that she does recognize people.

OK, here we go. Roll it, Elizabeth. Thanks.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

WILLIAM HAMMESFAHR, NEUROLOGIST: The woman is very aware of her surroundings. She's very aware. She's alert. She's not in coma. She's not in PVS, which is a type of coma. She understands when you talk to her. You can ask her to do things and she does it. She understands English.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

GRACE: Tim, what I don't understand is, with testimony like that, how is a judge -- he's not a medical doctor -- how is he so sure Terri Schiavo can't feel anything and that she's actually in a vegetative state?

PADGETT: Well, because, at this point, Judge Greer is relying on testimony from a larger number of doctors over the course of this case that have testified that she is in a persistent vegetative state and would not be able to have the sort of emotions, reactions, responses, and, in particular, communication that's being claimed now that is being presented and on which he says he will rule by tomorrow at around noon.

GRACE: You know, Tim, it is very distressing that judges are making life-and-death decisions for families.

I want to go to Brother Paul O'Donnell with us now. He's the Schindler family religious adviser.

Brother O'Donnell, welcome back to our show. I'm very concerned. Tim Padgett just told me -- and he's correct -- that the judge heard more doctors that said she can't feel a thing, she is a vegetable than said otherwise. So is it a matter how many doctors you can hire?

BROTHER PAUL O'DONNELL, SCHINDLER FAMILY RELIGIOUS ADVISER: I think so. I think you can find a doctor that will say anything. But having an experience in hospice care and caring for people, and caring for people in persistent vegetative states, I know that they're capable of feeling pain, from firsthand experience and caring for people and also from what I know of Terri Schiavo.

If she was not able to experience pain, they wouldn't have given her pain medication for her monthly menstrual cycle each month. Of course she feels pain. Also, they rushed her to the hospital in the early 1990s to have a bone scan done to see what was wrong, because she was moaning out in pain due to physical therapy. And she had a fractured femur.

GRACE: Well, Brother, let me ask you this: What about pain management for Terri? I mean, from my understanding, the judge has not even allowed -- maybe there's been a change today.

Tim, you may have to clear this up for me.

Not even allowed then to moisten her lips, much less give her pain -- I mean, the woman is starving to death, Tim. What are they doing to ease her suffering?

PADGETT: A morphine drip was administered. But we're told that this time, for reasons that medically I'm not sure of yet, that a morphine drip is not being administered. I think there was a conclusion among some doctors that it wasn't necessary really, so I'm not sure...

GRACE: Oh, really?

PADGETT: I'm not really sure that anything of that order is being done at this time.

GRACE: You know, that's really interesting to me, David Gibbs, Schindler family attorney, that a group of doctors, who are going home to a nice steak and lobster dinner tonight, a little surf and turf, maybe a little vino, they don't think she should have a morphine drip while she's starving to death?

You know, David, animal rights people would go berserk if you'd put a dog of in a room and let it starve to death. But apparently a lot of people think it's OK for this woman to starve to death in front of our eyes.

DAVID GIBBS, SCHINDLER FAMILY ATTORNEY: But, Nancy, we all know it's not OK. It's a crime to do this to a dog. We wouldn't do this to a capital murderer. It would violate our Constitution.

And the United States Congress recognized what was happening. The medical doctors, Dr. Frist and Dr. Weldon and others, said this is barbaric. This is un-American. Terri has a right to life.

And we argued today in the courts and before the federal appeals court, as well, that Terry is alive. She is communicating. She wants to live. And as we're going into this Easter weekend, we are literally pleading for her very life.

GRACE: I'm going to go to the other side. Robert Raben with us, National Advocate for Compassion in Choices.

Robert, what do you make of today's revelation that Terri's family has stated she does want to live?

ROBERT RABEN, NATIONAL ADVOCATE FOR COMPASSION AND CHOICES: It's completely consistent with what they've been saying. And I have tremendous respect for that. I absolutely am empathic and can't imagine the tragedy that they must be feeling.

What troubles me, and bothers me, and has repeatedly been in my mind is, you quibble with judges and courts making the decision. To me, the only thing worse than a judge making the decision are the politicians or strangers circling this tragic family's circumstances.

GRACE: I agree.

RABEN: We just saw Brother Paul -- I've never met Brother Paul. I'm going to assume he's a man of the Lord.

GRACE: He is a friend of Schindler family.

RABEN: And I'm going to assume he loves the Lord like I love the Lord. And behind him is a big sign that says, "Jeb," which I'm going to assume is Jeb Bush, governor of Florida. I'm appalled, and I think many Americans are appalled, at the politicization of this tragic family circumstance.

GRACE: Robert, Robert, I agree -- with that I agree with you. The last thing I want is Congress, or the president, or the governor jumping in on a family decision of life or death.

But I'm asking you tonight, from your position, what do you think of removing this feeding tube and letting the woman lay there and starve to death? This is not a ventilator. She's not on life support. It's simply feeding her.

RABEN: Well, what we all have in common is none of us are part of the Schindler family and can speak credibly and firsthand what she wanted. We relied on courts. We are now up to at least 30 judges that have looked at the facts or looked at lower courts looking at the facts. And everybody has determined that her wishes were not to prolong her life and to have hydration and nutrients removed. So from that perspective, if you believe that, if you trust her will and you trust her autonomy, you ought to let her...

GRACE: Well, according to her husband, who has another woman and another family, he's the one that says she said that.

RABEN: Well, I wasn't in the courtroom in Pinellas County, and neither were you, and neither was anybody else...

GRACE: Well, I can read a transcript, sir. I mean, he's the one who says she wants to die.

RABEN: Right. I trust that the judges who have looked at this over and over again have made the right decision.

GRACE: OK. We are taking a quick break. When we come back, straight back to Time Magazine Miami bureau chief with the latest as of right now, 8:10 p.m., day eight of Terri Schiavo, no food, no water, this Good Friday.

Stay with us.

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REV. PATRICK MAHONEY, CHRISTIAN DEFENSE COALITION: Governor Bush, please act. If you see that, brothers and sisters, they're watering the plants at the governor's mansion while Terri is being dehydrated. Governor Bush, please act. We respect you, sir. Please, act on behalf of Terri. If you care enough for the plants in your yard, will you not please care for Terri Schiavo?

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SUZANNE VITADAMO, TERRI SCHIAVO'S SISTER: She looks like she is in a concentration camp. I mean, she's beginning to hollow out. I mean, it's just awful. It's awful to have to sit back and watch that -- this process can happen to anybody. I mean, we live in America. And, you know, I'm sitting here. I can't even believe I'm sitting here discussing this. This is sick. So it's horrible.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

GRACE: Tonight, day eight, Terri Schiavo, no food, no water. She is not on a ventilator, a life-support system. She is merely being fed. Now, no food, no water. Her family in distress. Her husband, who is moved on with another family of his own, insists this is what she wanted, to lie in a hospital bed and starve to death.

Let me quickly go back to Tim Padgett with Time Magazine.

Tim, have you heard about this guy in North Carolina arrested by the FBI for allegedly soliciting offers over the Internet -- I guess that he doesn't know the FBI can look on the Internet -- for the murder of Michael Schiavo, the husband, soliciting offers for murder.

PADGETT: No. These sorts of the threats have been gaining ground a lot this week. Up in Tallahassee, a lot of Republican state legislators say they're fed up and exasperated with the threats that they've been getting, some of them because they did not vote with Jeb Bush last week in the legislative efforts to get Terri's tube reinserted. This sort of thing has been growing, and Jeb Bush even made a point yesterday exhorting people, particularly on the radical religious right, to cool it.

GRACE: Let me go to Daniel Horowitz, trial attorney.

Richard Alan Meywes of Fairview, North Carolina, Daniel, allegedly offered \$250,000 to kill for the killing of Michael Schiavo. And he topped it off with \$50,000 for the death of the judge who ordered the feeding tube removed. What is going on, Daniel?

DANIEL HOROWITZ, DEFENSE ATTORNEY: Nancy, what this is, this whole Schiavo case, is the abortion debate in America repackaged. We are constantly arguing as Americans, if somebody or something has DNA and a heart beat, does it have a soul? Is it human life?

And by taking this young woman who has no brain function, that's a fact, but saying that she does have a soul and that therefore she can't die, we're stirring that same emotion that makes people say you cannot abort a child at three weeks, two weeks, one week, and so on.

GRACE: OK, you know, how you managed to work in the abortion argument in this case -- you know, I'm going to have to go home and run a Lexis- Nexis search to figure this out. But I get your drift.

Daniel Horowitz, as much as you want the feeding tube removed and want the woman to starve to death, if you were lying in that hospital bed starving to death, don't worry. I would make an argument to save your life. Very quickly...

HOROWITZ: Don't save my life. Get Dr. Kevorkian, Nancy, to come there and take care of me in a humane way. But, no, he's in prison for the rest of his life for doing something that people wanted done. That's what's so crazy about

this. The humane person who gives people what they want is in prison, but she has to starve to death.

GRACE: To Brother Paul O`Donnell, Brother O`Donnell, what is your response to all the people that are so sure that Terri Schiavo feels nothing, she knows nothing, she has no idea what`s going on around her and she wants to lie there in misery and obvious pain and starve to death?

O`DONNELL: Well, Terri Schiavo can feel pain. And it`s ludicrous to say that she has no brain function. I think those people that believe it have been sold a bill of goods by George Felos and Michael Schiavo.

It is not a nice way to die. People did this in Nazi Germany in concentration camps. Ask people who are in those starvation bunkers without food and water. This is the United States of America.

And as I said, I`ve had a background in hospice care. And we would swab our peoples` mouths, offer them ice chips, cool sips of water, even when they no longer could eat. I don`t know about your other guests` sense of compassion, but to me it`s a false sense of compassion and it`s murder. It`s absolute murder.

GRACE: David Gibbs is the Schindler family attorney. He is with us tonight.

David, take a listen to this.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

HAMMESFAHR: She`s very much aware of her surroundings. She can discriminate between different people. She`s partially blind. So when you look at videos, you will notice a lot of times that she looks sort of off into space. And when her mother comes by, she suddenly will light up. And that`s because she can only see about 18 inches in front of her. She can really do quite a bit.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

GRACE: Let me go to David Gibbs, the family attorney.

What are the points the Schindler family argued on appeal?

GIBBS: Well, on appeal, Nancy, we`ve argued before the federal courts, Congress intended to have a trial, number one, on what Terri wanted and, number two, what condition she is in. And before the state court today, we argued that Terri has expressed a desire to live.

It is combined on testimony from guests and from family, but also Dr. William Cheshire from the Mayo Clinic said Terri is not in PVS. She`s aware. She`s communicating. She feels pain. And on behalf of the government, he had come in as a volunteer this week. And he rendered a sworn seven-page statement that said Terri Schiavo should be given food and water. She`s not a vegetable. She is a living, breathing, human being worthy of life.

GRACE: So that is Dr. William Cheshire from the Mayo Clinic?

Let me go straight back to Robert Raben, the National Advocate for Compassion and Choices.

So, Robert, do you presume to know more than a doctor at the Mayo Clinic regarding Terri Schiavo`s condition?

RABEN: That`s an excellent question. I presume to know a lot less. The only thing that`s more...

GRACE: Me, too. Me, too.

RABEN: The only thing more tragic than what this family finds itself in right now is the incredible politicization of her tragedy. It is shocking to most Americans that the Congress and the incredible number of groups protesting, not protesting, screaming, yelling, imposing their will on what Terri Schiavo wanted.

Let me tell you. The Supreme Court of the United States, the most conservative court in generations, declined to overturn the Florida courts. They know how to overturn a Florida court order. They have done it before. They declined to do it this time. That tells me something.

GRACE: Finally, as we go to break, back to David Gibbs, the Schindler family attorney.

Is time running out? How long does Terri have left?

GIBBS: Nancy, we fear this will be the weekend, over Easter, where Terri will not necessarily die but she will begin from dehydration to have renal failure. And we are very fearful that, if the courts don't rule tonight or early tomorrow morning, that effectively, because of Terri's health, all will be lost.

GRACE: Well, David, that would be irreversible if she goes into renal failure. That would be -- there's nothing they could do once that happens.

GIBBS: The doctors have told us that will occur between seven to ten days. And we're moving into day eight.

GRACE: Day eight, no food, no water for Terri Schiavo. As many people around the country celebrate Good Friday, look forward to Easter, her family in intense pain, begging for anyone to help their daughter.

As we go to break, to "Trial Tracking": Catch this. The Robert Blake jury demanding a formal apology from the L.A. district attorney, Steve Cooley. Cooley stated openly Blake was guilty as sin and that the jury, who acquitted him, was, quote, "incredibly stupid." So far, the district attorney's standing firm, no apology. Hey, I want an apology from that juror who tried to sell a homemade CD about the Blake trial the other night on national TV on Larry King's show.

And on the higher note, Ashley Smith, remember her? The courageous young lady held hostage by the Atlanta courthouse shooter then led police to Brian Nichols whereabouts. She takes on about \$70,000 in reward money, an incredible blessing for Ashley Smith, a waitress and a single mom.

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ASHLEY SMITH, HELD HOSTAGE BY BRIAN NICHOLS: But that is a small fraction compared to all the families that lost loved ones during this tragic event earlier in the month.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

GRACE: In the Michael Jackson trial, testimony today reveals fingerprints from both Michael Jackson and the little boy, the alleged child molestation victim. Testimony showed they were both found on Jackson's porn magazines.

Tonight, with us from Santa Maria, former prosecutor Anne Bremner.

But first, to "Inside Edition's" senior correspondent, Jim Moret. Jim, I've only got two minutes to break. Tell me what happened in court today.

JIM MORET, "INSIDE EDITION": I know you love to cut to the chase. Here's the headline: "Fingerprints and filth." We talked about all that pornography that came in this week. Well, today, prosecutors finally revealed that they found fingerprints, five fingerprints from the accuser, two from the accuser's brother, and twelve from Michael Jackson all on some of the pages of those magazines.

On one magazine, they found Michael Jackson and the accuser's fingerprints, but on different pages so, obviously, here the prosecutors are saying the connection has been made.

GRACE: OK. You know what, I lost audio for a moment. Repeat that last sentence.

(LAUGHTER)

MORET: On one magazine, the prosecutors introduced evidence that there was Michael Jackson's fingerprint and a fingerprint from the accused, same magazine, different pages. But the prosecution is trying to make the connection between Michael Jackson and the alleged victim and pornography.

GRACE: Question: Were there more magazines brought in today, Jim?

MORET: You know, it reminded me of that scene from "Miracle on 34th Street" where they brought in all of that mail to prove they're Santa Claus. The prosecution brought in boxes -- boxes -- of pornography. But they only introduced evidence of 19 fingerprint matches and five from the accuser, two from the accuser's brother. I think it's a case of overkill. I really do. I think it could backfire on the prosecution.

GRACE: Hey, hey, hey. It's easy for us to sit back and say you're doing too much. You know what? They said that in the Blake case, too, and we all know what happened. So I am not going to stone at the prosecution for overkill.

Jim Moret, don't move an inch. Anne Bremner, stay right there. Quick break.

As you know, we hear at NANCY GRACE want very much to help solve unsolved homicides. Tonight, take a look at Nolan Moi, shot to death, March 2002, in his Cincinnati apartment. Look at that, age 19. He was just beginning to live. If you have any information on Nolan Moi, call the Carole Sund/Carrington Foundation toll-free, 888-813-8389. There could be a reward involved. Please help us.