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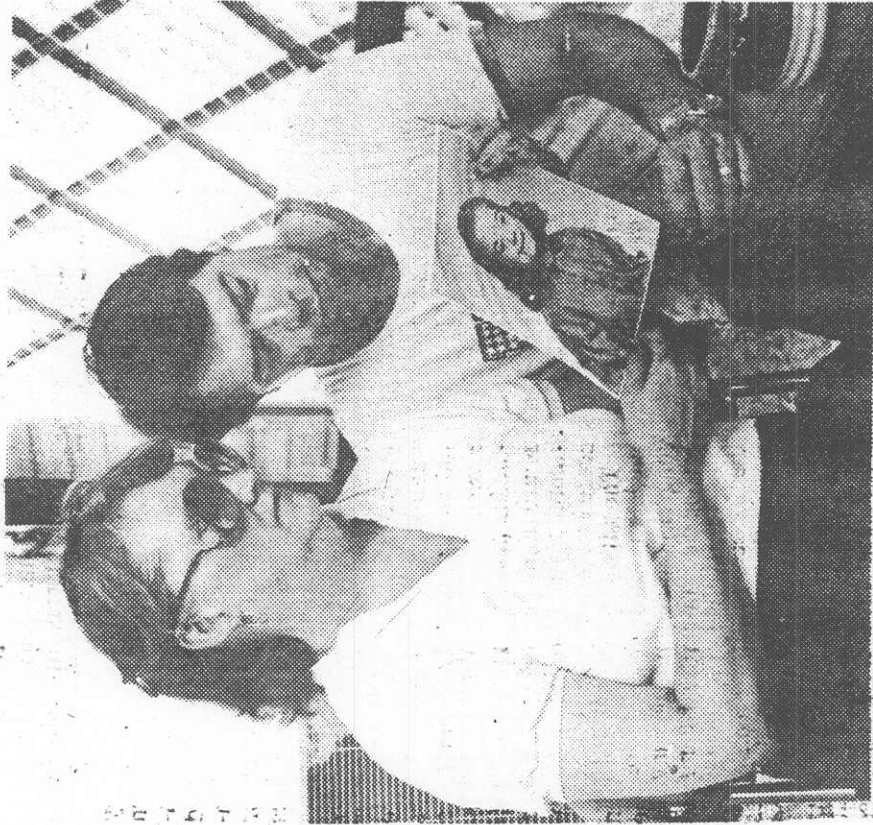
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At the time of her disappearance, Jennifer was wearing a pink "Sesame Street" T-shirt and pastel shorts, and had a yellow pocketbook.

The child is 4 feet, 3 inches tall, weighs about 65 pounds and has brown hair and hazel eyes. She has been described as having the mentality of a 7-year-old but could recite her telephone number and address.

On July 9, witnesses reported seeing the child walking with a man described as about age 60, about 5 feet, 11 inches tall with a slim build. He reportedly had a bald spot on the back of his head.

The child's disappearance prompted a massive search involving bloodhounds, helicopters and hundreds of police officers and volunteers. In addition, fliers with the girl's picture asking "Have You Seen Jennifer?" have been posted on utility poles and storefronts around Staten Island.



Jennifer's parents, Kenneth and Karen Schweiger, wistfully look at a picture of their daughter.

Police opened a temporary headquarters in the firehouse at 875 Jewett Ave. a day after the disappearance while officers canvassed dozens of homes in the neighborhood surrounding Wardwell Avenue.

Police scuba-diving teams dragged the pond at Willowbrook Park, and officers searched garbage that had originated at SIDC at the Fresh Kills landfill. Staten Island's Radio Emergency Associated Citizens Team (R.E.A.C.T.) patrolled streets boroughwide.

Yesterday, 75 volunteers assembled by New York Telephone Co. scoured the SIDC woods in groups armed with walking sticks and insect repellent. The volunteers were joined by the child's parents, Kenneth and Karen Schweiger, and three psychics, including Ms. Allison.

Meanwhile, 16 National Guard volunteers searched the sprawling grounds of Sea View Hospital and Home, which was being investigated for the second day. The guardsmen said the going was rough.

"All this is pretty well overgrown," said Major Maurice Watson. "It's like a jungle."