

Your opinion

Reporters handled story well

On behalf of the Friends of Jennifer, I wish to thank you and the Advance staff for your constant support and complete coverage of events. We recognize that in order to achieve such a high level of reporting, the efforts of many behind the scenes people were involved. We commend and thank them all.

Two reporters particularly followed the case from the beginning and we feel that their special talents and contributions should be noted.

Glenn Chapman was present at every meeting and event during the course of the search. His accounts were complete and accurate, never seeking to embellish the facts with sensational overtones. Moreover, Glenn demonstrated a sensitivity toward the needs of the family during such trying times and always respected the dignity of personal privacy. He was, nevertheless, able to gather in facts without ever becoming intrusive. His superb reporting demonstrated that ability. It must also be noted that Glenn participated as a searcher during his non-working hours. He was indeed an integral part of the search for this missing child. Without his dedicated support our

group would not have been so determined to meet our goal of finding Jennifer.

Dean Balsamini's reports on events as they unfolded were always timely and complete. His genuine concern in the matter was demonstrated by the respect with which he conducted his interviews. His objective was to write pertinent material which would be useful to the eventual outcome of the search effort. In providing the community with accurate information, Dean accomplished his goal. His fine reporting reflected the Advance's concern for Jennifer's plight. Dean, too, participated in the search effort during his free time.

These two reporters showed a complete dedication to their work and are two of the finest reporters on your staff.

The Staten Island community provided the Schweiger family with an immeasurable degree of comfort and support. It is with respect and appreciation that we acknowledge the many contributions made to the effort by our local newspaper. . . .

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