

nd July 15, 1981, nearly nine years to the
lice Periera vanished.

n disappeared at 9:30 p.m. while on her
elicatessen near her home at 90 Park Ave.
portedly visited his aunt on the day Holly
eared. The aunt lived in a building that
entrance way with Holly Ann's home.
es brought up Rand's name early in the
on, according to Holly Ann's grandpar-
n and Sven Cederholm.

er of the girl's family had said Rand was
g with the child earlier in the day. Police
he girl had been spotted speaking with a
Volkswagen that day. Rand was reportedly
ng a green Volkswagen that same day.
aid Rand was questioned extensively re-
e girl's disappearance, but they released
ck of evidence.

's mother, also named Holly Ann Hughes,
he Rand trial every day, except for the day
dict. She has no doubt who took her child.
Ann's the reason why she was there," said
ti, a member of the Friends of Jennifer, the
group that eventually found Jennifer
's body. "If he (Rand) was convicted, she

would feel Holly Ann, along with Jennifer, can now
rest in peace."

Missing: Tiahese Jackson

Tiahese has not been seen or heard from since
1983, after leaving her home, the Conca D'Oro Hotel
in Mariners Harbor.

Early that year, Rand was arrested and convicted
for another child-related crime. On Jan. 10 he took 11
children on an unauthorized bus trip to Newark
Airport and was arrested upon returning to Staten
Island five hours later.

Two months later Rand was convicted of unlawful
imprisonment, charges resulting from the bus trip.
He was released from prison Aug. 1 after serving
five months of a 10-month sentence.

On the night of Aug. 13, less than two weeks after
Rand had been released, 10-year-old Tiahese Jack-
son disappeared while running an errand. She was on
her way to the Crown Supermarket at 933 Richmond
Ave.

During a published interview last year, Tiahese's
mother Gwendolyn said she had seen a man match-
ing Rand's description "who used to hang around the
hotel and the lot across the street.
Police questioned Rand three days after the girl's

disappearance. The drifter was spotted by detectives
while he was walking out of the Baron Hirsch
Cemetery, where Rand had been known to have a
campsite. The Conca D'Oro Hotel is located less than
a half mile from the cemetery.

Again, due to lack of evidence and witnesses in
Tiahese's case, police were unable to file charges
against Rand.

If the intense manhunt for Jennifer Schweiger's
abductor opened old wounds for the families of the
other missing children, the arrest and subsequent
conviction of Rand brought some consolation.

"I think the families all got a certain amount of
satisfaction (from the verdict)," said Donna Cutugno
of the Friends of Jennifer. "Holly Ann's mother
thinks he did it. This conviction really helped ease
the pain."

"We all feel that it took a Down's syndrome child
to catch up to Andre Rand," Mrs. Auriti said, in
reference to the exhaustive search that followed.

"Although we may never find the other children, I
hope their families are all resting comfortably now.
If he did harm these other kids, I hope he does feel
remorse enough for these other parents (to talk). All
they want to do is put these other fears to rest."