Girl's kidnapper wept after being confronted by police, parole officer testifies

Clifford Sleigh broke down weeping after police confronted him with DNA evidence linking him to the murder and sexual assault of six-year-old Corrine "Punky" Gustavson, testified his parole officer, "Shauna Kiziak, yesterday in Edmonton. "I did not kill her," Sleigh, right, "told Ms. Kiziak on March 13, 2003. "When I left her, she was alive. What

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'PUNKY' GUSTAVSON MURDER

sexual assault and the lesser charge of manslaughter in the Sept. 6, 1992, death of the girl, but the Crown is proceeding with a first-degree

not certain if Sleigh's remorse was real. "Some was because he was in a lot of trouble," David Staples, CanWest News Service



Shaken students vow to prevent future Holocausts

HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAM

BY SHELDON ALBERTS

WASHINGTON . They came to try to understand the horrors of a genocide that began 50 years before they were

born.

Many of them left the U.S. Holocaust
Memorial Museum shaken, but realizing
the need to prevent a similar tragedy

the need to prevent a similar tragedy from happening again
"It is really powerful to walk through and to feel one little bit of what the peo-ple who suffered in the Holocaust were feeling," said 15-year-old Tiffany hammed a suddent from Luther College in Regna.
"I don't think we can even imagine hav-ing to go through that. But we can learn about it and maybe help avoid it in the huture."

and to go declared.

In the future.

Ms. Kearie was among a group of 340
Clandalan teenagers whose visit to the
US. capital this week capped an intensive 18-bour study program designed to
educate them about tolerance and leadessipt on human rights issued.
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maken, the students were struck most by exhibitions that conveyed the humanity of the victures and the horror of their experience, like the pile of shoes stolen from lewed by their National Policy, and the cattle car in which hundreds of measurement of their materials camps. The student of their materials camps. The student of their materials camps. The student of their materials and their materials of their materials of their materials. The student of the students of the s

makes it so much more powerful."

The Holocaust studies program was launched eight years ago by the late larsel Asper as a way to teach Canadian students — Jewish and non-Jewish alike—to promote tolerance and fight racism busing the past as a lesson.

Mr. Asper was the founder of Canwest Global Communications, whose media bolidings include Global Television, the National Post and several other major daily newspapers across the country.

country.
Since the Holocaust studies program
began, more than 4,500 students from
49 cities and nine provinces have partici-

They are thinking about ways they can affect the world positively. It is an infectious thing that is happening," said Babs Asper, israel's widow, who joined the students in Washington. This [muther than 1976] in the most reaching thing. the students in Washington. This (interest wish!) is the most graphic thing they can see to describe the message we are trying to get across."

For some students, the trip to Wash-

For some students, the trip to wash-ington held special personal meaning. Michelle Cola's grandparents are Holocaust survivors who have told her stories about such death camps as Tre-'hlinka, in Poland.

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"Both of my grandparents lost their entire families. It is beyond comprehension," sald Ms. Cola. 15, from Bialik High School in Montreal.

"So to many areas."

School in Montreal.

*So ft meant even more to me. I
thought about their position and what
they felt.

*The-IOT Ben-Choreen, 15, a student
Il/Linak Rabin High school in Ottawa,
was named after a Holocaust victim.

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At a separate educational session held
yesterday at the Canadian embassy, the
students were told their education
would be more valuable if they use it in
the future to campaign against other hu-iman rights violations.

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Important part in your life," said Philip
Weiss, a Winnipeg man who survived
five Nazi camps during the Holocaust.

"Teaching [about the] Holocaust.

makes us understand suffering, death and dignity in people, and yet [also teaches us] to remember our responsi-bility towards future generations."

Gail Asper, the managing director of the Asper Foundation, cited the geno-

cide in the Darfur region of Sudan and atrochies in Rwanda as examples of history repeating itself because the world was relucant to intervene.

"No country is an island. We have a responsibility to waith and care for those in surrounding countries who don't have the freedom we enjoy," are back home, your actions will be different — enhanced and better — than hefore you started this program."

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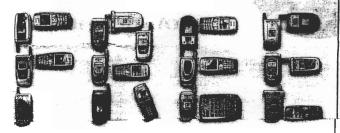
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David Ashley, 17, of St. Johns, Niid, hugs Holocanat survivor Philip Weiss after Weiss spoke to students at the Canadian en in Washington yesterday at an event organized by the Asper Foundation Human Rights and Holocaust Studies Program.

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