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**Nipawin Journal** — Klassen proposed movie deal feels like con job, U.S. election all about military

The Editor,

Richard Klassen who, among others in his family, was wrongfully accused of child abuse in Martens-ville some 13 years ago has won an apology from the justice system and our provincial government.

Rightly so, this he should have.

Now for the flip side – Klassen, who represented himself in the showdown claimed extreme mental duress and anguish as well as psychological trauma during this time frame (little has been revealed about his associates). Sympathy towards his condition also got him and exorbitant monetary settlement.

One of the first things Klassen reportedly did with the money was buy a big luxury car and go for a joy ride to Alberta. His excuse - temporary loss of his mental faculties.

Now, we hear that this same Klassen is about to sign an agreement to have a movie made of his experiences during the ordeal.

With all the traumatism experienced by this individual, one would think that his main objective would be to distance himself (and his family) as much as possible from the whole episode – but not so.

Putting the bits and pieces together, a three-word description of such a person might be in order - con artist extraordinaire. Enough said. The U.S. presidential race boils down to Bush versus Kerry.

Kerry takes a much less militant view to world affairs.

Bush will stress national security in the hope of gaining public support. What the U.S. public ought to realize is that the election of Bush, in high probability, was the 'straw' that brought on the incidents of Sept. 11 in the first place. Marvin Wiebe

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