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Get your act together

I have delayed writing this particular editorial for quite some time now but enough is enough.

I'm talking about the shoddy service Greyhound Bus Lines gives to the people in this area, and other areas too I'm sure.

I realize the roads can become treacherous in this area but why is it always the late night busses that run one or two hours late. I feel Greyhound should set up a toll-free telephone number that people in remote areas can call to find out if the bus is running on schedule, or to find out how late the bus will be.

When you have to sit in your car late at night or early in the morning in Schreiber to flag down the bus in -30 degree weather, and watch your car suck up a quarter of a tank of gas while waiting for the bus, it gets ridiculous.

I understand the residents of Birchwood Terrace have to do this when making trips to Thunder Bay for medical reasons. Surely Greyhound could stop the bus right at the Birchwood complex if they were notified in advance.

And waiting for the bus on cold winter nights isn't the only problem with Greyhound service.

Their parcel delivery system leaves a lot to be desired. We ship out our flats for the newspaper in a bright green, 3.7 square foot box which is supposed to be dropped off at the Greyhound terminal in Thunder Bay.

The regularity with which they lose our flats runs at an amazing 40 per cent of the time. Sometimes they don't even make it off the bus in Thunder Bay and end up in Kenora or points even further west.

This costs us both in time and money not to mention the aggravation.

When a company has a monopoly it should be providing service at least equal to that which it would provide if it had competition, if not better service.

If Greyhound cannot provide a better parcel delivery service then it should get out of the business.

I realize they handle a lot of parcels, but this is no excuse for the shoddy and inefficient service they provide. Maybe they should have separate trucks for the delivery of their parcels. There has to be something Greyhound can do to improve the quality of the services they provide.

So come on Greyhound, get your act together or get out of the business.



Vandals wreck project

Dear Editor:

We're upset! First we had a lot of fun making an igloo. Our entire class worked together as a group. We learned a lot about the difficulties the Inuit people encountered when they used to build igloos to live in.

When the igloo was finished, we played in and around the igloo. On Friday we went home looking forward to playing at our igloo again.

Monday morning came and we ran over to the igloo to play and have fun. Someone tore it down on

Sunday night - we were disappointed.

Two or three days later a schedule was handed out to us about the winter carnival. One of the events was a snow sculpture contest. We wanted to be in the winter carnival spirit so we decided to build a snow sculpture. We discussed different ideas and decided on a mantle clock.

We worked hard digging snow during our recesses, lunch breaks and school time. Thursday afternoon it was almost finished, we just had to trim one side - about 15

minutes of work left.

Friday morning we came up to admire our clock. It was broken. The judging was on Saturday and the clock was ready on time.

We hope this won't happen again. The vandalism isn't as bad - we have learned this. It is lent now and we will forgive this person or these people but please let the school know if you saw anyone destroying our project that we were proud of.

Grade 3 class
Holy Angels School

Who's the most dangerous man in the world?

Here's a little quiz for you: name the most dangerous man ever born.

There are more than a few contenders. Genghis Khan. Hitler. Stalin. Napoleon.

I put the question to the regulars down at The William Lion Mackenzie King Memorial Beverage Room (Dress Code Optional). They came up with some candidates I hadn't thought of, such as Idi Amin, Count Dracula and Richard Nixon.

The four guys at the pool table split right down the middle. Two of them thought Mohammar Qaddafi was the most dangerous critter ever to walk on his hind legs. The other two voted for Ronald Reagan.

We tossed around the names of just about every backstabber, bushwacker, fourflusher and mass murderer who ever made a headline, but nobody even mentioned my nomination for The World's Most Dangerous Man.

I'm talking about Hacker

Mitnick.

His real name is Kevin David Mitnick and he has one big advantage over baddies like Count Dracula, Billy the Kid and Jack the Ripper. Mitnick is alive -- in a Los Angeles jail, thank God, but don't bring the kids and the womenfolk out of the root cellar just yet.

Hacker Mitnick may not be in jail for long. And when he makes his break, he won't need a machete or hand grenades or a team of Ninjas armed with Uzis to pull it off.

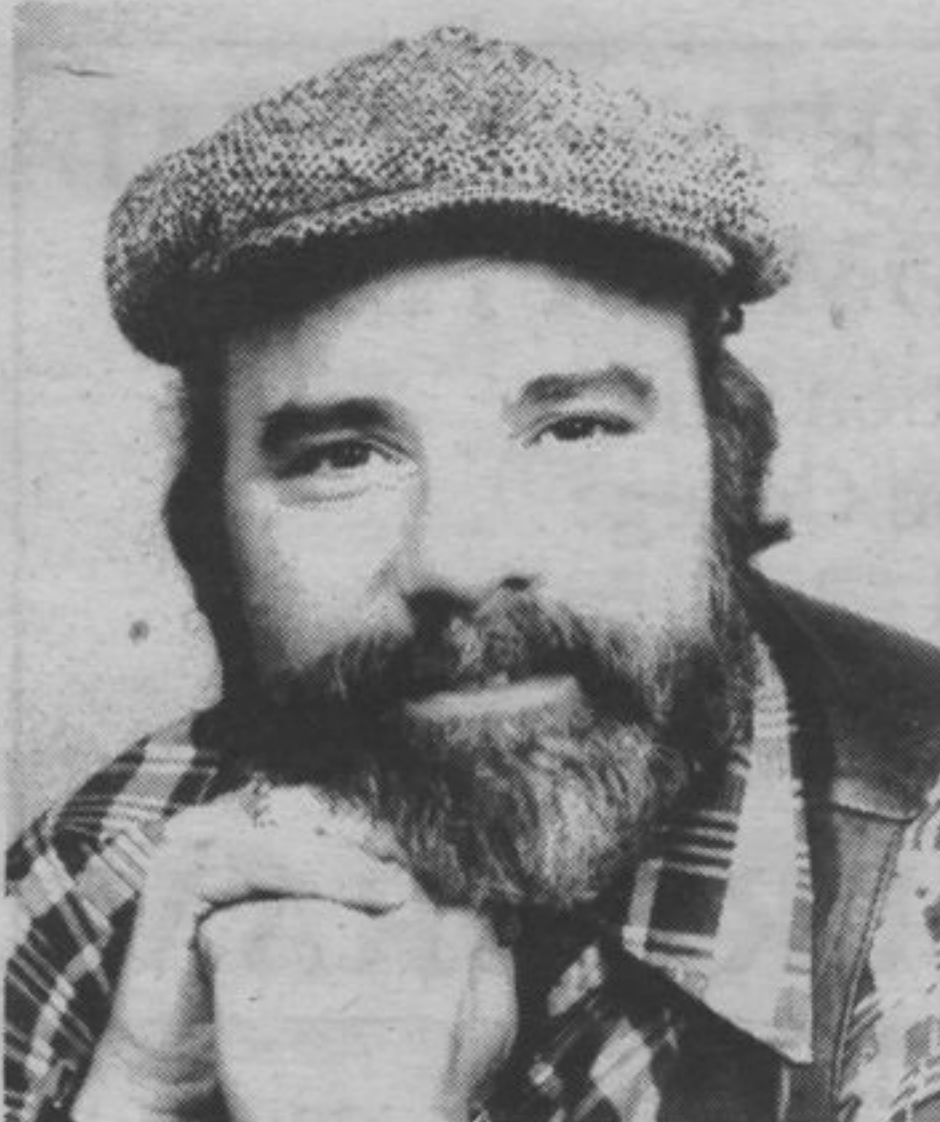
All Hacker Mitnick needs is a telephone.

Not to call his friends -- Mitnick doesn't have any. He is, to quote his arresting officer, "a big fat slob of a guy who eats Fat Burgers, drinks Slurpees and couldn't get through a day without breaking into a computer somewhere."

Which is where the telephone comes in. Mitnick can use a telephone to break into computers. Any computers.

"He could pick apart almost any computer system in the country," says Jim Black, a computer crime specialist with the Los Angeles Police Department.

And he did. Mitnick is truly



Arthur Black

obsessed about crashing computer parties he hasn't been invited to. He's currently charged with illegally tapping into computers from Leeds University in England to UCLA

in California. Police say he caused almost \$5 million in damage to one American computer system.

The thing that makes Hacker Mitnick especially dangerous is that he's not only a computer genius -- he's also ruthless and vindictive. "He has no respect for right or wrong and no respect for anyone else's privacy," says Leonard DiCicco, a former colleague who finally blew the whistle despite personal threats from Mitnick.

When he was only 17, Mitnick was convicted of pilfering classified data from Pacific Bell's computer network. The judge that sentenced him later discovered his personal credit rating had been slashed. How? Well, credit information data is stored electronically, in computers...

Mitnick's probation officer suddenly discovered that his telephone had been disconnected. The telephone company had no record of doing

it.

"The bottom line with Mitnick," says detective Black, "is that if you have a job, pay a gas bill, use a phone or drive a car, he can find you and ruin you electronically."

Well, Hacker Mitnick won't be ruining anyone for a while. He's being held without bail -- and without access to a telephone -- and he faces a possible 30 years in prison plus almost a million dollars in fines.

But, with a bit of luck and a slick lawyer -- and Mitnick has both -- he'll be back in the street in a fraction of that time. Back on the street and eager to resume his mania for keyboard vengeance.

Scarey guy. Other scarey guys needed major assistance to wreak their havoc on the world. Genghis Khan needed his Mongol hordes, Hitler needed his Gestapo, the Ayotollah needs the fear of the Wrath of Allah.

All Hacker Mitnick needs is a quarter and a phone booth.