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## 'Phone phreak' losses

CHICAGO — It took some soul-searching to write this letter because I truly recognize your editorial prerogatives. But I feel a sense of duty to reply to your "Between the Lines" item ["Perspective," Oct. 14] describing a convention of "phone phreaks." I note the tongue-in-cheek approach, but hope you will excuse me if I express concern for your terming the theft of telephone service a "sport," "science," and "good clean fun."

The subject is not taken so lightly by the public, some 2,000 telephone companies across the country [including the Bell System] which stand to lose an estimated \$17.5 million this year due to telephone fraud — or by the more than 500 people who have been convicted of stealing service in the first half of 1973.

When you talk about "beating" the phone company, you are really talking about beating all the honest telephone customers. They are the ones who ultimately have to make up these losses. Certainly, a few think it is fun to "beat the system" and believe it is perfectly all right to rip off the "big" phone company and others. But any way you slice it, the person who steals telephone service is a thief — just as is a shoplifter, an armed robber, or the robbers of your paperboys.

I wonder how The Chicago Tribune would react to a similar article in a competing publication describing how to "beat" The Tribune out of needed revenues by stealing copies of The Tribune. It would be easy to substitute the words "Chicago Tribune" for "Ma Bell" and come up with a concluding sentence, that reads: "Advocates feel that it's good clean fun and that The Chicago

Tribune, besides curbing freedom of speech for profit, is making too much money."

You would certainly have a right to protest such an invitation to common thievery. I feel the same way.

**Louis B. Egenberger**

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## 'Winter of darkness'

CHICAGO—I must take exception to the letter by Mr. Powers [Voice of the People, Oct. 14] regarding the use of daylight saving time all year. Even with the advanced time, sunset would still occur before 6 p. m. in winter. If the time were advanced to give more light in the evenings, the mornings would become dark. There is no way one can stretch the nine-hour winter day into the 15-hour summer day. Furthermore, winter skies in Chicago are usually overcast, which necessitates indoor lighting even at noon. Daylight saving time can't change the weather.

Any way one looks at it, we'll always have a "winter of darkness."

**Robert H. Hays Jr.**

## Ward change apposed

CHICAGO—A majority of the 400 members of the St. Michael's Senior Citizen's Club are opposed to the change of boundaries of the 7th and 8th wards of Chicago as ordered by court. We are also opposed to arbitrarily forcing, by the same court order, Ald. Robert Wilinski out of his aldermanic office, to which he was properly elected, before his legal term expires.

Ald. Wilinski has done his work in the ward and the City Council extremely well and has represented the people to the best of his great ability. He deserves a better deal.

**Anne M. Patchen**

## Agnew and light sentences

CHICAGO—I have finally found an is-

## Football

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safety rules. Why, at 35 years old, like a duck to water? Butkus]? One injury in football, but no injury.

Several years ago, probably the best player I ever carried from Evanston, Joe Nanters, is injured. He is injured likewise.

The quarterbacks have seen the effect of ligaments or the stay of a team. The tackling after the no player should be "blind side," the knees. Some effect.

Unrequired illustrates how in inflicting injury, somewhat to his body touch, end, making

Football used with a minimum seems that less outstanding from the game.

## Mounted

CHICAGO—

police on horseback not make use of fight crime? For women, posing as bicyclists, parents would help be stationed at boats, sitting bikes, and doing. Not too many something wrong formed police.

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