

## MULTISTATE GAMES

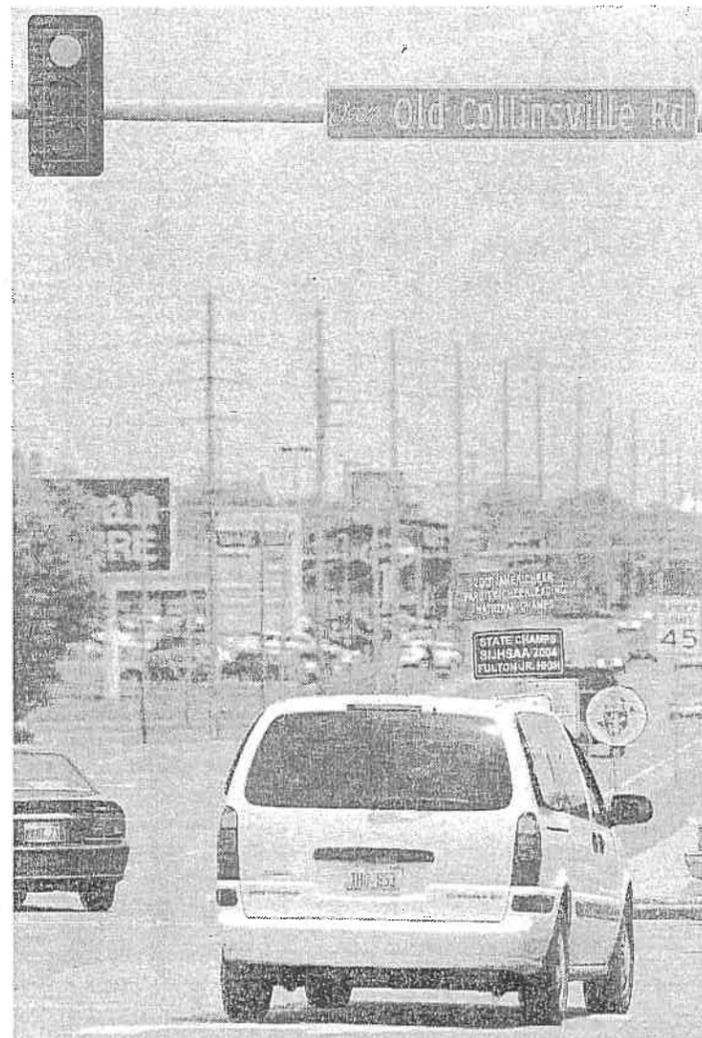
**Powerball Saturday: 10-20-22-39-48** Powerball: 25 Multiplier: 4  
 5+ Powerball: 1 winner, \$100 million jackpot  
**Estimated jackpot Wednesday: \$15 million**  
**Mega Millions Estimated jackpot Tuesday: \$12 million**

## MISSOURI LOTTERIES

**Lotto Saturday: 02-04-13-21-35-39**  
**6 balls:** no winners; **5 balls:** 23 winners, \$717 each;  
**4 balls:** 1,086 winners, \$28 each  
**Estimated jackpot Wednesday: \$3.3 million**  
**Show Me 5**  
 Sunday Midday: **01-11-15-16-32** Evening **02-20-23-24-30**  
 Saturday Midday: **01-03-06-16-35** Evening **05-07-30-35-40**  
**Pick-3 Sunday Midday: 630** Evening: **422**  
**Pick-4 Sunday Midday: 0326** Evening: **9537**

## ILLINOIS LOTTERIES

**Little Lotto Sunday 07-09-12-27-34** Saturday **03-05-11-19-33**  
**Saturday payout: 5 balls** no winners;  
**4 balls** 117 winners \$100 each; **3 balls** 3,563 winners \$10 each  
**Lotto Saturday: 07-15-29-36-38-52**  
**Saturday payout: 6 balls** no winners;  
**5 balls** 24 winners, \$1,066.50 each; **4 balls** 1,208 winners, \$38.50 each  
**Monday's estimated jackpot: \$3.5 million**  
**Pick-3 Sunday: 881**  
**Pick-4 Sunday: 1772**



The city of O'Fallon, Ill., has bought 51 new overhead road signs — like this one for Old Collinsville Road — through a grant from the Illinois Department on Aging. Odell Mitchell Jr. | Post-Dispatch

# New street signs easier on aging drivers

**Changes in color, size and lettering make them more visible in O'Fallon, Ill.**

By Doug Moore  
 ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

**O'FALLON, ILL.** • We're all getting older, and this city is doing its best to remind us of that when driving through town.

The reminders are subtle, but they're everywhere along the section of U.S. Highway 50 that runs through this quickly growing town.

The sky blue signs on the traffic signal arms seem brighter and crisper than the green signs that were just there last month. The difference is more than color, though. They're big. At least twice the size of those that hung there before.

And the block lettering that can tend to become a blur of sticks has been replaced by a font those in the transportation field call Clearview. Letters are farther apart. Uppercase and lowercase letters are used to help a motorist see each word more distinctly.

Instead of OLD COLLINSVILLE RD, it's now Old Collinsville Rd. Easier on the eyes, for sure. The signs also are de-

signed to reflect light better at night.

The overhead signs — 51 in all — were purchased through a grant from the Illinois Department on Aging. They will be joined by 16 signs to be placed several hundred feet before an intersection announcing an upcoming street. In this case: Old Collinsville Road Next Signal. With the new batch of signs, the city takes the lead in the state in catering to older motorists.

"These signs help reduce last-minute decisions and lane changes just before an intersection," reads a press release from the Area Agency on Aging of Southwestern Illinois.

"This is about community preparedness as we see an increase of the older population," said Joy Paeth, executive director of the agency, which represents seven Metro East counties.

The number of Americans 70 and older who were killed in traffic accidents increased by 27 percent between 1991 and 2001 — from 2,494 to 3,164. By comparison, the number of overall motor vehicle deaths rose only 2 percent during the same time. The figures were compiled by the Road Information Program in Washington, a nonprofit

group that researches transportation issues.

Traffic experts say the reason for an increase in accidents among elderly drivers is simple: Americans are living — and driving — longer.

From 1991 to 2001, the number of licensed drivers 70 or older increased 32 percent, to 19.1 million from 14.5 million, according to the Federal Highway Administration.

Along the five-mile stretch of Highway 50, from Old Collinsville Road to Illinois Route 158, are four facilities catering to the elderly: a senior housing complex with 120 apartments, a 75-bed nursing home, an assisted living center with 110 residents and a business where caregivers can bring their loved ones suffering from strokes or Alzheimer's disease for therapy. The large number of elderly people in that area was a key reason that stretch of road was selected for the new signs.

As Illinois began looking at ways to make the driving more convenient and safer for the elderly, it turned to Florida as a model. The Sunshine State has the country's largest elderly population and has spent a dozen years working to accommodate them on the roadways.

Larger signs and wider pavement markers "are our normal way of business now," said Mark Wilson, deputy traffic operations engineer for the Florida Department of Transportation. Internally illuminated street signs (like the ones seen on Kingshighway in front of Barnes-Jewish Hospital) are increasing in popularity, he said.

"Orlando and Fort Lauderdale love them," Wilson said. There is a standard design approved by the state. If a city is willing to maintain them, the state gives the green light.

Mary Beth Wilson, who is in charge of the street sign program for O'Fallon's engineering department, said she would have had the street signs made larger but was limited by the Illinois Department of Transportation on size. A larger sign could catch the wind and cause damage to the traffic signal poles, she said. The street signs are all 18 inches tall but vary from 6 feet to 10 feet in length, depending on the name of the street.

Paeth said larger signs benefit all motorists.

"It will be nice to drive through a town and not have to use glasses," she said.