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MAKE WAY FOR THE DIGITAL SWITCH



On Thursday, this was the last Zenith Digital TV Tuner Converter Box available at Matt's TV in Tinley Park. JOSEPH P. MEIER — SOUTHTOWNSTAR

TRASHING YOUR SET

The official shutdown of all full-power analog television stations is now just days away. Are you ready to go digital? If you have an older analog TV, you still have time to order a coupon from the government and get a converter box before the switch happens. If you don't prepare yourself before June 12, all you may wake up to is some summertime snow on your TV. If you are preparing, you might be tempted to toss that old console TV taking up too much space on the living room floor or chuck the portable black-

and-white you've had on the kitchen counter for years. Maybe you're thinking the digital conversion is just the excuse you need to go buy yourself a big, high-definition, flat-screen plasma TV. But before you toss that old TV, consider what its nuts and bolts and guts will do to the environment if it is stuck in a landfill for generations to come, especially with the large number of televisions likely to be thrown away this summer. Instead of tossing that set, you might want to consider recycling or "freecycling" it instead.

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12 days

That's how long you have until the June 12 deadline when all TV sets in the United States must be converted to digital.

\$40-\$70

The price range for a digital-to-analog converter box. The U.S. government is offering two \$40 coupons for the boxes per household.

20 percent

Of TV sets discarded in 2007, that's how many of them were recycled. Fifty-nine percent were given away, and 21 percent were trashed.

This drink's on you

While local officials are encouraging you to drink tap water, they're spending thousands on the fancy bottled stuff

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School bus hijacking shocks quiet town

What drove school bus driver Ronald Newsome into such a rage that he tore through Glenwood bashing into cars and allegedly trying to run down cops?

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Standing ovation

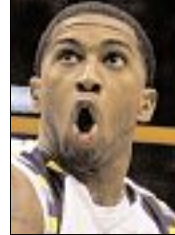
The Grand Canyon. The Colosseum. The Bean. These are just three of the sites to make the list of The 100 Greatest Places to Stand on the Planet.



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Feeling drafty

Former Hillcrest High School star Jerel McNeal expects to be picked in the NBA draft.



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