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From left, Elise Colcord and Carrie Zizza are recycling used tennis balls at the Newburyport Tennis Club. (Photo: Stewart Lytle)

## Recycle Old Tennis Balls

By Ava Moeckel, Reporter

**NEWBURYPORT** – For the 125 million tennis balls that Americans throw away each year, there has to be a better solution than dumping them in landfills and generating 20,000 tons of methane gas.

To test if Recycleballs.org., a Vermont-based, non-profit organization, has come up with a better solution, members of the Newburyport Tennis Club on Low Street are recycling tennis balls, which can take 400 years to degrade.

Through the generosity of Lark Madden and his father, Martin Madden, a member,

the tennis club is engaged in a six-month trial in partnership with Recycleballs.org.

When players are done with the yellow balls, instead of throwing them away, they put them in one of several green boxes. Each box holds about 100 balls, and once full, it will be sent postage-paid return to Recycle Balls in South Burlington, VT.

Routinely, players open a new can of tennis balls every time they play due to the rapid decline in pressure and the lack of consistency in previously played balls. Since the balls are not a major expense, costing \$4 for three balls at the club, players often

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Georgetown Police Officer Tristan Straker directs traffic in frigid, single-digit weather while a crew from Joseph P. Carillo & Son, Inc. complete emergency winter repairs on a huge vehicle-hurling pothole and depression (apparently caused by a water issue). The final patch measured more than 8 x 4 feet on busy Rte. 133 / Andover Street last week. (Photo: Lonnie Brennan)

## Question 2 Gone: Now What?

By Stewart Lytle, Reporter

**REGIONAL** – In a decisive win statewide, Massachusetts voters made clear that they do not want high schools to require that their students pass the MCAS standardized test to qualify for graduation.

What is now not clear is what replaces the MCAS test.

To fill the vacuum the vote created, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has pushed the question to the individual districts, who are scrambling

to figure out how students will prove they are competent enough to graduate.

“It seemed simple at first, but then it got more complicated,” said Triton Regional Supt. Brian Forget week. He and his board have been discussing the issue for weeks. “There is no clarity.”

The vote, which passed with almost 60 percent despite opposition from Gov. Maura Healey and other high-ranking state officials, took away the graduation requirement that all 10th graders pass ninth grade biology, algebra one and two, and

10th grade English.

Most students passed the MCAS. And those who did not were given the opportunity in their junior and senior years to retake the test to be certified for graduation.

Statewide, only 1,500 to 2,000 students have not met the competency requirements. This year’s graduating seniors will be the first class to graduate without the mandate.

Some students may have to be given a waiver, Forget said.

“I feel pretty good about Triton,” he

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## ‘It’s Going to be Bad’ – Town Administrator

By Stewart Lytle, Reporter

**GEORGETOWN** – The residents of this town are likely to face difficult choices this spring in deciding if and how they will pay for a proposed \$6 million property tax increase.

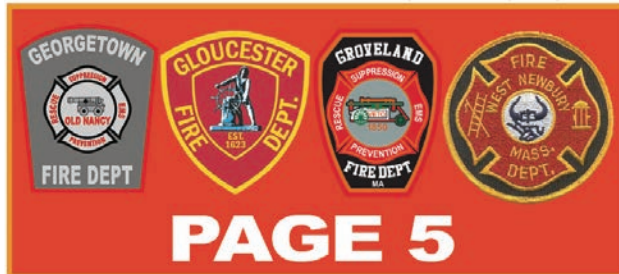
Town officials – the SelectBoard, the Finance Advisory Board and the Town Administrator – plan to use the next several months to create what they called a “tax override menu,” while warning that if the ballot gets too complicated, voters will be confused and probably vote it down.

SelectBoard Chair Daryl Lamonica said he does not want to give residents only a binary choice – yes or no – on the override. “I like options,” he said.

Some possible ballot options are:

- Will residents vote yes or no on approving such a large tax increase, which is estimated to cost the owner of a \$750,000 home an extra \$2,000 in 2026 taxes and beyond?

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## Letters To The Editor

### FinCom Tax-Raising Cheerleaders

To the Editor:

If you've watched a Georgetown Finance [and Advisory Committee] meetings, you're probably shaking your head: The members have shared that if their latest tax increase - a proposed \$6 million tax override - doesn't pass, "we'll have to cut \$800,000 from the budget." Jeepers, that's funny math: Mommy, I want \$5, so give me \$45.

And their plan to get the tax raise passed? The committee members and the chair of the board of selectmen have stated that: "we need to educate voters," and the selectman chair said in a meeting: "they have to know that if you call the fire department, it's going to take them 45 minutes to get there to save your foundation."

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## Catherine "Irma" Barrett

July 10, 1933 – January 31, 2025

Catherine "Irma" (Wilson) Barrett of Rowley passed away on January 31, 2025, with family that never left her side. She was married to Daniel G. Barrett for 57 years prior to his passing in 2013.

Irma was the daughter of the late John F. and Irene (Whitty) Wilson. She was born on July 10, 1933, in St. Peter's Bay, Prince Edward Island, Canada. She graduated from Notre Dame Academy in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, and then moved to Boston, where she lived with family. In her early career, she was an Administrative Assistant at State Street Bank, where she met her husband, Dan.

The family would vacation every summer to Prince Edward Island in St. Peter's Bay, which she fondly enjoyed. Vacations were spent on the family farm where she grew up, and the family had the pleasure of spending memorable times with her relatives and friends. Throughout her life, Irma shared countless stories from her childhood and life growing up in P.E.I. and spoke frequently about her aunts, uncles, and cousins. This meant so much to her.

Nothing gave her greater joy than watching her growing family and enjoying her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She loved spending time with both generations of grandchildren; from family gatherings to attending football and hockey games, school concerts, recitals, and graduations, to then watching their many life accomplishments thereafter.

Her Catholic faith was important to her and carried her through challenging times. Irma was a member of Saint Mary Parish in Rowley for nearly 70 years. One of her special gifts was the ability to help others and create a meaningful impact in people's lives, which she was able to instill in her family. Irma is the loving mother of Joseph Barrett, fiancé Sharon St. Onge, John Barrett, and Kathryn Haley. She was predeceased by her husband, Daniel Barrett; daughters, Ellen Perley and Barbara Barrett; & sons-in-law, Myles "Chip" Haley and Daniel Perley.

She was the proud grandmother of Danielle, Nicole, Sebastian, McKenzie, Mercedes, Danny, and Matthew; great-grandchildren Maxx, Lexi, Lily, Cian, and another baby boy due in April 2025. Irma was the last remaining member of her family. She was predeceased by her parents and her siblings - Louis, Henry, John, Raymond, and Joan Wilson.

She is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

We take comfort in knowing she is reunited with loved ones whom she missed very much.

Calling hours were held on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., at F. S. Roberts & Son Funeral Home of 14 Independent Street, Rowley, MA. Mass of Christian Burial was on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at 1:15 p.m., at St. Mary Parish, Rowley. Interment was at Rowley Burial Ground, 133 Main Street, Rowley, MA.

To light a memorial candle or to leave a message of condolence,  
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# Black Nannies and Maids Honored - Newburyport Black History Initiative's Newest Plaque

By Stewart Lytle, Reporter

**NEWBURYPORT** – The Newburyport Black History Initiative (NBHI) unveiled Sunday its latest informative plaque to inform and honor the black domestic workers who worked and lived in the city.

The NBHI, which has erected 11 informative plaques around the city honoring black residents who once lived and worked here, honored Caroline C. Cottrell, the nanny for the Morrill family and specifically Gayden Morrill, the only child, who grew up to be one of the city's most acclaimed mayors.

At the invitation of Rev. Rebecca Bryan, a service was held at the Universal Unitarian Church, where the Morrills attended church and owned Pew 13. NBHI co-founder Dr. Cyd Raschke made a presentation and conducted a panel discussion about the role domestic servants played after the Civil War in Newburyport.

Around 1900, nearly 40 percent of the Black women living in Newburyport worked as domestic servants. They often

worked 12- to 18-hour days and were on-call seven days a week, raising children, cleaning and cooking.

The women wore white, high-collared, long-sleeved dress uniforms so their role was immediately recognizable. Although it was common for employers to say their servants were part of the family, they often suffered from low pay for their long hours and were dependent on the family.

Caroline C. Cottrell, born in 1856 into slavery in North Carolina, was freed after the Civil War and later moved with her parents to Chattanooga, TN. There she likely met Mary R. Hamilton, future wife of banker Frank F. Morrill. Cottrell is listed as a witness on the Morrills' 1884 marriage certificate.

After the Morrills settled in Newburyport, Cottrell joined them as their live-in servant at 209 High Street. Cottrell, who was literate and wrote beautifully, worked for the family for decades and helped raise their only child, Gayden W. Morrill.

As mayor between 1932 and 1935, Gayden Morrill oversaw the construction of the Newburyport High School. He was

devoted to his nanny throughout his life.

"Who knows if the high school would have been built on time and on budget if it were not for her?" Rashke asked.

"Servants were undervalued in the roles they played after the Civil War," she said in an interview.

The text on the sign, written by two other NBHI founders, Dr. Kabria Baumgartner, an associate professor of History and Africana Studies at Northeastern University and senior city planner Jordie Vining, states: "Although domestic work often fractured servants' home lives and family ties, Caroline was able to maintain connections with her relatives down south. Caroline mailed a postcard to her niece and namesake Carrie in Chattanooga in 1913 that subsequent generations kept tucked inside the family bible. Caroline also sent home a photo of herself in Newburyport with Irish-born servant Maggie Reardon, whom she described as her best friend."

She died on her 62nd birthday of stomach cancer. According to the plaque, "The pastor of the old Baptist Church, which is

located nearby up Green Street, conducted the funeral service, and she was buried in the Morrill family cemetery plot in nearby Amesbury."

Frank Morrill delivered two trunks of possessions and life savings to her brother Albert in Chattanooga. She had accumulated

more than \$2,500 in U.S. Liberty War Bonds, the equivalent of more than \$50,000 today.

To learn more about the NBHI, visit <https://www.cityofnewburyport.com/planning-development/newburyport-black-history-initiative>. ♦

**AROUND 1900**, most Black women needed to work to survive, but rigid racial hierarchies limited their options. Nearly 40 percent of the Black women living in Newburyport worked as domestic servants. They often toiled 12 to 18 hours a day and were on call seven days a week raising children, cleaning, and cooking. Servants wore white, high-collared, long-sleeved dresses as uniforms so their role was immediately recognizable.

Employers often said their live-in servants were "part of the family." For many workers, however, the bond was complicated, and turnover was common. Frequent articles in the local newspaper complained about the problem of finding enough women to fill these roles, but did not mention the servants' long hours, low pay, dependence, and isolation.

Caroline C. Cottrell (1856-1918) was born into slavery in North Carolina and freed after the Civil War. Later, her parents moved the family to Chattanooga, Tennessee, where she likely met Mary R. Hamilton, future wife of banker Frank F. Morrill. Cottrell's name is listed as a witness on their 1884 marriage certificate. After the Morrills settled in Newburyport, Cottrell joined them as their live-in servant at 209 High Street. She worked for the family for decades and helped raise their only child, Gayden W. Morrill, who later became Newburyport's mayor.

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Caroline C. Cottrell (Photo provided by the Newburyport Black History Initiative)

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mevatransit.com. The best news is that all rides on these buses are free. Why not try a trip to Newburyport and avoid the parking hassles? In a future story we will detail other car-free trips.

For Groveland residents aged 60 and over, the Council on Aging also offers rides near and far. Check out the options on the town website - grovelandma.com/council-on-aging or call the COA at 978-372-1101. Whether you're headed to Veasey Park, the library, Town Hall, a hair salon, a medical appointment, or simply visiting friends,

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## Post-Fire Cleanup, Pentucket Reopens with Thanks

**WEST NEWBURY** – Pentucket Regional Middle High School reopened for classes on Wednesday, Jan. 29, as remediation following a weekend fire continued.

The kitchen area and other impacted areas have been cleared for student and staff use. Walls, floors, and flat surfaces have been cleaned, and all air filters and fire extinguishers have been replaced. The robotics and shop area were also shortly re-opened.

The auditorium sustained smoke damage and was sealed off pending appropriate remediation.

The fire, deemed accidental, originated at the rear of the auditorium. Members of the Robotics team, a Pentucket staff member, and a West Newbury police officer quickly extinguished the flames. No one was injured.

The administration is also developing a schedule to make up the two missed class days.

"All things considered, this could have been much worse," Superintendent Bartholomew said. "Thank you to our staff members who made sure our students can return to classes as quickly as possible. We also thank our community for its support and patience as we navigate the next few days and weeks." ♦



## Georgetown Override?

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• Will the tax increase be spread over two years -- \$4 million next year and \$2 million the following year -- as the town's Finance Advisory Committee voted?

• Will voters be allowed to approve tax increases separately for specific departments and functions, such as the schools, police and fire enhancements?

• Will the voters agree to put about \$1 million in reserve funds, including a special needs student fund, to avoid having to vote again on tax increases for five years?

The town turned down a proposed \$2.5 million tax override last year. If Town Meeting or the voters turn down a tax override in May, Town Administrator Orlando Pacheco and his finance team project that the current operating budget will have to be cut by \$800,000.

Alicia Raspa, the finance advisory committee vice chair, said if the override is defeated, the town may not be able to fund the Council on Aging or the fire department may have to stop providing overnight service. Pacheco said having the library open on Thursdays may be a luxury the town cannot afford.

If Town Meeting approves the tax increase, the town would hold an election for the voters to approve or reject the increase.

Committee Chair Ed Dobbie, who personally favored asking for a one-year \$6 million increase, described the town as being at a "crossroads." He said he is worried about whether the residents will approve such a large tax increase, but equally worried that they won't vote for it.

How did Georgetown get in this predicament?

Lamonica at last week's meeting noted that the last override Georgetown approved was 13 years ago. And Pacheco explained that the state's payment to the town is about 1 percent per year. With inflation, required services from the state and demands from the residents for improved services, the town's budget rises much faster than 1 percent.

As a result, the town has used reserve funds, including \$500,000 last year, and one-time revenue increases to postpone a large override, officials said. Now the town is forced to choose between less services and higher taxes.

Over the next several months, each department head will be asked to present to the Select Board and Finance Advisory Committee what cuts could be made in the department's operations. ♦

## MCAS Gone ...

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said. Only "a small handful of students" have not demonstrated competency to graduate.

Last month, Healey created the K-12 Statewide Graduation Council, which is charged with developing proposals by the end of the year.

"Massachusetts has the best schools in the country, and we want to stay that way," Healey said. "To keep this high standard of excellence, I believe that students, families, schools and employers should know exactly what a diploma earned in Massachusetts represents."

Critics of the rule change feared school districts will set different graduation rules and diminish the value of a diploma.

Forget asked what is now the definition of mastery. "It is certainly passing with more than 50 percent," he said. But what else?

What happens if a student moves into the school in the upper years? the superintendent asked.

For students who do not qualify for graduation, there has to be an appeals process, Forget said.

Forget, like other superintendents, has asked top staff members to develop a proposal for new standards that can be presented to the school board. They are gathering ideas from colleagues in other districts, but "People are all over the place," Forget said. ♦

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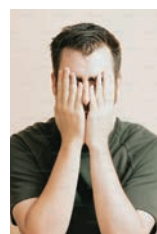
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Firefighter Samuel M. LoGrande, in his graduation photo from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. (Courtesy Gloucester Fire Department)

## Gloucester Fire Dept. Welcomes New Member from Mass. Firefighting Academy

**GLOUCESTER** – Fire Chief Eric Smith is pleased to report that the Gloucester Fire Department's newest member graduated from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy.

Firefighter Samuel M. LoGrande graduated from the 327th Career Recruit Training class at the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy.

Firefighter LoGrande is a Gloucester native, and continues a family tradition as he joins the Gloucester Fire Department. Firefighter LoGrande is the son of Deputy Fire Chief Tom LoGrande and nephew of Captain Matteo LoGrande.

He is a graduate of Gloucester High School, and holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of New Hampshire. Firefighter LoGrande is continuing studies toward becoming a paramedic as well.

"The LoGrande family has served the community with the Gloucester Fire Department for over three decades now, and I'm pleased to welcome Sam as the latest member of the family to join our ranks," said Chief Smith. "I am confident Sam will have a productive career with the Gloucester Fire Department." ♦



Groveland firefighters work at the scene of a chimney fire at 152 King St. (Courtesy Groveland Fire Department)

## Groveland Fire Department Extinguishes Chimney Fire in Home on King Street

**GROVELAND** – On Monday, Jan. 27, at approximately 5:19 p.m., the Groveland Fire Department was called to 152 King St., for a report of a possible structure fire.

Companies arrived to find a fire in a wood stove's metal chimney. Companies quickly stretched a line to keep the fire contained to the chimney.

Fire damage was contained to the chimney, but the home suffered some smoke damage.

Firefighters from **Georgetown** provided mutual aid at the scene, and firefighters from **West Newbury** provided station coverage. **West Newbury** firefighters responded to

a medical call in town while covering the fire station. **Groveland Police** provided assistance at the scene.

The cause of the fire was determined to be creosote buildup in the chimney. Chief Valentine instructed the homeowner to have the chimney cleaned and reassembled before using it again.

"The first responding company did a great job of getting a hose line stretched so we could keep this fire contained to the chimney," said Chief Valentine. "As always, I want to thank our mutual aid partners for supporting us." ♦

## Georgetown Fire Department Responds to Rollover Crash on I95

**GEORGETOWN** – Chief Matt McKay reports that the Georgetown Fire Department responded to a rollover crash on Interstate 95 on Tuesday that required one passenger to be transported by medical helicopter.

On Tuesday, Feb. 4, at about 6:36 p.m., Georgetown Fire was called to I-95 in the area of Tenney and Jewett streets for reports of a vehicle that had rolled over.

Responding crews found a utility van in the wooded area off the road that appeared to have struck a tree and rolled onto its side, pinning the driver in the vehicle.

The passenger of the vehicle was able to exit the vehicle on their own and did not suffer from any injuries.

Crews used battery-powered spreaders, fire rescue cutters and rams to extricate the driver, whose legs had been pinned under the dashboard, from the vehicle. The driver was transported via medical helicopter to Boston Medical Center with injuries that are believed to be serious.

Both sides of the Interstate were shut down for a significant amount of time due to the crash before the scene was eventually cleared at about 8:51 p.m.

Mutual aid was provided by Rowley and Newbury Fire and Atlantic EMS.

This was one of three incidents Georgetown Fire responded to within the hour on Tuesday night. When the call for the rollover crash came in, on-duty personnel were handling another medical call. A third call for reports of a burning smell in a nearby home came in while crews were still on scene at the crash. ♦



The driver of a utility van was extricated and transported to the hospital via medical helicopter following a rollover crash. (Photo Courtesy Georgetown Fire Department)

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Weekly SUDOKU DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆ Challenging ◆ Moderate ◆◆◆ HOO BOY! Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) All that flattery and fawning shouldn't affect any decision you have to make. Keep your focus on the facts and ignore all the hyperbole, especially if it gets uncomfortably personal. TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your Bovine instincts are on the mark about a "favor" that you're being asked to do. Agree to nothing unless you get a full explanation, which you would check out first, of course. GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A somewhat-unsettled recent period should give way to a smoother time going through the week. Use this quieter time to catch up on matters that you might have had to let slide. CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Feeling a little confused is understandable with all those mixed messages. Take time to list the questions you have. Then present them and insist on answers that make sense. LEO (July 23 to August 22) Cupid can be very helpful for Lions seeking a love connection. The chubby cherub also brings warm and fuzzy feelings to paired Leos and Leonas who already share a special love line. VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Travel is favored this week, whether you'll be globe-trotting or taking a trip to a nearby getaway. You might be surprised (or maybe not) by the person who wants to be your traveling companion. LIBRA (September 23 to October

22) Getting advice on your next business-related move is a good idea but only if your advisers are trustworthy. Get references you can check out before you make any decisions. SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Getting a boost in your self-esteem is one benefit that comes with a job well-done. There are other plusses as well, including being noticed by all the right people. Good luck! SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Make time to deal with family matters, especially where they concern your elderly kinfolk. Being there for them from the start can help resolve problems sooner rather than later. CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Getting a project started can often be difficult, but the good news is that you won't want for lack of assistance from colleagues who would like to work with you. So, let them! AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A lot of work-related issues might be raised this week, and you need to be prepared for whatever comes along. Things should be easier when it comes to matters in your private life. PISCES (February 19 to March 20) What might appear to be a very much unwanted change in your life right now could turn out to be a very welcome event after all. Give yourself a chance to see where it might take you. BORN THIS WEEK: You exercise your strong leadership qualities well, which is why people believe in you and feel reassured by you. © 2025 King Features Synd., Inc.

The Spats by Jeff Pickering YOU SHOULDN'T ADD THIS YEAR TO YOUR AGE. WHY NOT? YOU NEVER USED IT.

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Super Crossword BENEFICIAL FAT

ACROSS  
 1 Diving equipment  
 6 Theater actor's place  
 11 Ray of light  
 15 Agts. like Eliot Ness  
 19 Babies, in Barcelona  
 20 Like meat that's OK to eat per Muslim law  
 21 Hamburg's river  
 22 Humorist Bombeck  
 23 — citato (in the work already mentioned)  
 24 Colonel North, in brief  
 25 "So right!"  
 26 Notice  
 27 Start of a riddle  
 31 Suffix with cash  
 32 Dollar divs.  
 33 Mil. roadside hazards  
 34 Busy Chicago airport  
 36 Small seed  
 39 Web, for a fly  
 41 ROY G. —  
 43 Moral wrong  
 44 Riddle, part 2  
 49 Source of a scratch from a tabby  
 50 Russian empress  
 51 Ark builder in Genesis  
 54 Oklahoma city  
 56 Saturated  
 57 Splits  
 61 Appraise  
 64 Cash, slangily  
 67 Motorists' org.  
 69 Meadowland  
 70 Riddle, part 3  
 74 Just get (by)  
 75 Be a suitor of  
 76 Nissan model  
 77 Seville's land, to its natives  
 78 Hip-hop bro  
 80 Himalayas, e.g.: Abbr.  
 82 Garbo of the silver screen  
 84 Garden in Genesis  
 85 Raised, flat land  
 89 Ohio college that was the first in the U.S. to admit women  
 92 End of the riddle  
 98 Luau paste  
 99 That lady  
 100 Full of curves  
 101 Calf catcher  
 103 "It's just one of — things"  
 105 Saturate  
 106 — Aviv  
 108 First year of the 10th century  
 109 Riddle's answer  
 116 Hair removal brand  
 117 Falafel bread  
 118 Defrosts  
 119 Dazzling success  
 120 Pakistani's language  
 121 Ever and —  
 122 Loosen, as laces  
 123 Dishonor  
 124 Apple discard  
 125 Camera eye  
 126 Verse writers  
 127 "— With Love" (1967 #1 hit song)  
 2 Constellation between Cassiopeia and Draco  
 3 Dredge up  
 4 Ernie's buddy  
 5 "Wait just —"  
 6 "Dang it!"  
 7 Converses  
 8 "For — know ..."  
 9 Increase  
 10 Like a song of lament  
 11 Lairs for grizzlies, e.g.  
 12 "St. — Fire"  
 13 Lying on a king or queen  
 14 Eatery list  
 15 Comb parts  
 16 Brand of food seasoning  
 17 Large markets  
 18 Vetoer's vote  
 28 Piece for eight  
 29 Reform Party founder Ross  
 30 Assembly of witches  
 35 Rhinoplasty doc  
 37 Red-shelled Chinese fruit  
 38 Green gp.  
 39 Skiing races  
 40 Football Hall of Famer Ozzie  
 41 Part of FBI  
 42 Mimic  
 45 Mo. in fall  
 46 Big feather  
 47 Logging tool  
 48 Pothole filler  
 51 Christened  
 52 Japanese metropolis  
 53 Crooked  
 55 Together (with)  
 58 Homeric epic  
 59 Pasta tubes  
 60 "Cosmos" host Carl  
 62 Akron-to-Atlanta dir.  
 63 Belly  
 65 Genre for Yes and Genesis  
 66 "Come, Fido"  
 68 DOJ heads  
 71 Babe or fox  
 72 Like  
 73 Cheerios  
 73 Key or corkscrew  
 79 Family MDs  
 81 Deep blue  
 83 Fido's sound  
 86 One of the 87-Down  
 87 Competitors who didn't win  
 88 Pinkie-side arm bones  
 90 "But Not for Me" actress Palmer  
 91 Home to Boise: Abbr.  
 92 Fitting  
 93 A total lack of compassion  
 94 Carbon — (exhaled gas)  
 95 Have a gabfest  
 96 Actor Cage  
 97 — Trail (Everglades highway)  
 102 Jousting knight  
 104 Play a guitar  
 105 Determined to achieve  
 106 Specifically  
 107 "That's someone — problem"  
 110 White gem  
 111 Climbing plant  
 112 "Don't say it!"  
 113 Statistician Silver  
 114 Waistcoat  
 115 Reverberate  
 116 Letters before xis

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**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE UPDATE**  
**GEORGETOWN PLANNING BOARD**  
Notice is hereby provided that the Town of Georgetown Planning Board will conduct a public hearing pursuant to M.G.L. c.40A, Sec. 5, on proposed amendments to the Zoning Bylaw and Zoning Map of the Town of Georgetown to **create a new Multi-Family Overlay District in which Multi-Family Housing is allowed as of right in satisfaction of the requirements of G.L. c.40A, s.3A.**  
The public hearing will be held on **Wednesday, 12 MARCH 2025 at 7:15 p.m.** This hearing will be held virtually via Zoom, at which time all interested persons may appear and be heard in relation thereto. The link to the Zoom meeting will be available on the Planning Board's agenda which can be found on the Town's Calendar of Upcoming Events at [www.Georgetownma.gov](http://www.Georgetownma.gov) 48 hours prior to the Public Hearing. The full text of the proposed amendments and potential map are on file and available for inspection during normal business hours at Town Hall in the Planning Office, 1 Library Street, Georgetown, MA and can be viewed online at: [https://georgetownma.gov/government/boards\\_\\_commissions/planning\\_board/proposed\\_zoning\\_amendments/index.php](https://georgetownma.gov/government/boards__commissions/planning_board/proposed_zoning_amendments/index.php)  
Information about the State's MBTA 3A multi-family housing available at: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/multi-family-zoning-requirement-for-mbta-communities>  
The above-cited remote meeting connection information will be included on the 21 MARCH 2025 Planning Board meeting agenda, which will be posted on the Town of Georgetown website no less than 48 hours prior to the meeting. Further, the meeting will be broadcast live on the Georgetown Local Access Cable TV Channel 9. Video recordings of this meeting, and all Georgetown Planning Board meetings may be found at [www.georgetownma.gov](http://www.georgetownma.gov) by choosing the Community TV option.  
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### Recycle Tennis Balls

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threw them away or toss them in the trunk of their car.

Wilson Sporting Goods is the nonprofit's lead sponsor, and Recycle Balls has more than 4,000 individuals and clubs participating across the country. This organization was founded in 2016 by a tennis player who realized the cost of dumping used balls into landfills was too high.

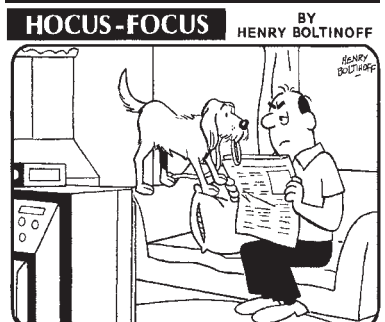
RecycleBalls, which estimates 7.2 billion tennis balls have been sold since they were created in 1874, grinds them down and strips off the felt to make what it calls GREEN GOLD.

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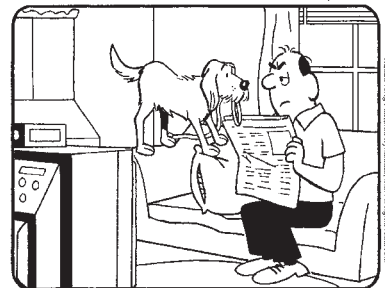
But tennis court surfaces are not the only thing recycled balls are used for. The rubber is thrown in horse paddocks and arena surfaces and are used in running tracks, mulch for potted plants and in certain building materials, such as stucco on houses.

Don't worry, the company knows its recycling tennis balls may cause dogs and their owners some heartburn. So RecycleBalls also offers "NO TRASH" dog balls. Dog caregivers can buy them on eBay and then return them for recycling at no charge.

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