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## **BURIED TEARS**

### Apathetic Service Causes Distress



**Overzealous Pursuit of Revenue Supersedes Company Policy**

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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Lose color
- 5 Actress  
Lupino
- 8 Half a ticket
- 12 Not "fer"
- 13 Neither  
mate
- 14 Bean curd
- 15 Tin Man's  
problem
- 16 Carriage
- 18 Cookbook  
entry
- 20 Underscore
- 21 Lacks the  
ability
- 23 Brit.  
reference  
book
- 24 One  
seeking  
political  
asylum
- 28 Unac-  
companied
- 31 — Khan
- 32 Doctrine
- 34 Tiny
- 35 Trumpet, e.g.
- 37 Shame
- 39 Third letter
- 41 Close up  
tight
- 42 Narcotic
- 45 Jackson or  
Johnson
- 49 Oppressive  
ruler
- 51 Skeleton  
component
- 52 October

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>53 Peacock<br/>network</li> <li>54 Reed<br/>instrument</li> <li>55 Depend (on)</li> <li>56 Blond shade</li> <li>57 Shrill bark</li> </ul> | <h3>DOWN</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Jamie of<br/>"M*A*S*H"</li> <li>2 Chills and<br/>fever</li> <li>3 Platter</li> <li>4 Lure</li> <li>5 Started a<br/>paragraph</li> <li>6 Female deer</li> <li>7 Weaponry</li> <li>8 Gawks</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9 Make less<br/>intense</li> <li>10 Venusian<br/>vessels?</li> <li>11 Prickly<br/>seed cases</li> <li>17 Ike's<br/>command<br/>in WWII</li> <li>19 Treaty</li> <li>22 Morrison<br/>and Braxton</li> <li>24 Doo follower</li> <li>25 Id counte-<br/>part</li> <li>26 Absurd</li> <li>27 Use<br/>Wikipedia,<br/>maybe</li> <li>29 Zodiac feline</li> <li>30 "— the</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ramparts we<br/>watched ..."</li> <li>33 Compared to</li> <li>36 Without<br/>making a<br/>mess</li> <li>38 Address to<br/>a bloke</li> <li>40 Greek vowel</li> <li>42 Smell</li> <li>43 Meersc-<br/>haum, e.g.</li> <li>44 Sicilian<br/>spouter</li> <li>46 Post-bout<br/>attire</li> <li>47 Carbon<br/>compound</li> <li>48 Cry</li> <li>50 Out of use,<br/>as a wd.</li> </ul> |
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Answers on page 7

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## CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: **V** equals **I**

VG KZL YVSA HZUAEAI HAAG NZ  
B OLUYQK OZQIA VU  
TAUUIKESBUVB, VI NOBN B  
TOVEEK GVEEK GVEEAN?

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Answer on page 7

## CryptoQuote

**AXYDLBAAXR**  
is **LONGFELLOW**

One letter stands for another. In this sample, **A** is used for the three L's, **X** for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

MQZV SZV JZ YRLJDQ, GQA  
TZX VRY Y BOZCRJ DWDQ  
COZP JSZLD VSZ JGYM  
IGAYT. — BYXJGONS

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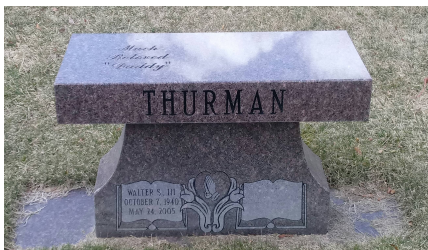
### WHAT ABOUT YOU?!?!

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Walter S. Thurman III was a hero to his daughter Anne Thurman-Morgan. He was a hard working family man employed at Chrysler. Walter doted on his wife, two sons, and daughter. Anne still lights up with joy when she recalls how her father joyfully danced to James Brown's "Cold Sweat." Anne expressed many fond family memories during our interview. When her father passed away it was devastating. In February of 2008, Anne contacted Grand Lawn Cemetery on Grand River & Telegraph in Detroit. She bought a plot, from Grand Lawn representative William Blakeley, to inter the cremated remains of her beloved father. She also purchased an ornate bench from Mr. Blakeley, whom she describes "as an anchor of stability in my time of distress." Anne felt secure.



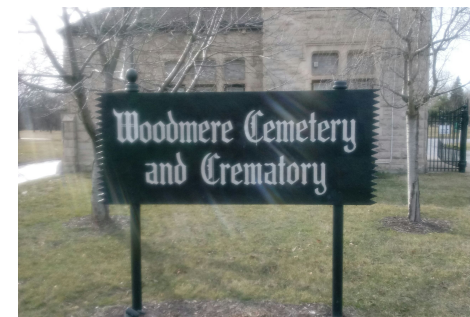
Thurman Bench at Grand Lawn



"The service of Mr. Blakeley was excellent. He assured me that, I alone, could make modification's to my plot." Unfortunately, six years later, her younger brother Troy Martin Thurman, passed away after losing his battle with cancer. As Troy's primary caregiver, Anne was devastated when her younger Brother passed away. The loss of her Brother exacerbated her sorrow. Her distress worsened when a friend called to compliment her on the grave marker Troy had. The problem is, Anne never purchased a grave marker.



Anne was confounded. She was the property owner. She knew that she was the only person that could place a marker on the plot that contained the cremated remains of her Father and Brother. So what happened? Anne learned a family member called from out of town and bought the marker for Troy. Anne felt disrespected. Anne needed to figure out who sold the marker without her approval. Around February 2017, Anne contacted Tonya Wood, at Grand Lawn, who advised her to submit a document protesting the marker on her property. Anne submitted a notarized document of protest. Anne was relieved after speaking to Ms. Wood, "because her demeanor was caring and compassionate." Wood assured Anne the appropriate Counselor would contact her. Later that day, Anne received a call from Grand Lawn Family Service Counselor Geraldine Watkins. Anne says: "Geraldine Watkins was the worst! When I spoke to her over the phone she was dismissive and apathetic. I could not get a straight answer out of her." The good customer service displayed by Ms. Wood was erased in one negative conversation with Ms. Watkins. The situation got worse when Anne met Ms. Watkins on Memorial Day weekend. The pain still evident. Anne recalls the meeting.



*Ms. Watkins told me the person that sold the marker, no longer worked here. Her lie was obvious. I knew she sold the marker. I felt so insulted! Anne continued to vent... This can not be an isolated incident. I know Ms. Watkins has disrespected other grieving people. I can't be the only one! Her callous disregard for the emotional well being of a client is unprofessional to say the least. The Grand Lawn Manager, Bill Shaw, eventually removed the marker, but I still have a bad taste in my mouth. I question the leadership of Bill Shaw, and the MMG corporate culture. How can they employ a person that has a blatant disregard for customer service?*


The Monthly Standard has spoken to many MMG customers. We have found that Anne's complaint is unique, but valid. **This matter proves how important customer service is.** Also, abiding by company policy is a must, because ALL unhappy customers will spread bad news. Overall, we recommend MMG cemeteries. The company is reputable. One bad apple should not spoil the whole bunch.



# EDITORIAL

Welcome to The Monthly Standard! In our publication you will read hard news stories, both current and historical. We will focus on Detroit like no other publication. We're here to celebrate Detroit. We're ALL Detroiters! River Rouge-Southfield-Grosse Pointe-Warren...You get the picture. We're all in this together. Currently, Detroit is rebuilding. This is normal. In over 300 years of existence, Detroiters have rebuilt our precious city several times before. Now it's our turn to rebuild. All of Detroit's ills can be remedied, because, we the people, have the POWER to do so. Schools-Crime-Blight can be changed for the better. The population of Detroit is approximately 650,000. Metropolitan Detroit has about 4.2 million inhabitants. If only 10% of suburban residents moved into the City of Detroit our metropolis would rise to over 1 million people again. Isn't that where Detroit is supposed to be? All of us in the Tri-County area have to unite for the purpose of creating a stronger Detroit. Remember, we are not competing against each other. We're competing against Boston, Dallas, Chicago, Seattle & every other metropolitan area in the USA. The Monthly Standard will do its part to ensure Detroit continues to grow. Will you?

**This is YOUR paper! Have FUN with it! Email your thoughts to: [tms@servicestarnetwork.com](mailto:tms@servicestarnetwork.com)**

We encourage your participation! We want your opinion about EVERYTHING pertaining to this paper. Nothing is off limits! In the next edition of The Monthly Standard we will have a YOUR OPINION page. We want you to opine about anything! We'll pose a question, or two, every edition. Here's question #1: What do you think about the Service Star Network idea of STOP & SHOP  GET RESPECT...Would you Stop & Shop if you saw the patriotic Service Star Network logo?

## BEFORE and AFTER

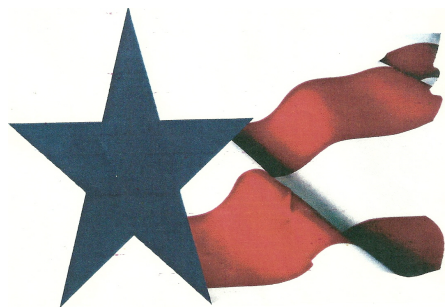
Another fun feature of The Monthly Standard is BEFORE and AFTER. We'll show an old picture taken in Detroit and compare it to a photograph taken recently. Feel free to submit your own BEFORE and AFTER photographs. Let's look at Downtown.



Corner of Gratiot and Woodward looking west to State Street.



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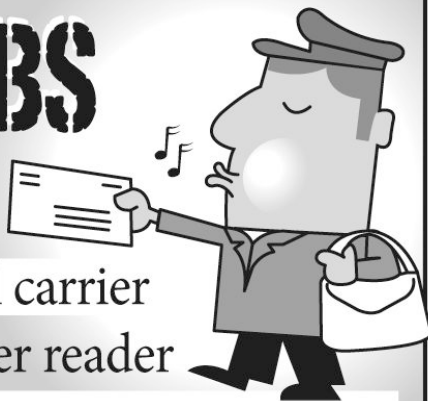
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# TOP Ten

## MOST ENDANGERED JOBS



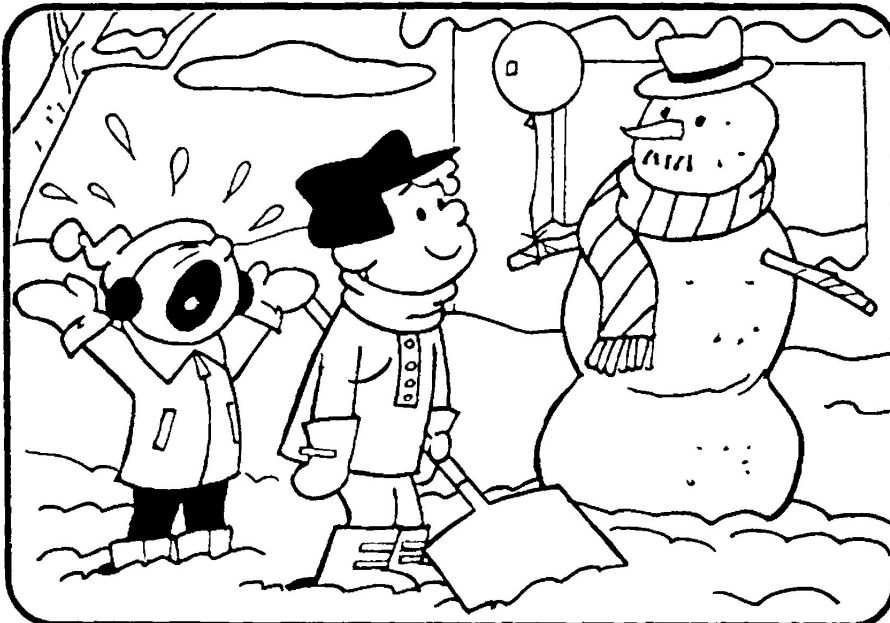
1. Mail carrier
2. Meter reader
3. Farmer
4. Newspaper reporter
5. Logger
6. Jeweler
7. Flight attendant
8. Drill-press operator
9. Insurance underwriter
10. Seamstress/Tailor

Source: CareerCast

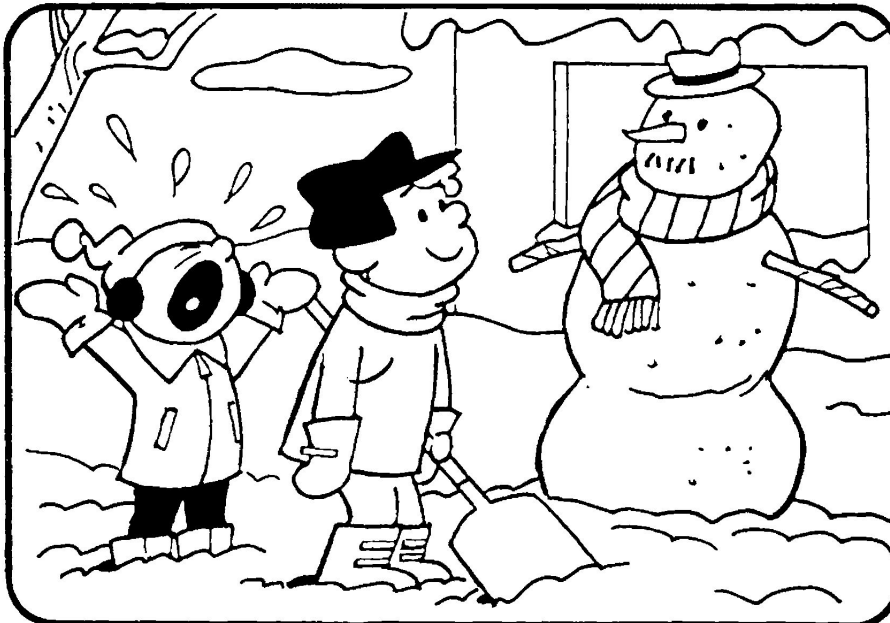
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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY  
HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Cloud is smaller. 2. Button strip is missing. 3. Shovel is smaller. 4. Balloon is missing. 5. Scarf is shorter. 6. Hat is smaller.

### — King Crossword —

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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### CryptoQuote

answer

Know how to listen, and you will profit even from those who talk badly. — Plutarch

### CryptoQuip

answer

If you give boneless beef to a hungry horse in Pennsylvania, is that a Philly filly fillet?

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