Noted

Funny lines and strange looks from last week:

Mints like empty races
A letter from
Letter: 

but drive:
On the road again and again
where people have laptops,
TVs, no parks. “Now, 75 years there were no movies, no
says she especially treasured
Monroeville, Ala., the author
Writing on how she became
Oprah Winfrey’s magazine.
A book asserts that babies unlearn the grammars of every language but the one they hear.

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CHARLES WANG, linguist

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Chomsky, the MIT professor

Laboratory.

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students with more than 800 Ameri

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By FABIO ABU-ALK

To the citizens of the United States of

Thank you for your gift of hospitality.

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