

Morrison

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ies to type up her manuscript for 1970's "The Bluest Eye" by baking the ladies one of her famous carrot cakes.

2. She was castigated by early critics for not writing about white people

In a 1973 review of "Sula," The New York Times criticized Morrison, saying her work was boxed in by her insistence on writing about her own community – without including confrontation with whites. "Toni Morrison is far too talented to remain only a marvelous reporter of the black side of provincial American life," wrote the critic.

In the documentary, Morrison addresses such claims. "I have had reviews in the past that have accused me of not writing about white people ... as though our lives have no meaning and no depth



Oprah Winfrey talks with Toni Morrison at an awards dinner in 2010. FRANK POLICH/GETTY IMAGES

without the white gaze," she says plainly. "I have spent my entire writing life trying to make sure that the white gaze was not the dominant one in any of my books."

3. She went on a book tour with Muhammad Ali

While promoting Ali's book "The Greatest: My Own Story," the two got off to a rocky start. "When I first met him

and asked him a question, he would answer and look at a man and never looked directly at me while he was giving the answer. But then I remembered he respects older women," Morrison recalls, saying she realized she should act more like his mother. "So I just crossed my arms as I walked in the room and said, 'Ali, get up from there, you have something to do.' And he would look up and recognize ... a grown-up. And from then on, he did everything I said," she chuckles.

4. Oprah got creative trying to get her phone number

After reading "Beloved," Oprah wanted to call Morrison personally, but the famous author's number was unlisted. So the TV star called the fire department and asked for it.

Morrison remembers picking up the phone. "She said, 'Toni Morrison, this is Oprah Winfrey.' I said, 'How did you get my number?' " she laughs. Oprah made her plea to turn "Beloved" into a movie,

ultimately convincing a skeptical Morrison. Oprah made the 1998 film and starred as Sethe, an escaped slave who murders her own daughter rather than see her child returned to a Kentucky plantation to live as a slave.

5. Morrison called time's up on equal pay in the 1970s

"Navigating a white male world was not threatening; it wasn't even interesting," says Morrison candidly, recalling her first job as an editor. "I knew more than they did and I wasn't afraid to show it. You have to be a little tough and rely on yourself, and tell people 'no.' "

In her first job, the single mom noticed her male counterparts were getting more money when the raises were given out. "So I went to my boss and I said, 'You didn't raise me as much as my colleagues who are men.' He said, 'Yes, but.' And I said, 'I don't want to hear 'but.' I want to tell you something: I am head of the household. Just. Like. You.' She got the money.

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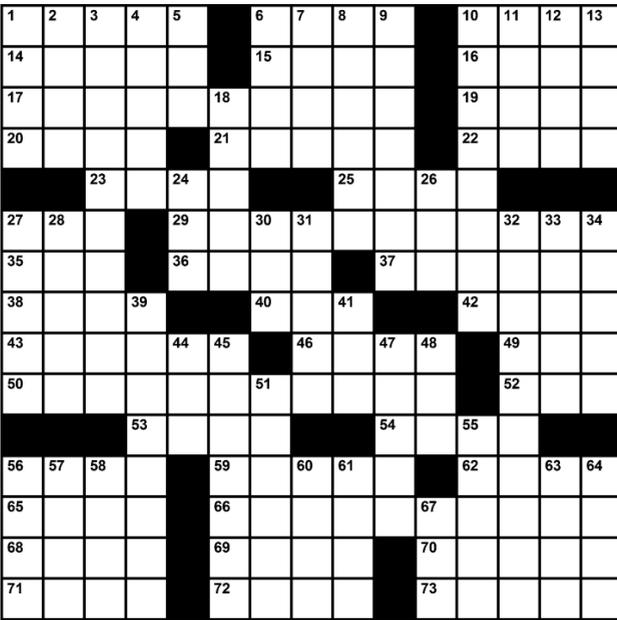
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ACROSS

- 1 Slowly, on a score
- 6 Kid around with
- 10 Not a thing
- 14 Sign for many April births
- 15 Predator in a pod
- 16 Hard-to-cheat-on test
- 17 Bankers' IDs, redundantly
- 19 What snobs put on
- 20 Quakers or Shakers
- 21 Money in the bank, e.g.
- 22 Post-WWII alliance
- 23 Anthem beginning
- 25 Some fish in sushi
- 27 On the _____ (fleeing)
- 29 California governor elected in 2018

- 35 Little rapsallion
- 36 Channel watched in man caves
- 37 Cousin of a prairie
- 38 Thailand neighbor
- 40 Compete like Lindsey Vonn
- 42 React like a spooked horse
- 43 Sprinkle with holy oil
- 46 "Taking Eve" novelist Johansen
- 49 Whitney with a gin
- 50 Skipper of the Nautilus
- 52 When a one-hr. clock adjustment occurs
- 53 Raw recruit
- 54 "Hey, over here"
- 56 Responder to iPhone requests
- 59 Place to call home
- 62 Cupid, to the Greeks
- 65 Utterly spellbound
- 66 usatoday.com, e.g.
- 68 Have a bite



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- 69 Cheese that hardens with age
- 70 Molded garnish
- 71 "Gosh darnit!"
- 72 Jan. 1 song word
- 73 Gets the better of

DOWN

- 1 The 200 at Indy
- 2 Lake bordering four states
- 3 Total dimwit
- 4 Nomads' dwellings
- 5 The Buckeyes' sch.
- 6 Wozniak's partner at Apple
- 7 Sources of metals
- 8 ATM feature
- 9 Goes like lightning
- 10 Reason to hang up
- 11 Diva's big moment
- 12 Tranq gun missile
- 13 "Besides that ..."
- 18 Mexican pyramid builders
- 24 Whiskey bottle datum
- 26 Net judge's call

- 27 Shade like lavender
- 28 Frigidaire competitor
- 30 Second bananas (Abbr.)
- 31 Complete, as a comic strip
- 32 Radar guns' sites
- 33 Outback gemstones
- 34 Reason for a promotion
- 39 "Be patient!"
- 41 Fit-to-be-tied feeling
- 44 Opponent's shout
- 45 Verbal onslaughts
- 47 JFK Library architect
- 48 "I need help!"
- 51 Event planner's nightmarish turnout
- 55 Have a hunch
- 56 Castle-building stuff

Monday's Answer



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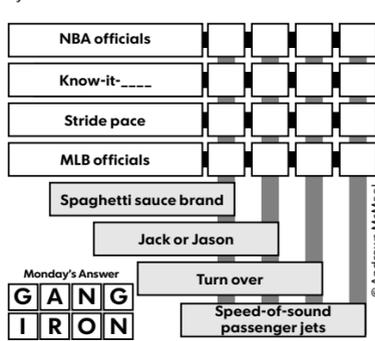
- Find and Circle:
 Four land formations
 Three six-letter colors
 Two countries starting with P
 _____ in "The Natural"
 _____ movie (six-letter answers)

Monday's answer: TANGERINE ORANGE LEMON LIME / MYSTERY SPORTS NEWS / RABBIT JAGUAR IMPALA / RINGO STARR / REAR WINDOW



QUICKCROSS

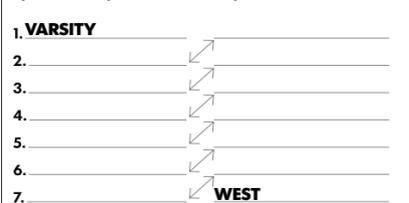
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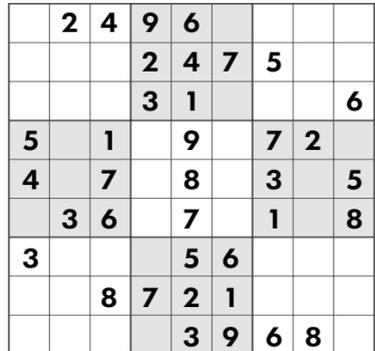
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- Clues:
 1. 1999 football movie
 2. Jazzy group of musicians
 3. WWII series: "____ Brothers"
 4. _____ use (worthless)
 5. "Not a chance"
 6. Exit
 7. Vancouver, to Toronto
- Monday's Answer:
 STOOD / STILL / STANDING / WATER / TABLE / LEG / BONE / MARROW

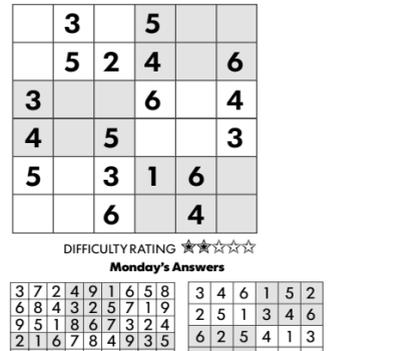
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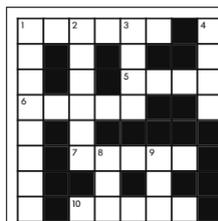


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- Across: 1. 472669, 5. 6262, 6. 64323, 7. 23678, 10. 23858
 Down: 1. 47263766, 2. 228352, 3. 6263, 4. 3327, 8. 323, 9. 725

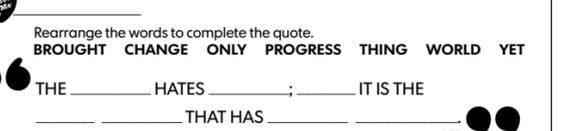
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Monday's Answer: "If I'd known I was gonna live this long, I'd have taken better care of myself." - Eubie Blake

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