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McConnell and other state and local partners at Pisgah Bay on Kentucky Lake to observe the Modified Unified Method of removing carp from our waterways. Senator McConnell and I took a boat out with members from Kentucky Fish and Wildlife to observe this carp removal method firsthand. We held a press conference after our boating excursion and I had the opportunity to hear from local residents and community leaders on the best ways to continue combating Asian carp. I discussed my successful efforts advocating for federal resources to take on the issue and our continued attention to eradicating this invasive species.

**Spending Time in Logan County**  
I recently spent a very productive day visiting with constituents in Logan County. I had the opportunity to stop by Walnut Grove Farm - a 6th generation family grain farming operation - for a tour. We discussed agriculture issues of importance to their business and how family farms like Walnut Grove are setting an example for future family farms in Kentucky. I also visited the Logan County Jail to discuss rehabilitation programs. Rehabilitation is a key issue of importance to me as we continue to improve our workforce and ensure Kentuckians are able to access the education and workforce training programs necessary to Kentucky's economic future.

Discussing Welfare Reform in Oversight Committee  
In an Oversight and Reform Committee hearing examining policies related to the workforce, SNAP benefits, and solu-

tions to lift people out of poverty, I questioned witnesses about how the welfare system is serving Americans. We discussed how we can focus on positive changes to bring people out of poverty and into the workforce so Americans can better provide for themselves and their families. You can view my questions and remarks here.

Visiting with the Kentucky School Nutrition Association

Back in Kentucky, I spoke to the Kentucky School Nutrition Association about the importance of public schools in shaping the next generation of leaders. I have great appreciation for food service professionals in our public schools who work tirelessly to make sure students receive nutritious, well-rounded meals so they can focus on being successful students. As the top Republican on the Education and Labor Subcommittee which oversees child nutrition and school lunch programs, hearing the perspectives of the Kentucky School Nutrition Association is imperative to my work advancing school lunch policies that benefit children.

**Workforce Development Underway in Paducah**  
In early February, I toured a couple of facilities in Paducah that are making waves in workforce development. At the McCracken County Jail, I saw the great work underway to provide inmates with a pathway to becoming productive, engaging members of society. The training programs they offer for welding and HVAC training will help fill critical workforce gaps and reduce incar-

ceration rates. I also stopped by the Paducah Innovation Hub. Once the Hub opens, it will house technical classes like carpentry, welding, and engineering. I'm excited to see the finished construction of this innovative new facility which will be a model for education moving forward. As time goes on, the old model of four-year degrees and piles of student loan debt are not the answer for many individuals' education needs. Instead, we must emphasize certificates and skills training. I thoroughly enjoyed traveling throughout Paducah and seeing firsthand the need for a more skills-based education system moving forward. You can view more details about my visit to the McCracken County Jail here, and the Paducah Innovation Hub here. I also encourage you to read a recent column I wrote on skills-based education here.

**EPA Announcement on Chemicals in Drinking Water**  
On February 21st, the EPA took an important step in implementing their PFAS Action Plan by proposing regulatory determinations for perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) in drinking water. As Ranking Member of the House Oversight and Reform Subcommittee on the Environment, I've been very involved in discussions on ways EPA is looking to regulate harmful chemicals in water through science-based, data-driven methods. To view more information on what these chemicals are and what they do, visit here. You can access more information about the EPA's PFAS Action Plan here.

### Super Crossword

**ACROSS**

1 Sol, la or ti

5 Low-pitched

9 Salt Lake City resident

14 Ahead by a single point

19 Otherworldly glow

20 Admit openly

21 Spanish appetizers

22 More sensible

23 Datum for a hard drive

26 Brand of fake fat

27 Geriatrics topic

28 Vegetable in Cajun cuisine

29 Beach birds

31 St. Patty's land

32 Gains' opposites

34 Australian avian

35 Defunct figure-skating show

37 Robin's place

39 Woven together

41 Take one's turn after all others

42 Actress married to Steven Spielberg

47 Develops an affinity for

48 Strong glue

49 MGM lion

50 Sling mud at

54 Mushy food

55 Itinerary info

56 Morganstern of 1970s TV

57 Hoarse

62 Evoke

64 Camera-to-computer upload

66 Like some sci-fi aliens, location-wise

67 Caterer's receptacle

69 Got the gold

70 Fruity frozen dessert

71 Jackson or Lincoln, e.g.

74 Lay to final rest

75 Actress Daly and novelist O'Connell

76 Largest frat in the U.S.

77 Pooch name

79 Lowly worker

81 — la (utopia)

83 College e-mail ender

84 Supreme Court's Sotomayor

85 With 33-Down, arm of the Indian Ocean

89 Voyager Golden Record, e.g.

92 Roving sorts

93 Is sickeningly sweet

96 Old fruity soda

97 Sailor's reply

99 In shape

101 Should it happen that

106 Skinny

107 Epsom —

108 Redding with a Grammy

110 Flynn of early films

111 Classic tune

113 Snapshot go-withs

116 Edmund of "Miracle on 34th Street"

117 Apple messaging software

118 Like men

119 Ovid's 2,002

120 Swamp plant

121 Bête —

122 Multitude

123 Word hidden backwards in this puzzle's eight longest answers

**DOWN**

1 Vocally twangy

2 Expenditure

3 Three, in Lille

4 Deserves

5 Bit of luggage

6 Chevrolet hatchback

7 Collection for a wrench

8 Hive cluster

9 Actress Hagen

10 Maneuver

11 Each

12 Strong dislike

13 "It's Gonna Be Me" band

14 Mil. hangout

15 Sierra Nevada brew

16 New York tribe members

17 Least distant

18 Cuba's Guevara

24 Part of CIA

25 Cook Deen

30 Continuing dramas

33 See 85-Across

36 Kitty

38 Snowball impact sound

40 Extend — welcome

42 Beer cask

43 Galore

44 Moniker for TV's Tim Taylor

45 Make amends for

46 Sod-busting tool

47 — II (Gillette razor)

51 Stole's kin

52 — stick (jumping toy)

53 Utopia

55 The "D" of CD

58 Fate who cut the thread of life

59 Secondary option list

60 Heat to 212 degrees in advance

61 As of now

63 Old Toyota

64 Prefix with 39-Across

65 "It will come — surprise ..."

66 East, in Bonn

67 Go — smoke

68 Bond girl player Diana

72 Hot — oven

73 "Tis —" ("So sad")

74 Draw out

77 Like women: Abbr.

78 Same

80 No, in Selkirk

82 Lock holders

84 Kind of piano

85 Comparable things

86 Sovereign's "I," often

87 Revised

88 Supporting

90 "C — Cookie"

91 Food tuna

93 Tricolor cat

94 Chinese fruit

95 Car security system

98 Easy putt

100 Gossip tidbits

102 Pinch into small folds

103 Good smell

104 Kind of boom

105 — the Cow (milk mascot)

109 Markdown

112 Shanghai-to-Tokyo dir.

114 Adaptable truck, briefly

115 Church perch

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## Wishing Well®

2	6	3	5	7	4	5	4	2	5	2	5	6
S	D	G	Y	S	Y	O	O	T	U	A	A	E
7	6	8	4	8	3	6	3	4	6	5	4	7
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C	E	L	I	O	O	R	L	O	M	N	T	L
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H	E	M	S	A	P	E	D	A	E	T	R	A
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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

7			6		5		3	
	4			9				5
		2	1			4		
3	6				8			4
		7	2			6		
9				1			5	
	5				9			7
		9	4				8	1
8				3		9		

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.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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1	8	7	2	5	4	6	9	3
9	2	4	3	1	6	7	5	8
4	5	1	8	2	9	3	6	7
2	3	9	4	6	7	5	8	1
8	7	6	5	3	1	9	4	2

## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Droplet is added. 2. Ties are swapped. 3. Step is missing. 4. Buttons are added. 5. Temperature is higher. 6. Awning is different.

## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

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