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67 Go — smoke

72 Hot — oven

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77 Like women:

80 No, in Selkirk

82 Lock holders

84 Kind of piano

85 Comparable

86 Sovereign's

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88 Supporting

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91 Food tuna

93 Tricolor cat

94 Chinese fruit

95 Car security

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98 Easy putt

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102 Pinch into

100 Gossip

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74 Draw out

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78 Same

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68 Bond girl

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38 Snowball

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Taylor

55 The "D" of

58 Fate who cut

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59 Secondary

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61 As of now

63 Old Toyota

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42 Beer cask

43 Galore

40 Extend

36 Kitty

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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

Spending Time in Logan County

this invasive species.

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 solutions 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

Workforce **Development** Underway in **Paducah**

that benefit children.

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-

early February, I

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 fouryear degrees and piles of student loan debt are not the answer for many individuals' education needs. Instead, we must emphasize certificates training. I skills 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 vou to read a recent column I wrote on skills-

ceration rates. I also

EPA Announcement on Chemicals in **Drinking Water**

based education here.

On February 21st, the EPA took an important step in implementing their PFAS Action Plan by proposing regulatodeterminations for perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) in drinking water. As Ranking Member of the House Oversight and Reform Subcommittee the Environment, on 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

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96 Old fruity

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106 Skinny

110 Flynn of

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early films

111 Classic tune

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"Miracle on

34th Street'

116 Edmund of

113 Snapshot

48 Strong glue 49 MGM lion 50 Sling mud at 54 Mushy food 55 Itinerary info 56 Morganstern

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69 Got the gold

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O'Connell

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37 Robin's place 39 Woven together

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small folds 103 Good smell 104 Kind of boom — the Cow (milk mascot) 109 Markdown 112 Shanghai-to-Tokyo dir. 114 Adaptable truck, briefly

115 Church perch 16

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2 5 6 6 6 Н 3 3 Ε Ε S S 0 HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a

message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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Weekly **SUDOKU**

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ◆ ◆ ◆ 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.

by Dave T. Phipps

Weekly SUDOKU Answer

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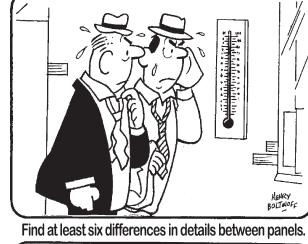
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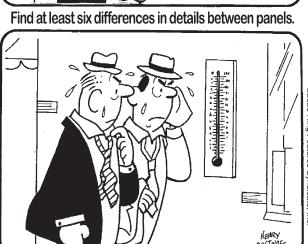




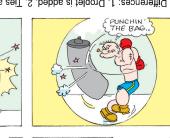








4. Buttons are added. 5. Temperature is higher. 6. Awning is different. Differences: 1. Droplet is added. 2. Ties are swapped. 3. Step is missing.









MY IN-LAWS ASKED WHO I WOULD VOTE FOR

