

Water leak damages more than ceiling for neighbors

DEAR ABBY: I live in an apartment and recently had a serious leak come through my bathroom ceiling. I called maintenance and texted my upstairs neighbor, who asked me when they were coming. I responded that I didn't know and I wasn't sure whether they'd have to go up to her apartment or not.

Well, they went to her apartment first. She was VERY upset and messaged me a dozen more times to let me know how stressed she was, that she was crying and afraid she would get evicted from her apartment because she has a dog she failed to put on her lease. She ended by saying "next time" I should let her know in advance. Abby, I DID let her know. But I guess she wants more notice next time she causes an emergency, so she'll have more time to hide her dog.

So — I'm supposed to let my apartment get more water damage to give her time to hide an animal she should've put on her lease years ago and be paying pet rent for? I feel like she was trying to make me feel bad when she's the one who is wrong for being irresponsible. Why do I have to cater to her needs first? Should I feel bad? — **LEAKY MESS IN THE WEST**



DEAR ABBY

DEAR LEAKY MESS: You do not have to accept the guilt trip your neighbor laid on you or "cater" to her. You handled the situation appropriately and have nothing to apologize for. When the "good neighbor policy" was written, she must have been out to lunch.

DEAR ABBY: I got COVID from a friend who came to our book club even though her husband was ill. When she texted us a few days later about his positive test, I told her I was now sick. She called and left a message that she felt bad if she had given me COVID, but she has shown no concern since. I have had long-term COVID chest pain for three months, but she's never sent a card or called to see how I am. I reached out to her several times and even brought her a birthday gift, but she doesn't seem to care that I'm not well. It's awkward because we're neighbors

and in several groups together. How can I save this friendship? — **RECOVERING IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR RECOVERING: How can YOU save this friendship? Lady, YOU are the injured party. This woman may be a neighbor, but she isn't acting like a friend. Call her and clear the air about how the situation has made you feel. When you see her, be civil and keep your distance. If she had been less self-centered, she wouldn't have exposed you and the other book club members to what her husband had — even if it was "only" a common cold.

DEAR ABBY: What are the three most important things parents should instill in their children in their formative years? — **WONDERING IN ARIZONA**

DEAR WONDERING: In my opinion, the three most important things would be empathy, that they are loved and curiosity.

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Instructions for play: Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9.

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Stop, drop and roll
Dear Readers: Ever had your clothes catch on fire, or your child's clothes ignite, or your skin or hair catch on fire? STOP, DROP and ROLL is an easy-to-remember and effective method to extinguish clothing and fires on the skin and hair.

1. STOP right where you are when you first realize you are in trouble. You don't want to cause airflow to "fan the flames."

2. DROP to your knees, and lie down if possible. Important: If you are able, cover your face with your hands to protect your hair, eyes, ears, nose and mouth.

3. ROLL to smother any flame and deprive it of oxygen. If you are on an area rug, you can roll yourself into the rug to create a barrier between the fire and you.

Ensure young children understand that STOP, DROP and ROLL is for an actual immediate live fire threat and danger. If they hear a fire alarm or siren, they must safely, quickly and calmly evacuate the building, with the help of an adult. — Heloise

Organization nation — it's not easy being green

Dear Readers: Decorating with plants indoors suggests a clean, colorful, bright and healthy environment. Not a green thumb to be had in the family? There are some beautiful artificial plants and trees on the market nowadays. Check them out. — Heloise

More on midcentury modern

Dear Readers: Several weeks ago, we discussed the characteristics, style and charm of the mid-century modern home: clean, unfettered looks, no clutter, no flowery design elements, lots of long, low and lean lines, etc.

Sounds great, right? Hold the phone. Here are some drawbacks to the mid-century modern element:

— The open floor plan of mid-century modern does not lend itself to privacy. You may have several areas in the home (dining, living, kitchen) that flow, one into the other, with no walls in between and no sound cushion.

— This open design makes heating, cooling and insulating the space difficult and more expensive.

— The roof on a mid-century modern home is often flat or almost flat. Roofs need to have an angle to them, so water, snow, tree branches, leaves and other debris can roll off and not sit on the roof to decay and damage the roof.

There's good and bad in all designs. Weigh them and pick the home you'd like the best! — Heloise

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Sweeping
- 5 Site of Sevilla
- 11 Cave sound
- 12 Extreme fan
- 13 Magnetic metal
- 14 Dwell
- 15 Anchor's offering
- 17 Spotted cube
- 18 Lab work
- 22 Fantasy creature
- 24 Skateboarding jump
- 25 Bow wood
- 26 Shelley work
- 27 Super-man's adoptive family
- 30 Chopped down
- 32 Failed car
- 33 Unoriginal
- 34 Travel sci-fi-style
- 38 Evening bash
- 41 On the road
- 42 Come in
- 43 Salon sound
- 44 Pre-show ad
- 45 Ibsen's home

DOWN

- 1 Blood bearer
- 2 Land unit
- 3 Decisive confrontations
- 4 Throat mass
- 5 Poet Pound
- 6 Takes care of
- 7 Soft color
- 8 Oscar winner Mahershala
- 9 Tacit approval
- 10 Had a snack
- 16 Animation frame
- 19 Economic declines
- 20 Ocean motion
- 21 Parrot snack
- 22 Young one
- 23 Oboe part
- 28 Block-dropping game

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Saturday's answer

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- 19 Economic declines
- 20 Ocean motion
- 21 Parrot snack
- 22 Young one
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- 28 Block-dropping game
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- 40 Radio's Glass

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ACROSS

- 1 Check for purity
- 6 Garden aids
- 11 Common street name
- 12 Tibia's end
- 13 Island ring
- 14 Shopworn
- 15 Emulates Drake
- 17 Slightly
- 18 Feel sorry for
- 20 Whittle down
- 22 Lob path
- 23 Moose's cousin
- 26 From the Arctic
- 28 Jupiter has 79
- 29 Zoo residents
- 31 Put away
- 32 Christmas travelers
- 33 Spur on
- 34 Bar bills
- 36 Narrated
- 38 Wrong
- 40 Paces
- 43 Zellweger of "Judy"
- 44 Cruise ship
- 45 Uneasy feeling
- 46 Periphery

DOWN

- 1 "I — Rock"
- 2 Was inactive
- 3 New Olympics sport in 2021
- 4 Soothe
- 5 Puppy sound
- 6 Holds
- 7 Smallest Great Lake
- 8 New Olympics sport in 2021
- 9 First name in scat
- 10 Plant starter
- 16 Sauna site
- 18 One of a bear trio
- 19 Golfer's choice
- 21 Prepares for war
- 23 Outcropping
- 24 Aware of
- 25 Not new
- 27 Stockpiles

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Previous Puzzle

- 16 Sauna site
- 18 One of a bear trio
- 19 Golfer's choice
- 21 Prepares for war
- 23 Outcropping
- 24 Aware of
- 25 Not new
- 27 Stockpiles
- 30 Set fire to
- 33 Kilt pattern
- 34 Skater Lipinski
- 35 Flock response
- 37 Eyeball
- 39 Harden
- 41 Casual shirt
- 42 Fourth-yr. students

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Daily Cryptoquote — Here's how to work it:

A X Y D L B A A X R
is L O N G F E L L O W

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 day the code letters are different.

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CRYPTOQUOTE

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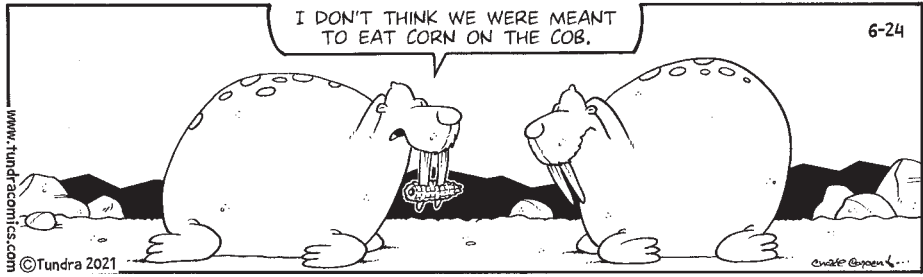
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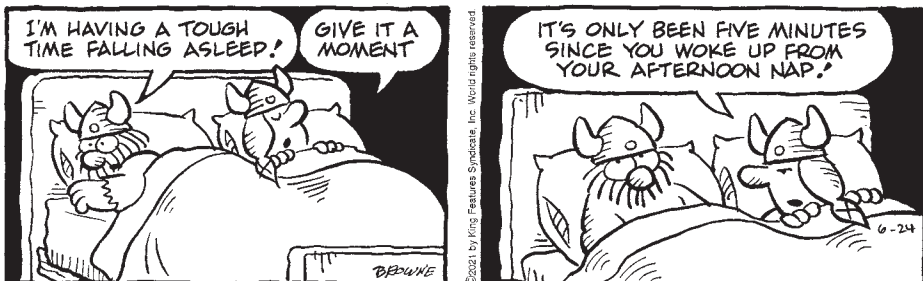
Previous Cryptoquote: HOPE IS LIKE PEACE. IT IS NOT A GIFT FROM GOD. IT IS A GIFT ONLY WE CAN GIVE ONE ANOTHER. — ELIE WIESEL

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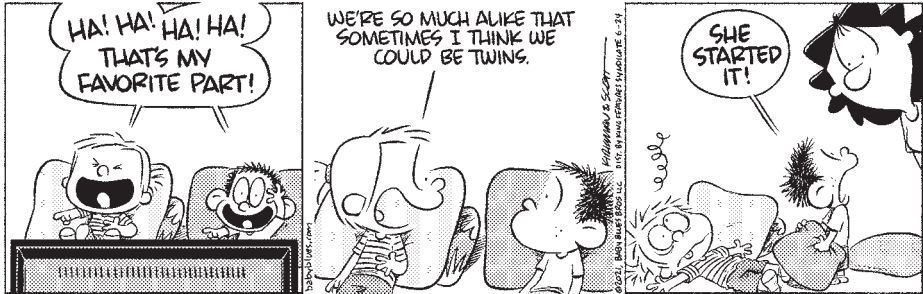
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