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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. It wakes you up
- 6. A place to sleep
- 9. Czech village 13. Appetizer
- 14. African country 15. Dark brown or black
- 16. Parent-teacher groups
- 17. Saturates
- 18. ESPN personality Kimes
- 19. Songs to a lover
- 21. Cavalry-sword 22. Begat
- 23. Patriotic women
- 24. Famed Princess
- 25. One who does not conform
- 28. Neither
- 29. Nigerian monetary unit
- 31. Body parts 33. Hit Dave Matthews Band song
- 36. Depicts with pencil
- 38. Make into leather without
- 39. Plants grow from them
- 41. Alias
- 44. Fingers do it
- 45. More dried-up 46. Clod
- 48. Senior officer
- 49. A way to listen to music
- 51. The bill in a restaurant 52. Historic center of Artois
- region
- 54. Cyprinid fishes
- 56. Poisonous perennial plant 60. Scottish Loch
- 61. Heads
- 62. Extra seed-covering
- 63. Wings
- 64. Britpop band 65. Forearm bones
- 66. Small immature herring
- 67. Female sibling
- 68. Hymn

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Vipers
- 2. Not on time
- 3. Resembling a wing or wings

- 4. Tears down
- 5. Professional designation
- 6. Noise a sheep made 7. Type of lodge
- 8. Speak poorly of
- 9. Ties the knot again
- 10. Apron
- 11. Studied intensively 12. City in Finland
- 14. One who monitors
- 17. 18-year astronomical period 20. Trent Reznor's band
- 21. Takes to the sea 23. Split pulses
- 25. Valentine's Day color
- 26. Wyatt
- 27. Type of rail

- 29. One from the Big Apple
- Asteroids
- 32. Made more sugary

- 34. Change in skin pigment 35. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
- 37. Koran chapters
- 40. A place to relax
- 42. Young woman ready for society life

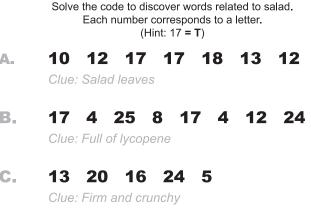
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- 43. Female horses 47. Half of Milli Vanilli
- 49. Icelandic poems
- 50. Indiana town
- 52. Golden peas
- 53. Closes tightly 55. It's mined in mountains
- 56. Cliff (Hawaii)
- 57. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
- 58. Monetary unit
- 59. Primordial matter 61. TV station
- 65. Rise

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The complexities of grief — part 1 of 2

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They're all complex. And, if life and the relationships we build during it are all complicated, it goes without saying that the loss of a love or a life is also complex.

The loss of someone or something brings with it the inevitable grief. We all know and understand this. Grief follows loss. That's pretty

This loss often needs and benefits from professional therapy. Help. I had that in the first hours, day, weeks and months of my own grief. It helps to have someone to talk to.

Beyond that, however, our knowledge of grief may be lacking. Because the uniqueness of grief makes it nearly undefinable.

Love is unique, and that makes grief unique as well. Add to this the fact that

as a culture we most often don't want to talk about or



PERTLER Columnist

think about grief publicly and you only add to the mystery, and perhaps the terror.

I don't mean to get all Michael Myers on you, but grief really does wear a mask. It is hidden in plain sight. It is complicated.

And therein lies the rub. I recently learned there is a term to describe grief: complicated.

You read that right. There is an actual thing called 'complicated grief," like simple grief ever was or could be a thing.

Right? Think again. I literally smile as I write this, in the most sarcastic way possible.

There is no grief, no real grief, that is not complicated. It needs no medical or psychological term to make it real.

Or complex. It always has

My grandma lost her firstborn son when he was 16. She was 42 and had recently given birth to my mom. This was in the winter northern Minnesota in 1933 and the ground was frozen solid, making it impossible to dig

She and my grandpa had no choice but to keep the body of their dead son in the root cellar while she nursed her baby daughter upstairs. They kept the body of their son on ice until spring, when a proper burial could be had.

Don't tell me that in any way my grandma and grandpa experienced simple (or even regular) grief. They lived through complicated, even though complicated hadn't been invented yet.

Life has always been complicated. We all know this. And if life is indeed complicated (and it is), how can one of the most difficult events in life not be complicated as well and what's wrong with labeling it as such?

That's a good question (I said to myself). The problem with labeling grief is labeling grief. This is a conundrum I've run into a few times myself.

People want to quantify grief. Losing a child is worse than losing a spouse. Losing a spouse is worse than losing a child. Divorce is worse than death. And so

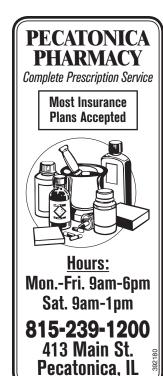
There is no magic equation. There is no quantifying method that makes any sense. You can't quantify grief. Period.

Just like you can't cure grief, or solve grief, or end grief or label it as simple or normal or complicated.

There are some things in life that defy labels.

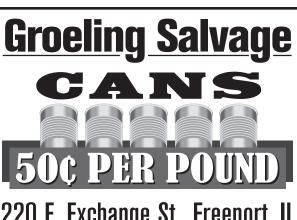
And coming from someone who knows, firsthand. I believe grief is one of them. Sadly enough.

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