

What a heroin addict actually looks like....





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*By the time of his
fatal overdose
at 18, he was a
shadow of the*

date is Oct. 2, 2012. He was struck by how many athletes he saw at such a small facility. "Hockey, football, lacrosse," he says. "[Heroin is] a big thing in sports."

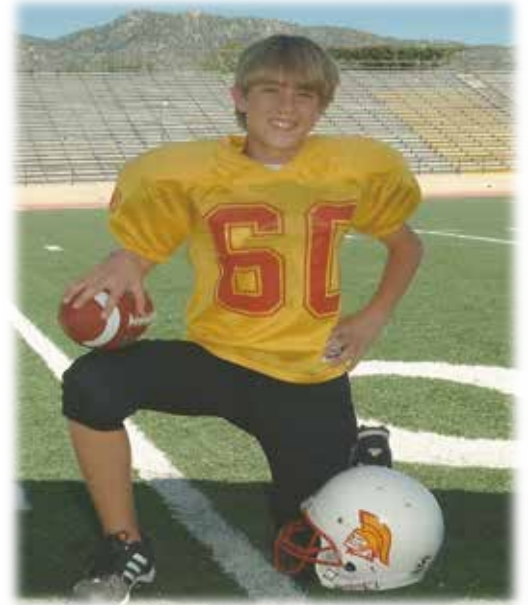
How big is difficult to say. "This should be on people's research agenda," Velix says, lamenting the lack of research on the issue. "Because this is

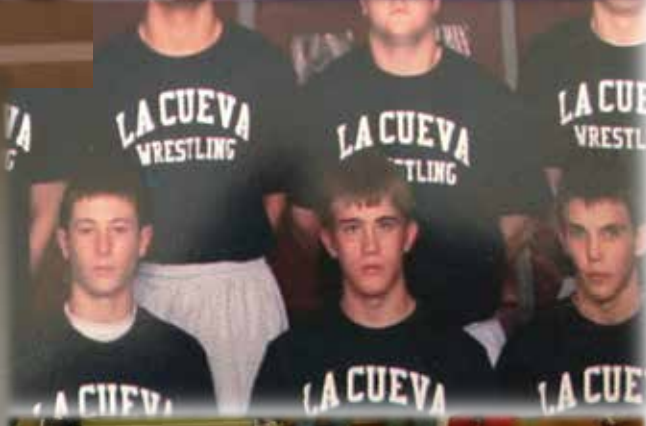
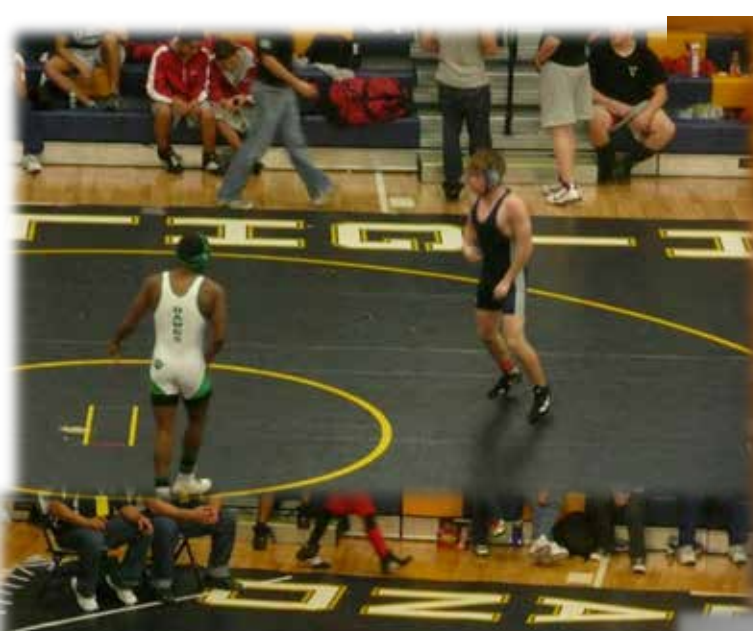
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TURNING YOUNG ATHLETES
INTO HEROIN ADDICTS

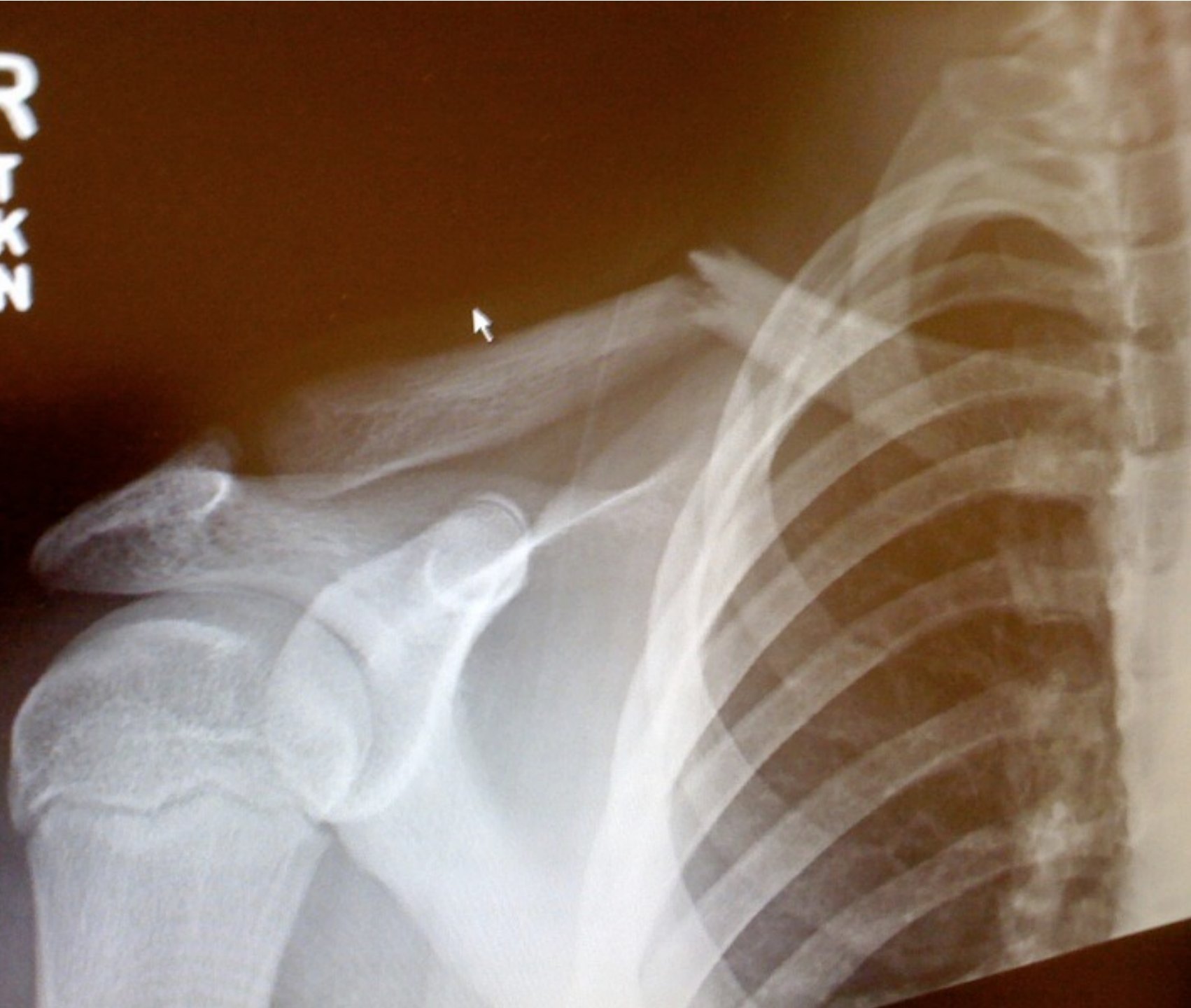






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*Run your fingers through
my soul.
Feel what I feel,
Believe what I believe,
Perceive as I perceive,
Look, experience, and for
once;
Just once, understand.....*



*The drug twists your brain so fast, so quick,
you don't even know that you are slowly
losing your soul....*



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Where do we go from here?

- Pain killers aren't the devil.
- Educate yourself, your kids, and your athletes.
- Knowledge is power.
- Ask for a non-opioid pain medicine.
- Know the warning signs.
- Don't judge and don't think it can't happen to you.
- If you suspect someone is addicted, talk to them and try to get them help.



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