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7 pm & 9 pm (21 & Over)
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The two started experimenting with heroin about the same time.

"It was introduced to me by someone coming up and telling me it was the new weed. They told me it had about the same effect, but it lasts a lot longer. It wasn't introduced to me as the strongest painkiller. It was dumbed down to the level it didn't seem scary," Spencer said.

Within a couple of years, Spencer was shooting up every day. Realizing how far he's fallen into the addiction appears to disappoint him.

"I remember telling myself I would never touch needles and I would never do heroin, specifically," he said.

Ironically, Spencer said he wanted nothing to do with Crist when he was chasing the dragon, a common slang term for heroin use.

"I didn't like the person he was when he was on heroin. I wouldn't deal with him and I wouldn't talk with him. His demeanor completely changed from being a nice, caring and giving person to someone who complained all the time and nothing was ever enough. Selfishness was all I saw," Spencer said.

Spencer said he was unsurprised to learn of Crist's death. On the other hand, Spencer's sister, Talia, was devastated.

"I'd been watching Facebook posts since his parents told everyone he was missing and then one came up saying they'd found him dead. He was a cool dude who always had a big goofy grin on his face. He was always so nice and he was so excited to see people," Talia said.

A large part of what's unsettling to Talia is the ever-present fear that she'll be the one to discover her brother dead.

"It sucks," she said as she began to cry while recalling one incident. "There was one time specifically when I came home from school and I couldn't find him anywhere. I thought he was dead. I finally found him asleep on the back porch. I get upset watching these people die because I don't know when it is going to be him."

Talia said she doesn't understand how Spencer cannot see the path unfurling ahead of him. She'll detach from Spencer as much as possible when he's high on the heroin.

"We have a great time when he's sober. We'll go and eat sushi until we both look like we're nine months pregnant and then go home and digest our food. I will latch onto those things as much as I can. As soon as it's gone, I'm done with him because he becomes mean and selfish," Talia said.

Spencer calls it getting a case of the "eff-its."

"It makes me mean. Meth makes you bright and happy,

but heroin brings the dark. They call it 'dark' for a reason. It brings out the darkness and the evil in people," he said. "I honestly enjoy that. It's almost like being possessed. You get a case of the eff-its and you don't care about anything."

The even darker side of the drug is that being high becomes the new normal for the addict. Withdrawal symptoms include a harrowing mix of anxiety, muscle ache, insomnia, sweating, diarrhea and vomiting. And they can begin as soon as 12 hours after the last usage. Faced with going through that or staving it off with another high, many addicts choose the high.

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More troubling for Spencer are the things he's done to get that high. "It will make you do the worst things in the world to get it and then rationalize it," he said. "My extremes are the things other people wouldn't even dream of."

Spencer said he's sold heroin to friends to make money for his own habit, but claims that doing so was more an act of mercy.

"Any addict who sells to his friends isn't doing it because he wants to make money, they're doing it because they want to help their friends feel better," he said.

Spencer has done time in jail for drug-related offenses and was headed back to county for a 60-day stint the day after being interviewed for failing to meet the terms of his probation — he was found in possession of a used needle. It will mean his second consecutive Thanksgiving dinner in a jailhouse cafeteria. He even confessed to using heroin earlier the day of our interview. He was a ball of manic energy as he talked, pulling at his sleeves and pants legs, scratching at itches that may or may not have been present.

He said he wanted to use the time in county to dry out, but he knows it's a mixed bag of opportunities.

"You think about one of two things: how am I going to stay clean or how will I get away with it the next time? It's really just a place to find better hook-ups," he said.

Spencer sought treatment for his addiction twice, once at the behest of Talia and another, more successful time, at his own initiative. The latter came down to an option of treatment or jail and he opted for the former.

"I was clean for 90 days," he said with a mixture of pride and remorse. "The problem was I was only in for 10 days for an addiction that's lasted 10 years. As they were

letting me out, the counselor told me I would have to go live at the Salvation Army, which is like telling someone to go live with the people they were selling dope to. Thank God I have good family that I can call."

Even then Spencer said he knew he wasn't through with the drugs.

"I started out doing a little bit of nitrous and that led to drinking and it led to a little bit of pot and that led to coke and on and on," he said. Nitrous is nitrous oxide, an inhalant used to achieve a high.

Spencer, Talia and Beth all advocate for more recovery services instead of more prison time. More beds in halfway houses to avoid referrals to homeless shelters are just one part of the puzzle as they see it. An established needle exchange would also prevent some of the tangential complications that arrive from intravenous drug use. One of Spencer's friends is dealing with outbreaks of hepatitis C as a result of using dirty needles.

While Beth has attended Narcotics Anonymous meetings to seek support, she's found more solace in a Facebook group called The Addict's Mother (TAM).

"NarcAnon was good, but always so sad. With TAM, it's mothers looking to help one another even if it means going out to pick someone up off the streets who is ready to come home. It feels like they are having more of an impact," Beth said.

"He taught me how to hit a puck in the garage. But I was like two feet tall then, I honestly don't know if I made it up or who my brother is now."

— Talia

There are both national and statewide Facebook pages for TAM members.

Spencer said one of the issues he struggles with is judgment of others because changing hearts and minds on the issues of addicts and recovering addicts rapidly becomes politically charged.

"Accept that we're not hurting other people, that we're killing ourselves and we need help," Spencer said. "Put us in programs that help us live better lives rather than jail where we just learn to hustle harder and more about how to get away with it."

"People don't realize that it's not much different

than needing dialysis for a kidney problem. Addiction is a disease that needs dialysis of information and love. You have to get that," Talia added.

Spencer suggested only charging addicts with felonies if they fail to complete recovery programs as one possibility.

While there are many avenues yet to explore, Talia said personal choices are still at play for any addict.

"They have their own community and their only friends are people who are addicted or struggling to recover. I've always wanted to ship (Spencer) off to Mars or something where he can't be around the same friends," Talia said.

Over the course of an hour with the family, one thing rises to the fore. At their core, Spencer's struggles are, at least in part, connected to identity. His best memory — of being in an apartment with several naked women, giant speakers and plates of drugs — is inherently tied to the drugs themselves. He readily admits having trouble with planning.

"I've never been able to make plans for more than the next day. I don't remember ever wanting to do something or be something. I remember wanting to run my dad's business and my dad's business went down the toilet," he said.

The struggle extends to Talia and Beth.

"I remember being the little hockey sister. He taught me how to hit a puck in the garage. But I was like two feet tall then, I honestly don't know if I made it up or who my brother is now," said Talia, now 22.

Beth said she is still waiting for Spencer to come out the other end of his addictions.

"I'm waiting for when it's all done, for when he's through with this crap and moving on to do other stuff. I want him to find a job he likes and where he's doing good things," she said.

Despite all he's been through so far, Spencer doesn't have a firm grip on where he'll be at the end of this 60-day stint in a cell.

"I still don't know who I really am and that's hard. I don't know what I'll do next year or if I'll be alive. I didn't think I would live to be 18, now I'm 24 and I still don't know who I am or what to do. That's why I'm going to jail tomorrow. Maybe getting locked up for a little while will clear my head," he said.

Given his track record, it hardly seems like the ideal space for a journey of self-discovery, but it's the best Spencer feels the system is offering him right now.

Today in History

A suicide bomber drives a truck packed with explosives into the U.S. Marine barracks in Beirut, killing 241 U.S. military personnel. The U.S. Marines were part of a multinational force sent to Lebanon in August 1982 to oversee the Palestinian withdrawal from Lebanon.

— October 23, 1983

Food 4 Thought

"In the information society, nobody thinks. We expect to banish paper, but we actually banish thought."

— Michael Crichton, (author of *Jurassic Park* and *The Andromeda Strain*, born Oct. 23, 1942)

The Month Ahead

Saturday, October 24

Bowser's Boo Bash, the Willamette Humane Society's annual costume party, dinner and auction benefiting animals, will be held at Salem Convention Center from 5 to 9 p.m. Advance tickets are \$60, \$75 after Oct. 16. info@whs4pets.org.

In My Life: a musical theatre tribute to The Beatles, 7:30 p.m. at the Elsinore Theatre. Tickets begin at \$35. www.elsinoretheatre.com

Saturday, October 24 – Sunday, October 25

Clackamette's 51st Annual Gem & Mineral Show Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Clackamas County Fairgrounds in Canby. Free admission. 503-631-3128.

Tuesday, October 27

Keizer Public Arts Commission meeting, 6 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road NE.

Thursday, October 29

Black, White and Gray art show opens at the Keizer Art Association's Enid Joy Mount Gallery in the Keizer Heritage Center, 980 Chemawa Rd. N.E. The show runs through Nov. 28. keizerarts.com

Saturday, October 31

Community Harvest Party—Safe Zone for Kids, 1-3 p.m., Village at Keizer Ridge, 1184 McGee Court NE behind Emerald Pointe Retirement Community. Oregon Dream Ponies, food, music, candy. Free admission. 503-390-1300.

Halloween Costume Dance, 7 to 10 p.m., at Keizer/Salem Area Seniors Center, corner of Cherry Ave. N.E. and Plymouth Drive. Potluck is encouraged, \$4 admission. 503-390-7441.

Monday, November 2

Keizer City Council meeting, 7 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road NE.

Tuesday, November 3

Community Build Task Force meeting, 6 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road NE.

Friday, November 6

Holiday craft bazaar sponsored by Salem Hospital Auxiliary in Building D on Oak Street. Free parking in hospital garage. Twenty-five vendors. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 503-364-7785.

Saturday, November 7

Artist reception and awards ceremony for *Black, White and Gray* art show, one of the most popular exhibits of the Keizer Art Association in the Enid Joy Mount Gallery at the Keizer Heritage Center, 980 Chemawa Road NE. Open to the public, free. 6-8 p.m. keizerarts.com

Sunday, November 8

Thomas Lauderdale plays Gershwin with the Salem Concert Band, 3 p.m. at the Elsinore Theatre. Tickets range from \$25 - \$35. www.elsinoretheatre.com

Monday, November 9

Golden Dragon Acrobats, 7:30 p.m. at the Elsinore Theatre. Tickets range from \$20-\$35. www.elsinoretheatre.com

Friday, November 27 – Sunday, December 13

The 1940s Radio Hour at the Historic Grand Theatre, downtown Salem. Presented by Enlightened Theatrics. Performances 7:30 p.m. Wed-Sat. and 2:30 p.m. matinees on Sundays. Tickets range from \$15-\$20. enlightenedtheatrics.org. 503-585-3427.

Friday, December 4

The Trail Band performs traditional music at their annual Salem Holiday performance, 7:30 p.m. at the Elsinore Theatre. Tickets range from \$25.50 - \$40. www.elsinoretheatre.com

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local weather

Fri 10/23 66/42

Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 40s.

Sat 10/24 62/44

Mostly cloudy. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 40s.

Sun 10/25 65/46

Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 40s.

Mon 10/26 66/45

More clouds than sun. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 40s.

Tue 10/27 67/48

Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the upper 40s.



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THIS WEEK'S MOVIE TIMES

Jurassic World (PG-13)
Fri 6:10, 8:35, Sat 2:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:20, Sun 6:05, 8:25

Mission Impossible: Rogue Nation (PG-13)
Fri 5:55, Sat 6:55, 8:55, Sun 5:10, 8:30

Pixels (PG-13) Fri 4:15, Sun 3:00

Ant Man (PG-13)
Sat 12:15, Sun 12:45

No Escape (R)
Fri 8:25, Sun 6:30

Vacation (R) Sat 7:20

Trainwreck (R)
Fri 8:45, Sat 9:15, Sun 7:40

Minions (PG)
Fri 4:10, Sat 1:50, 3:40, 5:30, Sun 12:25, 2:05, 4:25

Inside Out (PG)
Fri 4:00, 6:30, Sat 12:00, 2:00, 5:00, Sun 12:00, 2:20, 4:00

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64% – Yes
36% – No

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