

Katchia named 'Everyday Hero'

By Brian Mortensen
Spilyay Tymoo

Nic Katchia is 16 years old and has an interest in visual arts.

Put that together with a vision to help people around him, and you may have an "Everyday Hero."

Katchia, a junior at Madras High, was honored at a luncheon of the Madras Kiwanis, as he earned the service club's "Everyday Hero" award March 24.

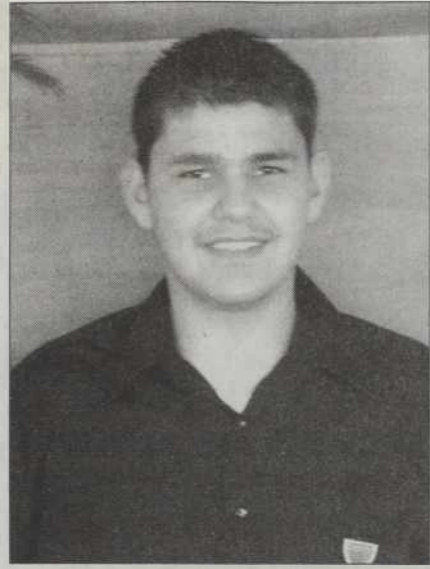
He earned the award for creating a 30-minute PowerPoint presentation on the effects of methamphetamine abuse. He has shown his presentation at youth rallies in Warm Springs and for an audience in Portland.

"This summer I was with Savenia Falquist, leader of the youth development team at Madras High School," said Katchia.

"We had a meeting one day. We were planning to have a youth conference in Warm Springs," he said. "We were put in groups, and we had to pick what topic we wanted to talk about, so I just decided to do that."

He did research on methamphetamine and its effects, "and I found out a lot of bizarre things," he said.

He put his research together with photographs he found on



Nic Katchia

the Internet. He created a presentation using PowerPoint, presentation software he learned at Madras High.

It took him a couple weeks to put the presentation together.

Katchia has presented his work before groups of senior citizens and youth at Warm Springs, as well as the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Conference.

A group in Alaska has expressed interest in his project and may invite him to present it there.

Katchia said the presentation is "graphic."

"It doesn't really talk about the long-term effect. It talks about the death that can happen (with methamphetamine abuse), how it affects a person physically," he said. "It shows what happens to young children

when they're exposed to it."

The Everyday Hero award came with a plaque and a medal, which he pinned on his shirt for pictures with members of his family after the meeting at Mazatlan Restaurant. His right leg bouncing on the floor as he waited for the meeting to start, he said receiving the award made him feel "special."

The plaque stated that the award is given for "service beyond what is asked or expected" and "doing without regard for attention or receiving in return but because it was the right thing to be done."

He said Falquist is helping him get his presentation copyrighted so it can be used at Madras High School in the future.

Katchia showed his presentation at a youth rally at the Agency Longhouse this week, and there may be plans for its presentation at the Rodriguez Annex in Madras soon.

He is working with local filmmaker Duke White, who created the "Downfall" movie last year on methamphetamine abuse based in and around Madras.

Katchia is in Madras High's Science and Math Investigative Learning Experience (S.M.I.L.E.) club, and takes French and Italian, and is on the Madras High golf team.

This silence meant to be heard

(The following article was submitted by Savenia Falquist, Madras High School youth development/juvenile officer, and Duke White, film producer.)

"Silent Message" is a narrative motion picture inspired by a group of young men and women representing the Youth Development Team at Madras High School.

It was their choice to address the problem of teen victimization and sex abuse. They are an active, integral part of the movie production process and are playing many of the fictional characters in the story. Without them this story could not be told.

The silent messages many young people exhibit in their behavior cry out to be heard. Through this listening, we the community will unite with our young people to effect change that will result in education, prevention and protection of our future - our children.

Movie synopsis:

Three high school students, Clint Donovan, Maria Sanchez and Lily Blackfoot, are united by one sobering fact: They were all Sexually abused.

While responding to the victimization in their own ways, their abnormal behaviors send a message that can only be heard by those who are really listening.

The first act of the story introduces the characters and their struggles. The second act unites the characters and ends in tragedy when Lily takes her own life because of the abuse. In the third and final act Maria divulges the abuse of her little sister to a favorite teacher.

This admission begins the steps to adult involvement and demonstrates the help that young people need from adults and community. This ultimately leads to Clint and Maria's prospect of a successful future despite and abusive past.

"Silent Message" began production March 27. Production will continue through April 15. The motion picture will premiere at the Madras High School in early June. After the premiere all markets will be approached.

Toys-Tools-Housewares-Clothing-Crafts-Gifts-

The Outpost

Your Bargain Connection

Open Monday-Sat 9:00-6:00

All New All The Time!

717 S.W. 5th St. Madras Or.

KOREAN PLUSH BLANKETS

Just in!

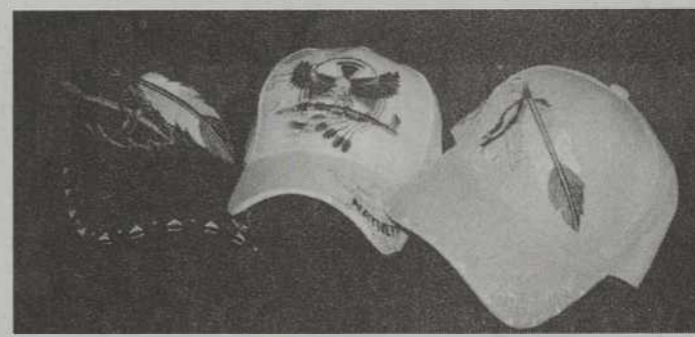


ASSORTED STYLES
YOUR CHOICE

\$ 29.00

WHILE THEY LAST

New Shipment of Embroidered Caps



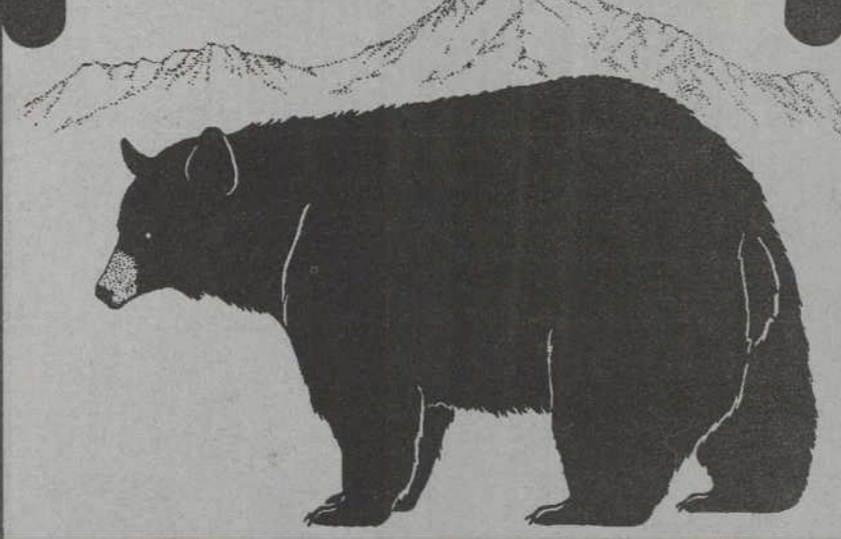
STILL ONLY \$5.00

<http://www.theoutpoststore.com/>

Toys-Tools-Housewares-Clothing-Crafts-Gifts-

Black Bear Diner

Grrreat Family Food



Madras' Finest Family Dining

- All Products Prepared Fresh Daily
- Entrees Roasted Daily
- Featuring Hand Cut USDA Choice Steaks

BREAKFAST - LUNCH - DINNER

Served All Day

• Senior Menu • Children's Menu • Daily Specials

All Major Credit Cards Accepted

237 S.W. 4th Street, Madras • 475-6632 OPEN 6 am - 10 pm DAILY

No kidding - The Best Food in Town!

Ericksen's "Thriftway"

"Come in and play Ericksen's Thriftway Dash for Cash game"

Everyone's A Winner!

"Edie Musgay of Madras -- \$500 winner"