



# SMOKE SIGNALS

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## A Picture Is Worth... In This Case \$500,000



Photo by Peta Tinda

**Safety First**— *Smoke Signal's* Photographer Peta Tinda caught this shot of Tribal member Nicholas Atanacio and his friends walking home from school on a narrow shoulder of Grand Ronde Road. With the big truck coming up behind, the image became an important part of the Tribe's application for a grant to widen and improve the street. The resulting \$500,000 federal block grant is expected to be finalized soon and Grand Ronde Road is now slated for a two-year \$2 million expansion. Safety features will include a wider road, new crosswalks, sidewalks and bicycle lanes.



Photo by Peta Tinda

**"Action"** — Marketing Assistant Lee Cline (background) watches as a film crew from Big Picture Production of Las Vegas was on location at Spirit Mountain Casino to film a new commercial on Wednesday, February 18. The commercial is due to air throughout the Northwest in mid to late March.

## Grand Ronde Road Widening Effort Gets Big Boost

■ A \$500,000 Indian Community Development Block grant is the most recent step toward a safer community.

**By Ron Karten**

In 2000, the Tribe did a few surveys to find out what the local communities thought about widening Grand Ronde Road. Sixty percent of Tribal members within the three-city area of Grand

Ronde, Willamina and Sheridan thought it would be a good idea to widen the road. Nearly half of the non-Na-

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Photo by Toby McClary

**Healthy Example** — Jill Coblenz (center) learns proper tooth care from Mt. Hood Community College Dental Hygiene student Myloan Nguyen with friends Zoey Holsclaw (left) and Corrina Campbell at the 11th Annual Molar Roller party held in the Tribe's new gymnasium, on Friday, February 20.



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