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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Social Security

Republican leaders in Congress had proposed a budget plan that would wall off Social Security funds so that they could not be used for tax cuts or new Government spending. They hope that their plan would be an impediment to Democrats, leaving them open to accusations that they are raiding Social Security if they want to increase domestic spending. According to the Republicans, their budget proposal is designed to safeguard Social Security more than Clinton's proposal would.

Mexico's Presidential Nominees

President Ernesto Zedillo of Mexico urged his governing party to elect its presidential candidates this year through a series of state primaries culminating in an American-style party convention. If this happens, it would break a 60 year tradition called "dedazo" where the ruling President would hand-pick its successors.

Cable Deregulation

Cable television is almost completely deregulated. For many years, consumers have had to endure cable companies hiking up their subscription rates by 22 percent - more than four times the rate of inflation since the passage of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The cable companies justify that the price increases were used to pay for new channels and programs and advanced systems.

Joe DiMaggio

Baseball legend, Joe DiMaggio of the New York Yankees died recently at the age of 84. Joe DiMaggio was hospitalized and suffered from life-threatening lung infections and pneumonia. He was known as "the greatest living ballplayer" for playing 1,736 games with a batting average of .325 and hit 361 home runs while striking out only 369 times.

Lewinsky's Book

Monica Lewinsky's book entitled, "Monica's Story" was just released through St. Martin's Press. Lewinsky has been portraying herself as a venturesome romantic who meant well. She was quoted in her biography as being a "pawn used to get the President." The book detailed the prison threats against her and her family's own torment throughout the investigation.

Breast Cancer

Scientists from the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia found that hair from the healthy women had a different molecular structure than hair from cancer patients. Researchers drew hair from the pubic area which was found to be the most reliable for X-ray analysis to detect breast cancer. They determined that a mutation of the BRCA1 gene is associated with a higher risk of breast cancer.

TUG AND BOW OF NEW CARISSA MAKING GOOD PROGRESS

The Unified Command expects bow to arrive on-site Thursday



Waldport, Ore. - At 12:00 p.m., March 9, the tug Sea Victory was 122 miles west of Waldport on its trip to the location where the bow of the New Carissa will be scuttled. The US Coast Guard and the US Navy are still considering a number of options for sinking the vessel once it reaches the designated spot 248 nautical miles out to sea. The Unified Command expects the tug and bow to arrive at the sinking site Thursday and preparations to sink should begin as soon as possible after

arrival on-site. The amount of oil appearing on beaches is steadily decreasing. Shoreline clean-up assessment teams will survey beaches from Heceta Head north to Lincoln City today, conducting a complete overview of the area affected by the New Carissa. Clean up crews today will focus on the area where the vessel was grounded. Two crews will work from Yachats north to Alsea Bay and from the south jetty to the north spit. Another team will clean Shepard's Point in Alsea Bay.

In addition, clean up crews will work on the beaches near Coos Bay today. Individuals who see oil on the beaches or oiled wildlife should call (541) 563-7614. In addition, a community hotline has been established at (541) 563-7600 with regular updates on wildlife, vessel position and beach clean up. For information not included on the hotline, individuals may call (541) 563-7601 or (541) 563-7602.

Local Couple, Intel Execs Kidnapped, Killed in Uganda

A pair of Intel executives, who first traveled to Africa together on their honeymoon, returned to the rain forest in search of adventure and gorillas, only to be brutally murdered in a rebel kidnapping.

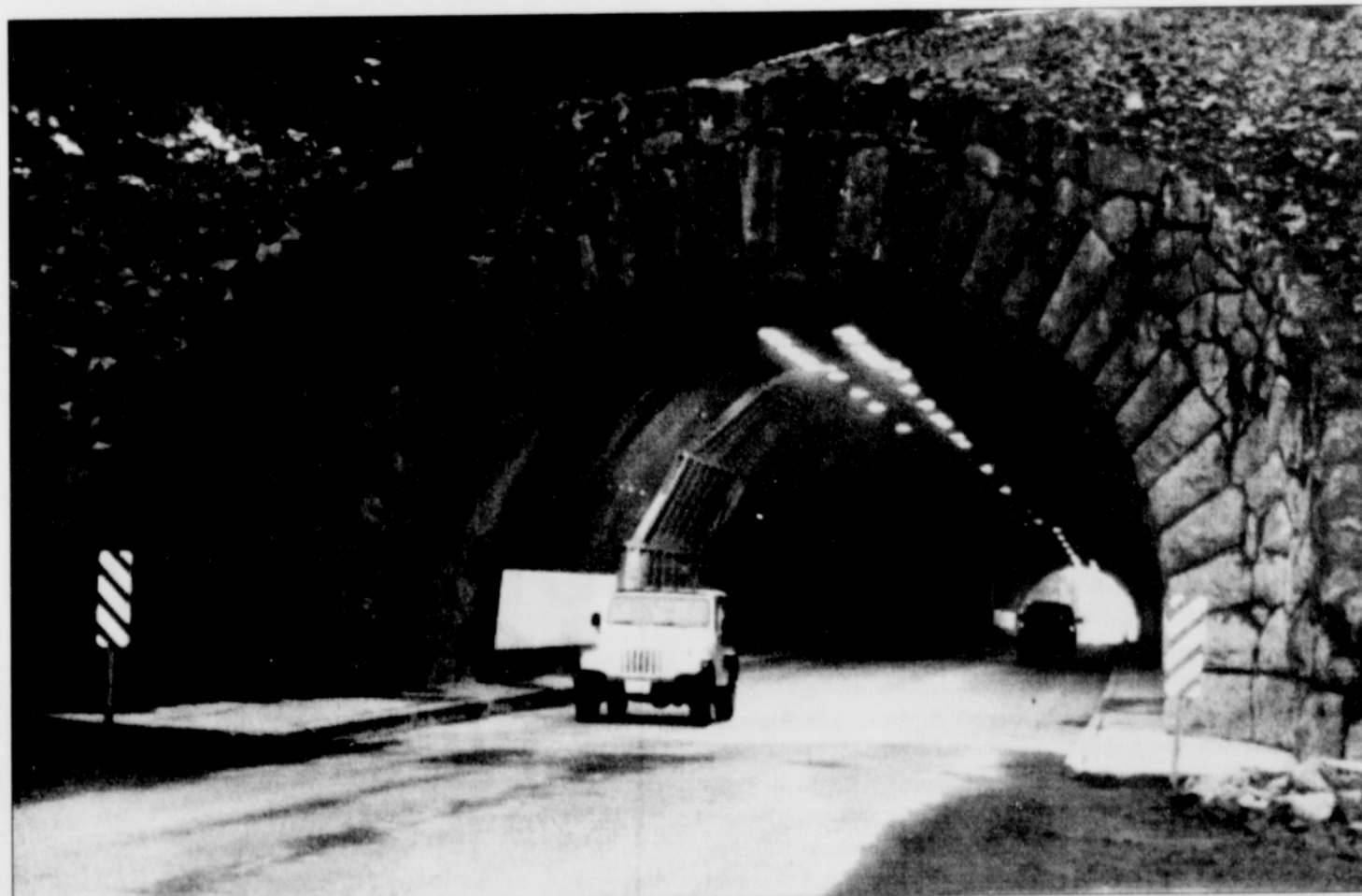
Rob Haubner, 48, and Susan Miller, 42, were the only Americans killed when Rwandan rebels stormed their camp Monday in southwestern Uganda. The men rounded up several foreign and Ugandan tourists, led them on a forced march through the jungle and hacked the victims to death with machetes.

All told, eight foreign tourists were killed and six others were rescued.

The State Department withheld identities of the dead Americans pending notification of their relatives, but their employer confirmed the victims as Haubner and Miller. The two were employed by Intel since the mid '80s and were based in suburban Hillsboro, Ore. He was worldwide director of customer support; she was a senior trade show manager.

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Tunnel Re-Opened Friday March 5th



The Sunset Tunnel in the Coast Range on U.S. 26 re-opened Friday at noon, according to Oregon Department of Transportation officials. Crews completed the project to repair the tunnel by working nearly round the clock, seven days a week.

An independent panel asked by the Oregon Transportation Commission to investigate the partial collapse of the tunnel

and oversee repairs gave the go-ahead for opening, following final repairs and cleanup early this morning. The panel's findings concurred with the opinion of ODOT staff and consultants that the work needed is complete, and it is safe to re-open the tunnel for the motoring public.

The tunnel has been closed since January 28, when it partially collapsed. ODOT officials

had predicted that repairs would require a five-week closure. Friday's re-opening, which meets the agency's self-imposed deadline, comes as the result of an extensive effort on the part of many to re-open this vital link between the northern Oregon Coast and the state's largest population center in the Portland metropolitan area.

They were on a two-week vacation, their third trip to Africa, hiking the mountainous rain forest made famous in the film "Gorillas in the Mist." Their goal: to catch a rare glimpse of the 320 mountain gorillas that remain along the mountain's impenetrable slopes.

"They loved to travel around the world," said Intel spokesman William Calder. "We're shocked and stunned."

At the victims' modern, white home nestled on a wooded hillside overlooking Portland, sport-utility vehicles jammed the driveway and dozens of friends milled around inside.

A man who answered the door but refused to give his name said the family would be issuing a statement later.

"They were a remarkable couple," said Nicky Laman, who lives a next door. "It's a tragedy. I can't believe it happened." The rebels - who came to Uganda after Rwanda's 1994 genocide - were members of Rwanda ethnic Hutu majority, and specifically targeted Americans and Britons, State Department officials said.

Three Americans, six Britons, three New Zealanders, an Australian and a Swiss woman were among those kidnapped, Ugandan officials said. A Canadian citizen also was taken.

British officials said four of the six kidnapped Britons were among the dead.

Intel spokesman Calder said Haubner and Miller were traveling with another married couple of Intel employees. Susan Studd, 46, and Bob McLaurin, 44, were able to escape before the violence broke out.

Studd is manager of the business practices network in the human resources department. McLaurin is assistant director of mobile modules operations, part of the mobile and hand-held products group.