

Obama Repackages Plans

President Barack Obama will try to pivot past rocky times for the nation and himself Wednesday night in his first State of the Union address, offering a skeptical public repackaged plans to energize the economy, stem a tide of red ink and strengthen anti-terror defenses.

Ticket to Prison

A former bookkeeper at Swan

Island's Daimler Trucks plant was sentenced Monday to serve four years in federal prison and ordered to pay \$7 million in restitution for wire fraud. Over the course of two years, Sabina Vieru, 40, of Boring, used wire transfers to steal more than \$6.7 million of overdue invoices from the company's customer accounts.

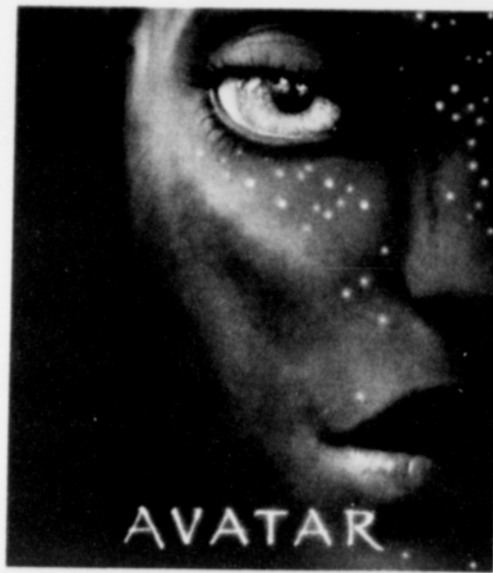
'Avatar' passes 'Titanic'

James Cameron is king of the world again. 20th Century Fox said Tuesday that the director's sci-fi spectacle, "Avatar," has passed his shipwreck saga "Titanic" to become the highest-grossing film worldwide.

TriMet Bus Driver Fired

A bus driver accused of strangling a passenger has been fired, according to TriMet officials. Brian

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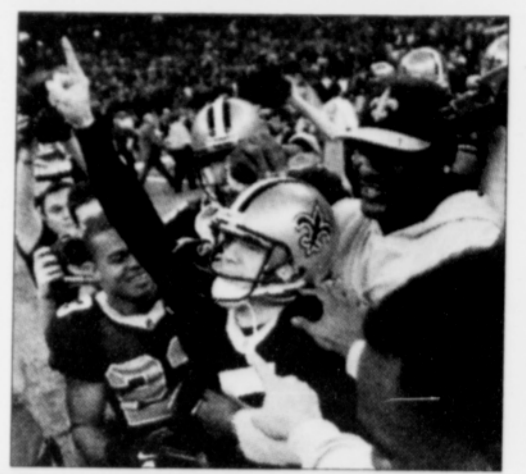
Christeson, 53, was off duty but in uniform when he allegedly scuffled with a man aboard a southeast Powell bus and made racist comments.

Pepper Salami Recall

Oregon public health officials are tracking cases of Salmonella from pepper-coated salami products manufactured by Daniele, Inc., a Rhode Island company. Officials said consumers and food services providers who have any of the recalled products should discard them immediately or return them for a refund.

Oden Apologies for Photos

Nude photos of Portland Trail Blazer Greg Oden surfaced online Tuesday. The first-round draft pick told the radio station 95.5 The Game Tuesday night that he was apologizing to the organization, the fans and his family.



Saints Make Super Bowl

The New Orleans Saints, a team with no home and an uncertain future after Hurricane Katrina five years ago, are heading for their first Super Bowl. By beating the Minnesota Vikings 31-28 Sunday, the Saints will now face the Indianapolis Colts who beat the New York Jets 30-17 Sunday in the AFC championship game.



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