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recession took a noticeable toll on his business and forced his move.

"If you don't have a disposable income, you have to cut back on certain types of entertainment," said Hill of his struggle as a book retailer during hard times.

He added, "People aren't reading like they should. My primary objective is to get people to read."

Hill describes his new space, conveniently located near the north Portland branch of the Multnomah County Library, as "quaint."

His biggest challenge during the holiday season is keeping his profile high despite Reflections' transitory past.

"What I'm trying to do now is re-install customer loyalty so people know where I am," he said.

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SPORTS



Tyrone Willingham

Firing Narrows Coaching Ranks

(AP) — The black coaching profession took a major hit last week when Notre Dame fired head coach Tyrone Willingham.

Only two black head coaches remain in place for next season in Division I-A football: Karl Dorrell at UCLA and Sylvester Croom at Mississippi State.

At Division I-AA, when historically black institutions such as Grambling are excluded, there are no black head coaches.

In 1998, it appeared some progress was being made when the number of I-A black coaches reached a record number of eight.

This season, there were five.



USC Fires Coach Bibby

Henry Bibby was fired as Southern California's basketball coach Monday, just four games into his ninth season. The Trojans, beset by some player dissension, are 2-2. Athletic Director Mike Garrett said he realized the timing was unusual, but cited the Trojans' losing record in recent seasons. (AP photo)



Season of Giving

Portland Trail Blazers Joe Prysilla, Richie Frahm and Zach Randolph share a holiday gift of goodwill with the young patients at Doernbecher Children's Hospital in southwest Portland. The team's Blaze the Trail Cat and Santa also visited the hospital to read with kids.

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Baseball Hit by Steroids Scandal

(AP)—Baseball players and owners have made progress toward toughening rules on steroid testing, a move that would pre-empt congressional intervention.

Commissioner Bud Selig, who has called for more frequent testing and harsher penalties, told Colorado Gov. Bill Owens two weeks ago that an agreement was near, Owens said

Monday.

Gene Orza, the union's chief operating officer, said that while the discussions toward a new agreement had advanced, there was more work to be done.

Currently, players are tested once from the start of spring training through the end of the regular season. Selig wants additional tests, some in the

offseason, and more substances added to the banned list.

In the wake of reports that Barry Bonds, Jason Giambi and Gary Sheffield told a federal grand jury they used steroids, Sen. John McCain has threatened to propose federal legislation that would override the drug-testing provisions in baseball's collective bargaining agreement.

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