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The U.S. Mint's Fineness Hour

To cut costs, the Mint wants to make its silver proof sets using 0.999-fine silver instead of the current 90-percent, 10-percent copper alloy

by Tom DeLorey

French Influence on United States Coins

The two nations' coinage derive some of their similarities from their revolutionary histories

by David Schwager

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It was a good year for President George W. Bush—and an even better year for the Boston Red Sox

by Joshua Bennett

Book Notes

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by Mike Thorne

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by Ron Meyer

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