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... Former golfer Seve Ballesteros is walking again after brain tumor surgery, his nephew said. Ballesteros, 51, began chemotherapy Dec. 19, a day after returning home to the Spanish coastal town of Pedrena. He had four operations to treat the tumor during a two-month stint in a Madrid hospital. “He is working hard to get stronger,” Ivan Ballesteros said in a statement. “He is walking every day and doing exactly what the doctors tell him, which is not always easy because Seve has always been a man who wants to make things happen quickly. Now he know he has to be patient.”

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... The new chairman of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform said that he will hold hearings and possibly subpoena NCAA officials, college presidents, players, coaches and athletics directors to force a play-off in the Football Bowl Subdivision. “I believe if we can put a man on the moon, we should be able to come up with a system that has credibility,” Rep. Edolphus Towns, D-N.Y., told USA TODAY. He did not offer a specific timeframe for starting the hearings.

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... ESPN’s Winter X Games is staying in Aspen, Colo., until 2012, Aspen Skiing announced. The inaugural event in 1997 was held in Snow Summit Mountain Resort, Calif., and the Games changed venues until settling in Aspen in 2002. The event has been held at the Buttermilk resort, one of four Snowmass mountains in Aspen. The news delighted Winter X Games Snowboard gold medalist and local Aspenite Gretchen Bleiler. “Having the biggest event in the snowboarding in my hometown of Aspen makes it even more special. Buttermilk is a great venue, there are tons of people out supporting the event and the energy around the event is amazing.”

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... USA Hockey plans to name its coach for the 2010 Olympic women’s hockey team and indications are it will be Mark Johnson. While USA Hockey would not confirm the appointment, it will hold a reception for the coach in Madison, Wis., where Johnson coaches the University of Wisconsin women’s team. The 1980 “Miracle on Ice” gold medal winner was one of three finalists for the job.

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... Colin Montgomerie, Europe’s second most successful Ryder Cup player behind Nick Faldo, was selected to captain the team that will try to take the Cup back from the USA in Wales in 2010. Montgomerie, who was 20-9-7 as a player, will be 47 when the competition starts at Celtic Manor in September 2010, making him Europe’s youngest captain. He was picked over Jose Maria Olazabal, Sandy Lyle and Ian Woosnam. Montgomerie has played on eight Ryder Cup teams, winning five times. He was left off the team that lost to the USA at Valhalla in Louisville last year. The USA has chosen Corey Pavin as its captain.

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... The first 70,000 tickets for the NFL’s third regular-season game in London have been sold, with 20,000 bought in the first seven minutes of availability, the NFL said. The New England Patriots will face the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on Oct. 25 2009 at Wembley Stadium. The previous two NFL games were also sellouts. In addition to those already sold, more tickets have recently been made available to the public, though the NFL did not say how many. At a later date, fans in New England and Tampa will have a chance to purchase tickets.

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... High school cheerleading is a contact sport and therefore its participants cannot be sued for accidentally causing injuries, the Wisconsin Supreme Court ruled in a case being closely watched in the cheerleading world. The court ruled that a former high school cheerleader cannot sue a teammate who failed to stop her fall while she was practicing a stunt. The court also said the injured cheerleader cannot sue her school district. The National Cheer Safety Foundation said the decision is the first of its kind in the nation.