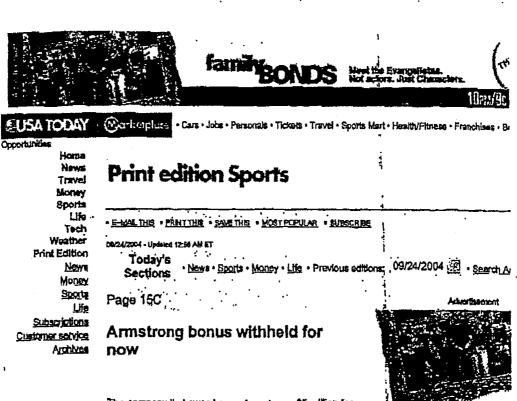
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The company that owes Lance Armstrong \$5 million for winning a record south consecutive Tour de France cycling race is withholding payment of the bonus, citing allegations in a French book that he used performanceenhancing drugs.

SCA Promotions points to doping allegations contained in L.A. Confidential, the Secrets of Lance Armstrong, published in June. Armstrong has denounced the book's claims as "absolutely untrue" and launched defamation lawsuits egainst the publisher and authors.

Chris Compton, an attorney for SCA, said the Dallas-based company wants to see Armstron records before releasing the money.

The cycling team said SCA didn't have the right to question Armstrong's wins, which were up? authorities.

The team hopes to resolve the dispute through arbitration.

The Miami Dolphins and Pittsburgh Staelers were investigating the possibility of moving their to Saturday because of looming Humicane Jeanne. The Steelers will fly to South Florida on Fr ahead of their typical travel schedule. Dolphins spokesman Harvey Greene said no decision u before Friday moming. Humicane Jeanne may hit Florida's east coast this weekend.

Masters champion Phil Mickelson withdrew from next week's Américan Express Champions!

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personal reasons, the PGA Tour said Thursday. Mickelson said two weeks ago at the Canadiz addition to the American Express, he'd play tournaments in Las Vegas, Florida and The Tour Kenny Perry and Nick Price also withdrew from the World Golf Chempionship event.

Rutgers basketball player Shallcia Hums was suspended from the team after pleading guility tying up her roommate, Kelly Evans, for five hours during a July 10 dispute over painkilling dr apartment. Hums will receive three years' probation when sentenced next month, the prosecu Thursday.

Heavyweight contender James Toney (88-4-2), the reigning USA TODAY fighter of the year, 11-month layoff because of an Achilles' injury to pound Rydell Booker (22-1) an route to a un decision Thursday in Temecula, Calif. Toney scored an eighth-found knockdown and won 12t and 117-110 on the cards. ... Los Angeles Kings President Timi Leiweke was fined an undisc Wednesday by NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman for comments he made in a radio interview. Pasadena, Calif., station concerning the league's labor problems. Leiweke told KROQ that he lockout will last the entire season and called NHL Players Association chief executive Bob Gc faced liar." ... The state appeals court in Boston declined Thursday to allow a new trial for The convicted of involuntary manaleughter for beating Michael Costin to death at their sons' hock 2000 in Reading, Mass. ... Ron Pierce rode Timesareachanging to victory in 1:513/5 in the i on Thursday in Delaware, Ohio. ... Justin Gattin of the USA won the 100 meters in 9:97 sect the Super Meet in Yokahama, Japan.

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