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Saturday 9:00 a.m.
men/women slalom
men/women trick
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club ski show

Sunday 9:00 a.m.
men/women slalom
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Homosexual

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that caused him to write the original letter.

"I think I just sat there with my mouth open for a while," he said. "I expected to come out negative. The thing that felt so good was that I didn't have to worry anymore."

"We laughed and talked and cried. He (John's partner) said he would love for everybody to know what this feels like."

John said the hardest part of the test was waiting for the results. They were tested on a Friday and received the verdict the next Monday.

Depending on the clinic, local lab technicians say the results take one to 10 days to arrive.

"The weekend was hell," John said. "We didn't sleep. We didn't eat. We were frightened that we might find out that death was not so far away."

But that weekend was the last time they had to worry. The constant fear before they decided to take the test was worse.

"Things got to where you'd be sick or get the flu or a cough, and you'd think, 'Oh my God, is this it?'" he said.

They had practiced "safe sex" for several months. However, he said they heard and read contradicting facts about what is safe. Also, he said they sometimes failed to use a condom for protection just as many heterosexual couples do.

"You hope you'll be lucky," he said. "You fail sometimes. There were times we'd just cry about it."

"When you watch '60 Minutes' and they have this incredibly depressing show about AIDS, you feel a part of that. Now the chill that went down my spine when I saw the TV shows and the articles in the newspaper has disappeared."

He is concerned that many other people will assume they are not at risk. He said he knows people in al-

most every university group who are homosexual or bisexual.

"Just from my experience, there seems to be a high percentage of gay people in fraternities," he said. "I know a couple of them who have girlfriends as a cover, and some of them who are just really confused about it (being homosexual). It's really sad that they're screwing somebody around that way."

Counseling is an important part of dealing with AIDS and the fear of AIDS. Many testing centers offer counseling not only before and after the test, but also while patients wait for the results.

The results are confidential. Most clinics use only a first name and a number to identify the samples.

The test for the HTLV III antibody is 98 percent accurate if the result is negative and 95 percent accurate with positive results. If the result of the first test is positive, more tests are done for confirmation.

Even if a person tests positive, he is not necessarily condemned to die. AIDS-related complex has shown up in 30 percent of those who test positive, so far. Of these, 5 percent have developed the actual disease.

The least expensive place to take the test is at the Brazos County Health Department. The health department tests only people who are in high-risk groups. The test costs \$3 and results take about 10 days to arrive.

Anyone can be tested at Bryan Medical Laboratories, St. Joseph Hospital and Scott & White Clinic. All charge \$30 to \$35 for the test and receive results in one to four days.

"I hope we've done some good," John said as he left the office. "I wish everyone could be free of the worry."

World Briefs

2 airplanes nearly collide in Chicago

CHICAGO (AP) — A Continental Airlines pilot who taxied his plane into the path of an American Airlines jet racing down a runway may have received imprecise instructions from an air traffic controller, an investigator said Tuesday.

The American pilot hit the brakes on his plane and the take-off was aborted in the incident Sunday at O'Hare International Airport. The planes came within a half-mile of each other, officials said.

The Continental pilot was told to make two turns after landing, but instead, "took one and kept going," nearly colliding with the American DC-10, which was traveling at about 127 mph, said Mort

Edelstein, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration.

The pilot may have misunderstood his instructions because the tower didn't make them explicit enough, said Carl Dinwiddie, chief of the Chicago office of the National Transportation Safety Board, which is probing the incident.

Continental spokesman Jim Brigance said Monday that controllers had given the Continental clearance to cross the runway.

No injuries were reported among the 241 people on the American flight, or the 131 passengers on the Continental 727, which had come from Newark, N.J., officials said.

Plane clips tail of propjet over desert

LANCASTER, Calif. (AP) — A commuter propjet and a small private plane clipped each other in flight over the Mojave Desert on Tuesday, but both planes landed safely and none of the 11 people on board was hurt, authorities said.

A deadly, full-force collision was narrowly avoided when the pilot of the Trans World Express plane dived after spotting the private craft just before impact, said Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Elly Brekke.

A twin-engine DeHavilland DHC-6 commuter plane with eight people on board was on final approach to Lancaster's Fox

Field when it was struck by a single-engine Cessna 172 carrying three people at 12:20 p.m., Brekke said.

"The pilot took some evasive action to avoid a more disastrous accident," she said. "The Cessna struck the tail end of the DeHavilland Twin Otter with the Cessna's left wing."

Gary Mucho of the National Transportation Safety Board confirmed Brekke's description of the near-collision.

The Trans World Express commuter plane landed at Fox Field, north of Los Angeles, and the Cessna landed at Palmdale Airport's Plant 42, 12 miles away, Brekke said.

Contra aid request may be delayed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration has tentatively agreed to delay its request for new aid to the Contra rebels in Nicaragua if the leftist Sandinista government agrees to a cease-fire and democratic reform measures, an administration official said Tuesday.

The administration had been expected to make a formal request early next month, but the new approach gives the Sandinistas until Sept. 30 to take the steps the United States is proposing. The current \$100 million U.S. aid allocation to the Contras expires on that day.

EPA: Radon may be problem in U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than one house in five surveyed for the Environmental Protection Agency has too much radon in the air, the agency said Tuesday in warning that the radioactive gas could be a problem for homeowners in every state.

EPA Deputy Administrator A. James Barnes said he considered the findings "roughly in the ballpark" with earlier projections that as many as 12 percent of the nation's 75 million homes have a radon problem.

The two-day "screening" measurements done in the heating season last winter, when ventila-

The officials, insisting on anonymity, said the administration would not agree to any delay in its aid request without the concurrence of the Contra leaders, six of whom are in Washington for discussions with government and congressional leaders.

Other administration officials insisted that any plan would ensure that the request for aid to the Contras would go forward.

"The administration is working on a cease-fire and democratic reform measures that would ensure a vote on Contra aid," one official said.

tion is slowed, on 9,690 homes would yield slightly lower measurements when followed up with a recommended, and more accurate, confirmatory measurement that can take months or even a year, Barnes said.

EPA estimates that as many as 20,000 people a year die from lung cancer caused by radon, an element formed in the radioactive decay of uranium and thorium present in tiny quantities in all rocks and soils.

The new results show that radon "may be a problem in virtually every state," Barnes said.

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