killed Olympic sprinter Florence

Faulty copies of the gene, known as CCM1, are responsible

for the development of tangled

blood vessels in the brain known as cavernous angiomas, according to a study by three laborato-

The abnormality is found in

Griffith Joyner.

ries in Paris.

the cases.

one in every 40

Americans, and

the condition is

inherited in half of

these tangles

remain quite small

for many years,

making them hard to find even with

sophisticated

imaging equip-ment and risky to

remove. Eventually,

the tangles swell

and engulf more

of the brain.

Without surgery,

warning.

angiomas.

trigger

seizures, paralysis and potential-

ly fatal strokes, often with little

ing CCM1 may lead to early test-

ing and treatments for cavernous

the disease is a stroke or death,"

geneticist Doug Marchuk of Duke University, a member of an

American research team that has

also linked CCM1 with the brain

lesions and will release its study next month, said. "A DNA test

should be readily available. If

you know who is at risk, you can

year ago at 38 from a seizure trig-

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An autopsy showed that Griffith Joyner died in her sleep a

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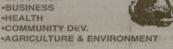
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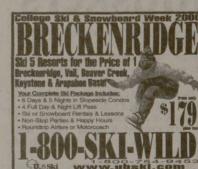
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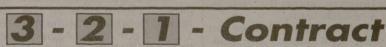
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The Mars Climate Orbiter flew too close to Mars and is believed to English units of pounds have broken apart or burned up in the atmosphere.

NASA said the English-vs.-met-

space agency said Thursday.

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Agency officials said the mistake used ever since the space somehow escaped what is sup- launch last December, posed to be a rigorous error-checking process. A report is expected in unnoticed. The difference mid-November, which would be up over the months as the soon enough to fix any possible craft journeyed toward Mart similar problems with a spacecraft

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