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Monaco: Flags and bunting in the tiny Mediterranean Principality proclaimed the glad tidings: the birth of a son to Prince Rainier and Princess Grace.

The bonny baby will be christened Albert Alexandre Louis Pierre, ^{He} weighs nearly nine pounds...

A year ago, Princess Grace (~~the~~ former film star Grace Kelly) gave birth to Princess Caroline...

Now a greeting rings out for the baby boy who takes precedence as ~~the~~ heir ^{TO THE} 990 year-old throne.

Curling

Canada: Compared with more vigorous sport, curling may seem a rather tame affair. But when Alberta met Manitoba in the championship final - they swept the decks for action.

The players combine the grace of the ballet with the judgment of a Solomon...

~~_____~~ The game originated in Scotland, in the sixteenth century. Alberta showed that they were old hands by winning the title...

Mermaid

London: Five months ago, this was a derelict bomb-site on Thames-side...

~~Now~~ Now, through the enthusiasm of actor Bernard Miles, it is to become "The Mermaid" the City of London's first theatre.

To celebrate the ^{opening} ~~first~~ stage of building, show-girls set off from Drury Lane, (London's oldest theatre), to carry the flaming torch of dramatic tradition - to a roof party at the new theatre site. ~~_____~~

~~the~~ "Mermaid"

The girls were ^{JOINED} ~~escorted~~ on the last lap by Norman Wisdom - who arrived ^{apparently} on his last legs.

But while ballerina Beryl Grey ran up the flag, (entitling the builders to a drink) - Norman managed to reach the roof to join in the toast... Yes, in hot punch, they drank to the future of the "Mermaid" - may it long provide welcome relaxation for tired City workers.