

Ski-ing

Italy: One of the final events at Cortina - the downhill ski race - spelt disaster to many competitors. But to the winner, Toni Sailer of Austria, it brought unprecedented triumph - his third gold medal in the Winter Olympics.

~~Retaining a sense of balance,~~ It's a quick change from ski-ing to surfing. So let's go to the warmer climes of Hawaii. ~~A~~ A skilful double act holds the watery stage in the International Surf Championships.

But whether it's a rolling comber or a snowy slope - the champions ride in - on the crest of fame

~~Ship frozen in~~

~~Germany: Driven aground on the North Sea coast, near Brunsbuttelkog - the British freighter "Baltrover" remains on an even keel, firmly wedged in the vice-like grip of a vast sea of ice.~~

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~~And there she'll remain until the thaw - one of the many victims of the recent fraeze-up in Europe.~~

Nice Carnival

Nice: ~~This darling of the Mediterranean~~ gave itself up to revelry and fun at the celebration of the annual pre-Lenten Carnival - for which it is justly famous.

Leading the procession, fantastic floats mingled with the milling crowds. And showers of confetti fell like the recent unwelcome snow upon the glittering "Queen of the South" - ~~held in the voluptuous embraces of King Carnival.~~

has most appropriate mood of Carnival.

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