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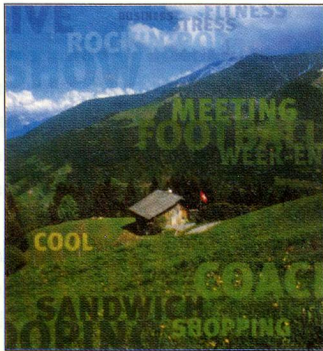
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**Language conflicts**

"How much English can Switzerland take?"  
SR 3/1999



Your review of how and why English should be taught in Swiss schools was interesting but failed to point out that this is a world wide problem, particularly in India and, of course, in the Canadian province of Quebec. What you omitted to mention is that English (a distributive language) is much

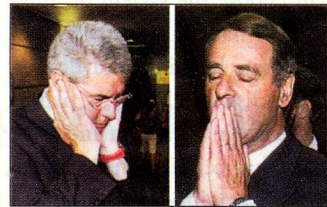
easier to learn than the older European languages with multiple genders and a multitude of prefixes and suffixes.

*A. Rico, Canada*

**Sion 2006**

"Mosaic" SR 4/5/1999

I am amazed at your biased report on Sion 2006. Can one only express "rage" at Sion's rejection, and view it as a "slap in the face"? You talk of the anger of those who promoted the Valais Winter Olympics and seem to rashly agree with the general disgust. Not a word is



devoted to the positive aspects of the decision, i.e. the fact that this already severely strained canton will be spared any more massive assaults on its natural landscape. Whatever the rationale behind the "No" vote, it would behove our country better to be a good loser.

*Wolf Rohrer, German*

**Words of praise**

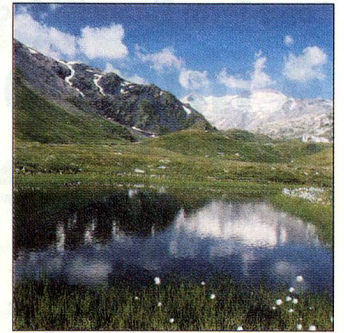
Election Special 4/5/1999

I should like to congratulate you on your splendid double issue. The good presentation was a great help to me when voting. *Walter O. Münz, Austria*

**Misguided eco-thinking**

"Whither nature conservation?" SR 6/1999

I moved to Stockholm a few months ago and received the



"Swiss Review" for the first time. Although I like the basic concept of the magazine, I was shocked to find that it was printed on high-gloss paper. Reading the main title "Whither nature conservation?" on the front page, I can only interpret your choice of material as a bad joke. Would the magazine not fulfill its purpose just as well on newspaper?

*Philipp Althaus, Sweden*

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