

OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

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For our ceremony several nurseries donated trees. We would like to thank them publicly for donating them.

The nurseries are: Crawford Country Gardens, Langholm Nurseries & Garden Centre, Putzer

Hornby Nursery, Redleaf Nurseries, Taylor Nursery, Van Dongen's Tree Farm.

Their generous donations for Earth Day helped to make our ceremony a success.

Wes Woodcock
Grade 5 student

Robert Baldwin School
Earth Day Group

No stopping graduate at 52

Dear Editor:
I am graduating from high school.

I'm 52-years-old.
When I enrolled in the Self Reliant Learning program at E. C. Drury High School it was with the intention of learning a few computer skills so I could get a job.
It made no difference to me that I was only one credit short of graduat-

ing. Who needs to graduate at my age?

The counsellor and the teachers in the program encouraged me to extend myself, to try for more than just computer skills — and I did.

Next I'm considering taking university credit courses.

Who'd have thought? The program is a wonderful opportunity. The experience has literally changed my life.

Carolyn Balzer
Hornby, Ontario

We're using the wrong language

Dear Editor:
After "bonjour," if English Canada readily recognizes just one word of French, surely that word is "sortie." And just as certain is the contention that French Canadians have no difficulty with "exit."

It seems to me then that an insuperable mystery has been committed in the case of the "Exit/Sortie" signs sprouting up along Highway 401 through Toronto. Their need is questionable.

Thoughtful commuters will have noticed as well that confusion now prevails where things were previously clear. I am referring to the placement above the collector lanes of signs indicating that the "Exit/Sortie" leads to the express lanes.

Although it may be proper in French to exit from the collector lanes to the express, the reverse is true in English. The express lanes are on the inside of the highway, while the collector lanes are on the outside.

Having had the privilege of living in West Germany, helping to stem the tide of communist aggression along with the rest of the Canadian military during the seventies, I observed the more literal and logical methodology applied to autobahn entrance and exit signs.

To enter, you took your cue from the sign marked "Einfahrt." Similarly, exit signs were worded "Ausfahrt." Interestingly, BP stations displayed signs bearing a smiling attendant's face and the words "Gute Fahrt." (No chuckling please. This is serious stuff.)

In the interests of neutrality and clarity, I vote to scrap both English and French in favour of German. I also advocate reserved lanes, identified by signs reading "Gazfahrt," for provincial politicians who seem to think that our traditional road signs are no longer good enough.

Ron Bezzant
Harrison Road

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