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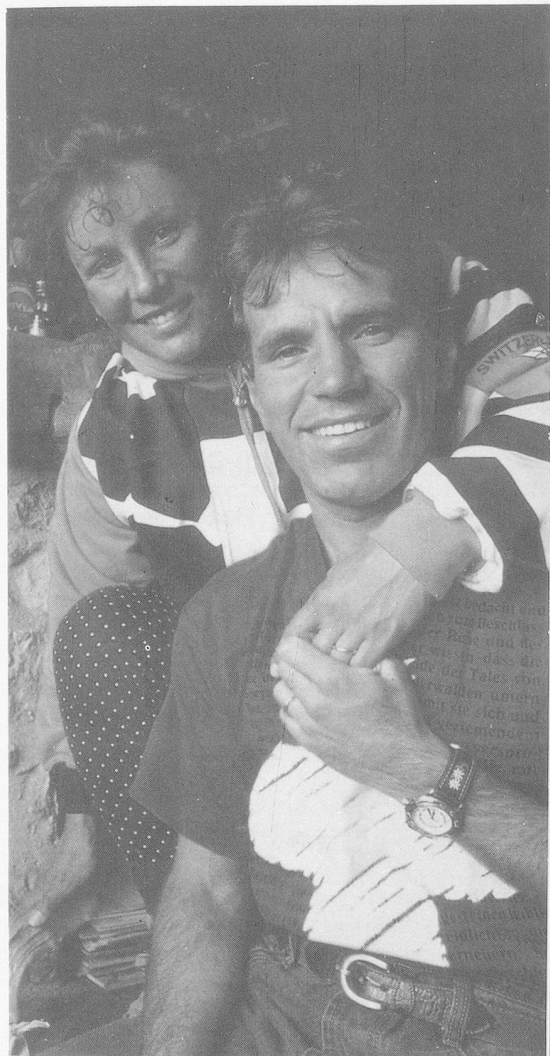
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SKI CHAMPIONS

Have you ever wondered what happened to some of Switzerland's best known ski champions after they retired from world competitions? Here are a few of them:

BERNHARD RUSSI, now 44, models ski and winter clothes. He is married and has a 12 year old son and a brand new baby daughter. The picture shows him with son Ian, daughter Jennifer Li and wife Mari in their apartment in Zufikon (Aargau).

MARIA WALLISER, now 29, for many years one of the most successful skier in the Swiss women's team, is married and has a baby daughter. Maria is seen here with her husband Guido Anesini in their home in St Gallen.



PAUL ACCOLA (left) and **FRANZ HEINZER** (right), dressed as Emmentaler cheeses complete with holes, are obviously employed to promote this unique Swiss product. Furthermore, Franz Heinzer, now 30, has also published his biography "Franz Heinzer - Am Ziel meiner Träume" in which he tells in words and pictures his career as a ski champion.



PIRMIN ZURBRIGGEN, 29, is also married and has a baby son. He lives with his family in Saas Almagell (Wallis). He is now production manager with the world renowned ski manufacturing firm Authier. The picture shows Pirmin with son Elia and wife Moni.