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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR OF *THE NEW YORKER*

SPY publishes *Letters to the Editor* of *The New Yorker* because *The New Yorker* doesn't. Still. Address correspondence to "Dear Bob," c/o SPY, *The Puck Building*, 295 Lafayette Street, New York, N.Y. 10012.

DEAR BOB,
While enjoying the museum show "The Art of *The New Yorker*: A 60-Year Retrospective," I noticed a sort of scary trend (Fig. 1). What are you doing to replenish the ranks? Is there dancing at your Christmas party?

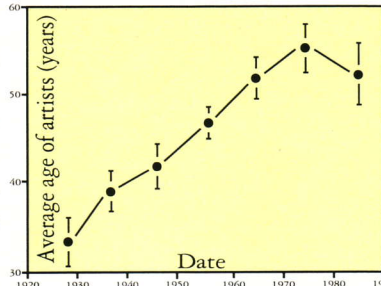


Fig. 1. The ungreening of *The New Yorker*. (Each point is a mean of the ages of between 7 and 20 staff artists. Bars show the standard errors of the means; the true mean is within one standard error of the sample mean about 70 percent of the time.)

Seth Roberts
Berkeley, California

Concern about the graying of *The New Yorker* is unfounded, according to that magazine's art editor, Lee Lorenz. "That is categorically untrue—many of the people in that retrospective are dead," Lorenz told SPY. "It's not as though we have a staff and when one keels over we trot in another. We take on new artists and writers all the time. We're interested in how good they are, not how old they are." On the other hand, Lorenz admitted, "We don't have a Christmas party. There is a little informal gathering, and, yes, everyone is spry enough to get up and dance." There isn't any music, he said, but people can dance if they want to. And isn't that what really counts? ☺

CHRONICLE OF OUR DEATH FORETOLD
A SPY Public Service Countdown

"My pal Donald Trump . . . said that SPY magazine is in trouble financially and will not be around much longer. I chided the handsome mogul, of whom I am very fond . . . that he should not indulge in wishful thinking. He said, 'No, you'll find this is true if you just investigate. I predict they won't even be around in a year.'" —Liz Smith in the *Daily News*, September 29, 1988



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THE RACHEL PAPERS, starring Ione Skye, Jonathan Pryce (MGM/UA)

Eric Kaplan says, "See *Rachel Papers* twice! The first time to laugh! The second time to cry!" ☺

HOW I GOT INTO COLLEGE, starring Anthony Edwards (Twentieth Century Fox)

Eric Kaplan says, "Prepare to enroll in Super-Funny 101!" ☺

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Eric Kaplan says, "If you don't scream, you're not watching this movie!" ☺

THE WITCHES, starring Anjelica Huston (Warner Bros.)

Eric Kaplan says, "A wickedly funny brew! Anjelica Huston casts a magic spell you won't shake off soon!" ☺

SECOND SIGHT, starring John Larroquette, Bronson Pinchot (Warner Bros.)

Eric Kaplan says, "Laughter has a new name—John Larroquette!" ☺

