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Dear Editor--

Thank goodness the latest seamy installment of the “Brangelina” saga was relegated to your interior pages to accommodate the fitting cover tribute to the consummate journalist and gentleman, the late Peter Jennings. As a regular reader who had picked up virtually every issue since *People’s* inception in 1974, I had recently sworn off the weekly purchase due to the magazine’s inexorable shift to the tabloid segment of the periodical world. I know that sex sells, and I understand that catering to a younger demographic perpetuates the life of a publication such as this. But despite the encroaching grasp of geezerdom at age 47, I can’t help but believe that the younger demographic couldn’t be entertained and even occasionally enriched by more substantive content. And I’m certain that your talented staff must find a tribute to someone of the caliber of Mr. Jennings considerably more rewarding than chronicling the latest exploits of Britney and Kevin. My future purchases of *People* will be as judicious as your choice of feature material.

Regards,

Scott Paton