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ROBIN MEJIA— ["Addictive Research"] Around the offices of *Pitt Med*, we wonder if the FBI has a file on science writer Robin Mejia. She has a file on the bureau. In articles for the *Los Angeles Times* and *New Scientist*, Mejia has reported on the FBI's false assumptions about chemical analyses supposedly linking bullets from crimes with suspects' ammunition. Investigative reporting like this won the California-based freelancer a Soros Justice Media Fellowship this year.

JOHN RITTER—[Cover and "Biology Reloaded"] Drawn by a spirit of freedom and rebellion, John Ritter embraced punk rock and skateboarding as a teen. As a freelance illustrator, he now enjoys the freedom of working for himself in his own studio. Ritter produces about 150 illustration projects a year for clients that include *The New Yorker*, *The Atlantic Monthly*, and *Men's Health*. And although he broke his hip skateboarding a year ago, the 38-year-old still skateboards almost every day. He lives in the Point Breeze neighborhood of Pittsburgh.

GEOFFERY KURLAND—["A Doctor's Run"] The writer and pediatric pulmonary specialist says some of his patients and their families have read his memoir of his experience with a rare leukemia: "It gives them insight. Though some say they learn more about me than they wanted to know." The best news: Kurland seems to be healthy these days, yet every time he qualifies for the arduous 100-mile Western States Endurance Run, he gets injured. A few days a week, Kurland runs from his home in Regent Square to Children's Hospital, taking detours through Frick and Schenley Parks, to make the run longer, of course.