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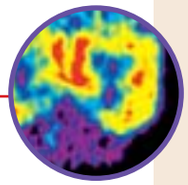
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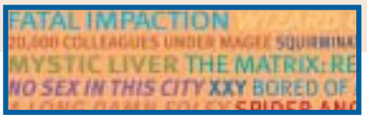
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There aren't too many things that could bring DAVID R. ELTZ ["Rack 'Em Up"] to Pittsburgh from Florida's Gulf Coast in the middle of winter. Lucky for us, the chance to stretch his literary legs for a *Pitt Med* feature was one of them. Our former senior editor now oversees a bevy of health-related publications in Venice, a stone's throw from where his beloved Yankees came this March to soak up 80-degree sunshine during spring training.

LINDA WALLEN [Cover] never knows what offerings from strangers might show up in her mail. She has gotten cobalt blue glass chunks from West Virginia, a ceramic angel from New Mexico, and broken Quimper vials from France. So far, she's always been able to incorporate what she receives into the ceramic mosaics she's creating on the outside and inside of her home in Pittsburgh's Spring Hill neighborhood. Wallen holds degrees in art from Indiana University Bloomington and the University of Iowa. Regarding the mosaic that now covers a third of the front of her house, she says, "It's an effort to make Pittsburgh a little prettier around the edges, or at least more interesting."

COVER

Catherine of Siena (1347–1380) showed her devotion to God by denying herself food. Today, she's thought to have had anorexia nervosa, as are other saints. What's the biological link among young adults who've starved themselves through the centuries? (The cover painting by Linda Wallen is a modern interpretation of a late 14th-century fresco of St. Catherine by Vanni in the Church of San Domenico in Siena, Italy. © Linda Wallen.)