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DAVID R. ELTZ—["Trial Runs" and other stories] David Eltz didn't grow up wanting to be a writer. His first dream was football, but he soon realized he lacked talent for the game. It was only after four years in the army—where he jumped out of planes and drove armored personnel carriers—that his sights focused on writing. The soldier ended up writing for the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* and *Pitt Magazine*. In 2001, Eltz became senior editor of *Pitt Med* and the father of an "incredibly ambulatory" son, who is now nine months old. EDWIN KIESTER JR—["Spock's Baby"] His story on the famous Dr. Spock was written with reverence, but also a touch of envy. Spock's *Baby Book* (1946) has sold 50 million. Edwin and Sally Kiester wrote *Better Homes and Gardens' New Baby Book* (1977); it has sold 6 million. MICHAEL LOTENERO—["At The Bottom of Despair" and "No Coffee, Thanks"] This Pittsburgh artist assures us that everyone in his family draws—"everyone"—though we're not quite sure if this includes the family cat, Kalman. Nonetheless, some of Lotenero's own illustrations are scheduled to appear in a Gingko Press collection by Marshall McLuhan that was designed by David Carson. See more at http://www.lotenero.com.

COVER

They flew the coop with a heck of a flourish. Forty-eight years of Scope and Scalpel productions have helped graduating students soar. (Photo: Don Farrall/Photodisc.)