This colorful image, from the lab bench of Pitt postdoctoral fellow Vanesa Rawe of the Pittsburgh Development Center, placed fifth in the Small World photomicrography competition sponsored by Nikon. It’s mouse sperm. Green flashes indicate presence of a newly discovered protein called WAVE1, which regulates the sperm’s motility and ability to fertilize. The image was the November pin-up for the 2003 Small World calendar.