EAST COAST TREMORS
Not only is Pitt Med a very attractive publication, but the articles are excellent. I find them a wonderful resource for information about science, health, and the people responsible for such important work.

I remember the “triumph of the Salk vaccine” well and, in particular, how reticent the East Coast MDs were to accept solutions that did not originate with them.

The Massachusetts Crippled Children’s Program was set up to care for the victims of the 1938 polio epidemic that devastated the area. We really had no treatment other than the warm wraps of the Sister Kenny Method, the respirator for severe pulmonary cases, and orthopaedic surgery. (My job from 1940 to 1946 was to arrange for surgery, then braces, shoes, etc.) How relieved we were when we were able to have the vaccine available for our own children in 1955. It’s wonderful that Pitt Med records the history so well. I do so enjoy reading all issues.

Catherine Petrou
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ALMOST READY FOR PRIME TIME
I enjoy reading Pitt Med and found the enclosed picture [from the Class Notes reply card, shown right] in the last several issues. The individuals were not identified, but I assume they are on the editorial staff. The reason for this note is to point out the remarkable resemblance of the circled gentleman to one Jerry Seinfeld.

Edwin S. Kremer (MD ’55)
Erie, Pa.

The resemblance is more than skin-deep: Seinfeld look-alike Josh Englert (MD ’05) was a head writer of Lasix Unloaded, the Scope and Scalpel Society’s 50th production. He appears with fellow Lasix head writers Brad Sobolewski (MD ’04, top) and Neil Badlani (MD ’05, bottom). Producers Jonathan Bickel (MD ’04) and Rachel Norris (MD ’04) are shown wearing glasses. The photo originally appeared in our May 2004 issue. Although we’d enjoy their contributions, none of these creative docs is on the magazine staff.

We gladly receive letters (which we may edit for length, style, and clarity).

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CLARIFICATIONS / CORRECTIONS
In our November issue, we mistakenly listed the 2004/05 slate of Medical Alumni Association officers. In this issue, we list the current officers (p. 39).

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IABC Golden Triangle Award of Excellence, Magazine Design
IABC Golden Triangle Award of Honor, Magazines
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Bronze, Best Article (Jessica Mesman’s “So You Want to Change the World?”)

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