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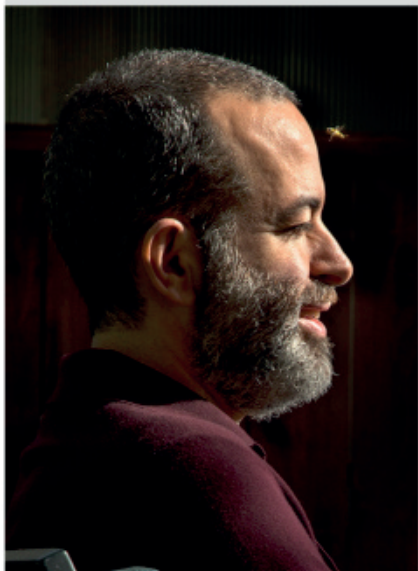
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“Shooting outdoors can complicate things,” says Christie Hemm Klok, who photographed Nathan Wolfe from a safe distance in his Bay Area backyard. For example, there are bees outdoors. “When I saw the bee, I really wanted to get a shot of it.” And so she did. (No virologists were stung in the making of this magazine.)



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