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[Getting Into A "Smart" Frame Of Mind on Test-Days](#)

[[Education](#)] ([Larry Ferlazzo's Websites of the Day...](#))

As regular readers know, my school is not a big fan (and nor am I) of a lot of specific "test-prep" leading up to our annual state tests. We spend very little time on direct test-preparation (the day before the tests begins, several of my colleagues and I may spend a half-hour on test-taking strategies and ...

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[December's Best "Tweets"](#)

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Every month I make a short list highlighting my choices of the best resources I shared through (and learned from) Twitter, but didn't necessarily include them in posts here on my blog. I've already shared in earlier posts this month several new resources I found on Twitter — and where I gave credit to those from ...

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[Water droplets shape graphene nanostructures](#)

[[Tech](#), [Education](#), [Agriculture](#), [Space](#), [Cancer](#)] ([EurekAlert! - Breaking News](#))

A team of University of Illinois at Chicago chemists, lead by assistant professor Petr Král report the ability to bend and reshape graphene, opening up the possibility of forming new and novel devices in the nanoscale. They use an everyday household ingredient to perform the work -- a droplet of water.

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[Planning for T4T in the Spring](#)

[[Education](#)] ([Moving at the Speed of Creativity](#))

This spring I'll be teaching two sections of the required "Technology for Teachers" (T4T) course at the University of Central Oklahoma here in Edmond. I've been working on my ideas for this course for quite awhile, and finally drafted my course overview this evening. I'll be building out this entire course over the holidays in

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[15 Free Resources for Young Readers](#)

[[Education](#)] ([Teacher Lingo](#))

This is a guest post by education writer Karen Schweitzer. Karen is the About.com Guide to Business School. She also writes about online school for OnlineSchool.net. Incorporating technology into the reading and learning process can motivate young people Read More(read more)

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Our math curriculum had us sorting recently. For those of you who aren't preschool teachers, sorting is part of learning math when you are four — you need to be able to figure out how to organize things into sets based on one or more attributes. Or, as Read More(read more)

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[Pants On Fire](#)

[[Education](#)] ([Teacher Lingo](#))

My principal flat out lied in the school newspaper when commenting on a controversial issue. Ugh. I'm not in a position to combat the lie, but a couple of my colleagues are and I wonder how they will handle it. It's an easy lie to counter, but it's a Read More(read more)

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Think! Elevate an Egg Posted: 16 Dec 2009 05:32 AM PST Your challenge: raise an egg off the ground as high as possible using the following: paperclips a roll of pennies 4 pencils (be careful!) 2 spoons 2 forks You can use a hard-boiled egg if you'd like, but it is more fun to use a raw one!

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Texas parents battle school over son's long locks

[\[Boston Globe, Education, The Boston Globe\]](#) ([Boston.com -- Education news](#))

Pre-kindergartner Taylor Pugh likes his floppy hair just how it is: long on the front and sides, covering his earlobes and shirt collar.

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Immucor names Dr. Paul Mintz to board of directors

[\[Boston Globe, Education, The Boston Globe\]](#) ([Boston.com -- Education news](#))

Immucor Inc., which makes products used in blood transfusions, said Wednesday it named Dr. Paul D. Mintz to its board of directors, effective Jan. 1.

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[Scholars Seek Better Metrics for Assessing Research Productivity](#)

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12-16-2009 Evaluating scholars simply by tallying their citations is "like saying Britney Spears is the most important artist who ever existed because she's sold 50 million records," said Johan Bollen, an associate professor of informatics and computing at Indiana University at Bloomington, as he introduced a daylong workshop on academic metrics here on Wednesday. "That's not how we do things in the real world," Mr. Bollen continued. "And I don't think we should do things like ...

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[Newspaper Sculpture](#)

[[Education](#)] ([Teacher Lingo](#))

Who does not have a stack of newspaper in their classroom that keeps on growing? We decided to turn our rather large stack into art. We rolled up newspaper and taped them into long and short tubes. We placed these newspaper sticks (tubes) in the middle Read More(read more)

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[What is the Worst Word you can say in School?](#)

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Guess the worst word that you can say in school. Click here to see the answer.

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[News on Apple Tablet](#)

[\[Education\]](#) ([Learning & Technology](#))

CNET is reporting Apple plans to launch a new tablet device sometime in early spring. "Apple will ramp up production on its long-rumored tablet in February with an eye toward a spring launch. That's the word from Oppenheimer analyst Yair Reiner who says his checks into Apple's supply chain indicate that the manufacturing cogs for the [device] are creaking into action. According to Reiner, the tablet will have a 10.1-inch multitouch LCD display and a price point of \$1,000." More here ...

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This is a guest post by education writer Karen Schweitzer. Karen is the About.com Guide to Business School. She also writes about online school for OnlineSchool.net. Incorporating technology into the reading and learning process can motivate young people to read more. There are many different sites online that are designed to engage children and encourage a lifelong love for books. Here are 15 Free Resources nearly every young reader will enjoy. Book Adventure - Book Adventure is a free read ...

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[Long Distance Mom: Airports and Non-Places](#)

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Elizabeth Coffman ...

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[Just another update post from your friendly neighborhood guy \[AnotherGuy's Weblog\]](#)

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Well this is it, I am officially back from my adventures in elsewhere-land, and I am more than ready to get back to doing what I enjoy so much, writing. Its been a solid two months since Ive last written anything worthwhile, but honestly I cant imagi ...

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[One done... \[University of Nonsensical Happenings\]](#)

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Well I've gotten through one final, it was an essay and presentation. It wasn't too bad, but the paper took a lot of time. Tomorrow I have what will be my easiest

exam, but it is at 8 AM and weather.com is calling for it to be 11 degrees. I realize
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[California's "Race To The Top" & Parents](#)

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California's "Race To The Top" & Parents is a piece I just posted at my other blog, Engaging Parents In School. You might find it interesting. addthis_url = 'http%3A%2F%2F%2Flarryferlazzo.edublogs.org%2F2009%2F12%2F16%2Fcalifornia%25e2%25%2580%259d-parents%2F'; addthis_title = 'California%E2%80%99s+%E2%80%9CRace+To+The+Top%E2%80%9D+%26%23038%3B+Parents'; addthis_pub = "; ...

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[Federal Judge Dismisses Recruiter-Pay Case Against Corinthian Colleges](#)

[\[Education, College\]](#) ([News](#))

12-16-2009 A federal judge has dismissed a lawsuit against Corinthian Colleges Inc. that accused the proprietary institution of improperly paying incentive compensation to student recruiters and providing false statements to the U.S. Department of Education about its compensation practices. The lawsuit was filed under the False Claims Act, which allows individuals to sue on the government's behalf and receive a portion of any damages awarded. The government declined to

join in the ...

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[Counting Your Way to the Trending Tweets Pop](#)

[\[Education\]](#) ([CogDogBlog](#))

cc licensed flickr photo shared by davisayer There are some grand mysteries that are still un-resolved, Mr Owl Over at the neatly named The Clever Sheep blog I came across Rodd Lucier's eager idea YELP! to try and score a landing as a Twitter trending topic: Maybe it's just the hundreds of teacher-learners I follow on Twitter, but ...

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[Holiday Gifts for the Quirky Friend](#)

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We all have that friend who likes unique things and doesn't like to be "cookie cutter." This is all wonderful until it comes to gift giving. No, no, no a normal trip to the mall just will not do. Where do you turn to? The internet, of course! My favo ...

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It's great to be able to stroll a few trails back home. Too bad "back home" is freezing, so I have to bundle up and can no longer wear my Vibram classics. I wanted to bird Sunshine, but the trail off Howard Chapel was frozen. I didn't even try Hipsle ...

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[Special Education Directors Enjoy their On-line Speech Therapy Office](#)

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“Great leaders are almost always great simplifiers, who can cut through argument, debate and doubt, to offer a solution everybody can understand. “ ~Colin Powell
Hi Everyone, Today we are happy to initiate therapy services for a new school district. Their Read More(read more)

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It's final exam time, that exciting but overwhelming time of the semester when there aren't enough hours in the day to get everything graded. Just for the record, the pencil graphic is misleading. Oh, that all of my final exam could be machine scored. Read More(read more)

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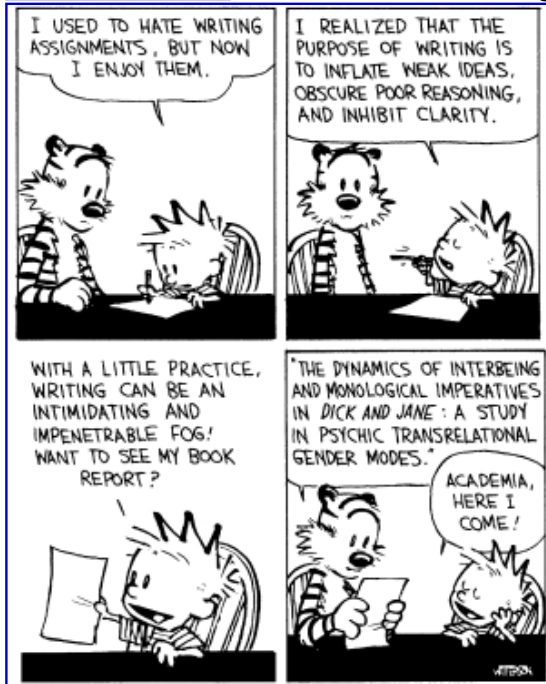


[Academic Search Engine RefSeek Announces Updates](#)

[[Education](#)] ([Free Technology for Teachers](#))

RefSeek, an academic search engine that I reviewed last fall, recently announced some nice enhancements to its free service. RefSeek's newest enhancements include an expanded dictionary and thesaurus database, natural mathematics language, and an expanded selection of hand-picked reference materials. After reading about the enhancements to RefSeek, I did a little searching and found that what I wrote about RefSeek last year is still true. Here's what I wrote then: The difference between Ref Se ...

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[Where to start as a writer for professional publications](#)

[\[Education\]](#) ([Blue Skunk Blog](#))

Twice in the past week or so, I've been asked how one can become a Professional Published Author and make millions of dollars in royalties and article sales. I am afraid writing for professional publication is not the most lucrative endeavor. On an hourly basis, being a Wal-Mart greeter probably pays better (and is more respectable). But if you as a librarian or technology integration specialist are determined to get something into print, if for no other reasons than to please one's mother and t ...

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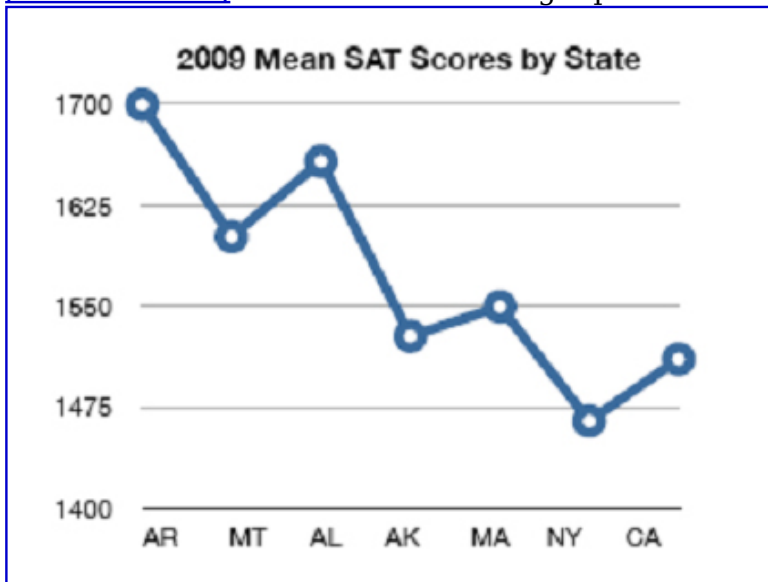


[GMAT Tip: Breaking Down Weighted Average Problems](#)

[[Education](#)] ([Clear Admit: MBA Admissions Consultants Blog](#))

Today's GMAT tip comes from our friends at ManhattanGMAT. In this article, ManhattanGMAT instructor Stacey Koprince offers advice on weighted average problems: This week, we're going to tackle a GMATPrep® question from the quant side of things. We'll tackle a medium-level question this week in order to learn how to master weighted average questions in general, ...

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[New Research: Taking the SAT In A Crowded Room Means Lower Scores](#)

[[Education](#), [Newsweek](#), [Kids](#)] ([NurtureShock](#))

Recently, University of Michigan professor Stephen Garcia and Haifa University professor Avishalom Tor published a little noticed but remarkable study in the preeminent journal, Psychological Science. Garcia and Tor took the College

Board's 2005 SAT data for all 50 states, and then they compared each state's mean SAT score to what they called "test-taker density." Essentially, test-taker density was the number of kids taking the SAT in each state, divided by the number of locations in that stat ...

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Changes to exams 'destabilising'

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Constantly making changes to the exams system "destabilises" it, says qualifications watchdog Ofqual.

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Zoning the ocean may help endangered whales to recover

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Marine Scientists have proposed a new method to identify priority areas for whale conservation, based on feeding behavior and human activity.

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Better education associated with improved asthma

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Individuals with more education suffer less from asthma. Researchers writing in BioMed Central's open access journal Respiratory Research have found that having less than 12 years of formal schooling is associated with worse asthma symptoms.

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More effort needed to crack down on 'secret remedies'

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The medical establishment and politicians must do more to crack down on alternative medicine, argues a senior scientist on bmj.com today.

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Should flowers be banned in hospitals?

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Does flower water harbor potentially deadly bacteria? Do bedside blooms compete with patients for oxygen? Do bouquets pose a health and safety risk around medical equipment?

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[Santa should get off his sleigh and walk, says public health doctor](#)

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Santa should share Rudolf's snack of carrots and celery sticks rather than brandy and mince pies and swap his reindeer for a bike or walk, says a public health expert in the Christmas issue published on [bmj.com](#) today.

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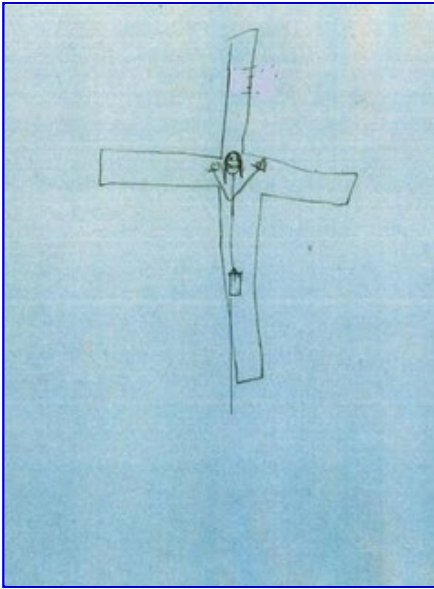


[The Classroom Blogging Process](#)

[[Education](#)] ([Free Technology for Teachers](#))

As part of the K12 Online Conference Sarah Sutter presented a great story of her classroom blogging experience. In the presentation Sarah covers everything from her first steps toward getting students blogging two years ago through today. If you're looking for ideas about using blogs in education, Sarah's presentation is well worth eighteen minutes of your time. You can find supporting materials for Sarah Sutter's K12 Online Conference presentation [here](#). Make sure you check out the full sched ...

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[Taunton second-grader suspended over drawing of Jesus](#)

[[Education](#)] ([DetentionSlip.org](#))

Story: Taunton second-grader suspended over drawing of Jesus Whether or not you believe in the story of Jesus, it is widely accepted that he died while crucified on a cross. The image isn't a warped interpretation of death from a violent 8-year old. The school administration disagrees. After seeing the above drawing, the boy was sent home and recommended for a psychological evaluation. I don't even think Jesus himself was so quick to call someone a 'sinner!'

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[Spiritually Intellectual](#)

[[Education](#)] ([More Than a Test Score](#))

Are you considering a faith based school? If so, Zinch would like to highlight a few for you to take a look at. Whether you're looking to go into ministry or would just like a Christian environment, one of these schools may be the place for you! These private schools offer financial assistance and scholarship opportunities.

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I arrived back in New York a few days ago and man is it cold. My flight left Daytona Beach at 6:00AM in the morning and the temperature was a nice 76. I arrive in Atlanta and the temperature dropped to 35. By the time I arrived in Rochester, it was 2 ...

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[Down to 2 education sectors in DC](#)

[[Education](#)] ([Education News](#))

This means an end to the 3 sector approach in the nation's capital to fixing public education.

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[Pre-eruption earthquakes offer clues to volcano forecasters](#)

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Like an angry dog, a volcano growls before it bites, shaking the ground and getting "noisy" before erupting. This activity gives scientists an opportunity to study the tumult beneath a volcano and may help them improve the accuracy of eruption forecasts, according to UC Santa Cruz seismologist Emily Brodsky.

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Untitled [Regrets From Last Night]

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(Nichols College) I regret swiping myself into the dining hall, multiple times, daily ...

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Top 10 Tracks of 2009 [Kevin John Gomez]

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It was really tough to narrow down but here's a selection of tracks that pretty much sum up the year for me musically. Enjoy... "My Goals" by Francis and the Lights "Fall of Graz" by Tigercity "Strictly Game" by Harlem Shakes "To King ...

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Cover Story: Valley Magazine Needs a Cover Story? [Onward State]

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Valley, Penn State's life and style magazine, is currently searching for its Spring 2010 cover story. Apparently they cant really find someone to write about. Maybe theyre lazy? Maybe its just what I like to call passive research, where you let the

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Drive-Thru Culture [Extraordinary Observations]

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Tom Vanderbilt has a nice article in Slate about the business and culture of drive-throughs. It's been quite a while since I've used a drive-through (possibly because I don't frequent a lot of businesses that have them). I think the article makes a fe

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Leprosy susceptibility genes reported in New England Journal of Medicine paper

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In the first genome-wide association study of leprosy and the largest GWAS on an infectious disease, scientists at the Genome Institute of Singapore and 26 institutes in China identified seven genes that increase an individual's susceptibility to leprosy.

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[New England Journal of Medicine publishes CWRU review of the 'molecular basis of colorectal cancer'](#)

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Dr. Sanford Markowitz, professor and researcher of cancer and genetics at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and oncologist at the Case Comprehensive Cancer Center at University Hospitals Case Medical Center, today published his forward-looking view of the "Molecular Basis of Colorectal Cancer" in the Dec. 17, 2009, issue of the New England Journal of Medicine, with co-author, Dr. Monica Bertagnolli, from the Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School.

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