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Spin Game

Success is rare and slow for university spinoff companies, but the potential rewards -- visibility and income - keep schools playing.

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Technology: Topical skin preparation to treat actinic keratosis and other skin cancers. Shown in photo: Stephen Chakoff [photo: Daniel Portnoy]

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