The Garner Report



Smart aleck James Finn Garner imagines how the winners are selected for those "genius grants" awarded each July

MacArthur Foundation Genius Grant Application

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