Hokey Pokey

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Cluttering e-mail inboxes again last fall was an urban hoax stirred up back in 2000: HIV-infected needles attached to the underside of gas pumps prick unsuspecting customers. Besides the fact that the reports had been debunked on www.snopes.com, the Internet's leading urban-legend investigator, the CDC took the rare step of issuing a statement reminding the public that discarded needles pose an *extremely* low risk of HIV -- even in hospital settings.

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