

Employer does not offer adequate health insurance. That same family footing its own insurance premiums carries a burden of \$15,323.

A family with an elder parent at increasingly the case for many baby would find its health care burden to \$14,200, due mostly to wages to caregiving and out-of-pocket for drugs and medical equipment covered by Medicare, the report

With health insurance, families are at risk due to health care costs," said a primary-care physician with Health Care, a supporter in development.

Issues on women are particularly with Warren, a professor at Harvard School, has written that the number of filings for personal bankruptcy has increased 100 percent over the past 20 years, due to health care emergencies.

Numbers in the Sufficiency Standard health system that is morally

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Mollah Ali Khamenei, the unelected leader of the Islamic Republic, not a spot but a traitor who must be put to death for his treason.

The accusation of treason rather than a call for Khamenei's death that the depth of the demonstrators' protests are denouncing the theocratic rule of unaccountable rule by an extreme leader who is supposed to be the authority in Islamic law (a qualification Khamenei lacks). By implication, the protesters are calling this system a betrayal at it means to be Iranian.

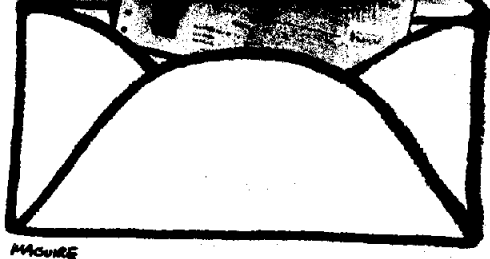
For example, they inoculate themselves against authorities' rote claim that the protesters are pawns of foreign conspirators.

Khamenei warned Thursday that the United States is behind the protests and that the United States will not show "any pity whatsoever" to the mercenaries of the enemy."

Bush made a fairly innocuous statement Sunday, saying the protests were the result of people expressing themselves and demanding a free Iran, which I think is a lie at a time when Iran's intelligence is warning that the United States is waging a psychological war against Iran. Bush's veiled allusion to regime change in Iran can play into the hands of Iranian forces, slowing the inevitable collapse of the failed clerical regime.

stall, jobs, growth, and "people ought to have their money" was the rationale.

But suddenly the argument changes when the light of day hits administration policies. So much for



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Profit seeking and drug companies

ROBERT KUTTNER begins his article on health care ("Face it: We're rationing health," op ed, June 11) by rightly extolling the prescription drugs and medical breakthroughs that make our age a medical marvel. But, ironically, he advocates the destruction of the key ingredient that makes these marvels possible: freedom. In fact, it is the profit seeking of drug companies and others that motivates these companies to innovate. And it is the relative freedom of this country that allows the minds of scientists to flourish.

that would destroy it: a single unified government health care system. Such a system would destroy the incentives needed to create innovative medical products.

No great mind flourishes under socialism. Kuttner rightly criticizes HMOs, but in fact HMOs are not truly private. They are the result and creation of a government that has inflated health care costs through government spending on health care. If Kuttner hates HMOs, he ought not be advocating the herding of an entire country into one.

Kuttner's solution to our health care crisis is the poison pill

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A good building faces demolition

KATHLEEN BURGE'S article (City & Region, June 8) on modernist 1940s-1960s Cape cottages and the historical value of modern buildings being undervalued rings a bell with another category: public schools.

among the first large high schools built in the state after World War II. Yet, Reading's Historic Commission did not even weigh in on the high school's historic value before the February election funding the school because it did not want to "influence" the vote.

In Reading, only Governor Romney's signature remains before the structurally sound 1953 Reading Memorial High School, built to honor Reading's veterans and representative of the late period work of the Boston architectural firm Adden, Parker, Clinch & Crimp, will be demolished.

Across the state, the design simplicity from earlier periods, both inside and outside the structures, is ignored. The shallow philosophy "new is better" reigns among school administrations and certainly is more lucrative for those in the construction business.

Willard P. Adden and Winthrop D. Parker were Reading natives, and Howard Clinch lived in Reading from the 1950s to 1965. Several area public buildings represent their work, including the Reading Town Hall and the American Mutual Building on the lake in Wakefield.

One wonders if, 50 years from now, many of the \$13 billion in school construction projects currently proposed in Massachusetts will stand the test of time as well as these presently doomed schools have.

Reading Memorial High was

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tion of homosexuality."

It's a shame that gay Christians need to take biblical self-defense courses to live in peace with Heath. No "massaging" of this passage is necessary because not a single Christian sect follows anything in the Levitical Holiness Code, of which this quote is a part. If these sects did, almost every Christian would have been executed by now, since it condemns to death people who eat shrimp, wear cotton/polyester blends, wear tattoos, and commit any host of other victimless crimes, including gay sex ("They must be put to death; their blood will be on their own heads." — Lev. 20:13).

Truth be told, there's not a single gay person named or gay act done in the entire story of Sodom and Gomorrah; Jesus never said anything bad about gays, and every supposed biblical condemnation of gay people is subject to interpretation. If you're against gay people being gay, it's not because the Bible makes you think that way, it's because that's how you think. Take responsibility for your views rather than blaming the Bible.

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