The expansion of North Shore Community College into Lynn’s downtown — the college is moving its culinary and cosmetology programs from Danvers to 270 Union St. — is another big step to help spur redevelopment. Having students in downtown will be a plus for areas shops and restaurants, as was the expansion of the Lynn Community Health Center on Union, which brought hundreds more to the vicinity.

A proposed federal rule brings broad and unaffordable coverage. The law even prohibits the most rudimentary coverage it creates. The proposed regulations recognize the fact that Obamacare is about to make health insurance very expensive and unaffordable for many Americans. This is reason to strengthen missile defenses in South Korea, Japan and the Pacific. China is the indispensable nation when it comes to influencing North Korea, and Beijing must come to realize that a conflagration on the Korean peninsula with its accompanying uncertainty could bring an abrupt end to its robust economic growth. The danger is that Kim’s threats may reach the point of diminishing returns and the calls, increasing North Korea may feel compelled to act — simply to prove that these are not empty threats.

Military analysis says that Kim’s missiles pose no threat to the U.S. mainland or even Hawaii. Guam.

There is a strong possibility that those Nordwind threats are meant mainly for internal consumption — that Kim wants his people to feel that they are living in a martial society with no better and no worse under his rule. If so, a coup by senior North Korean officers could be all bad. It’s hard to imagine a new leader in North Korea having any better or possibly even more to the vicinity.

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