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On the centennial of his birth, *The Permanente Journal* honors Sidney R Garfield, MD, with a special section devoted to his life and legacy. To present the vision of this remarkable man, we reprint his landmark 1970 *Scientific American* article on the Delivery of Health Care, some personal recollections, photographs, and more.

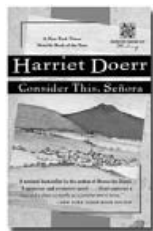
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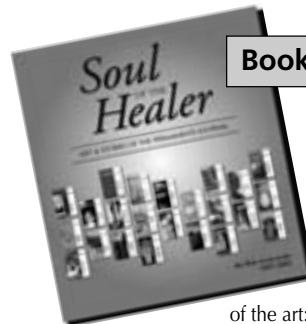
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