

THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW



you over the legal limit for possession of marijuana.

Looking at prices at our local dispensaries, I see that they are selling pot at exorbitant prices that far exceed the black market value. This will only encourage illegal sales. I recommend that everybody give away your excess. It is ridiculous to be gouged for a product that is nearly free to anyone with some dirt, sun and water. (It doesn't take a miracle to cultivate a weed.) Given the high quality hybrids now available, anyone can grow a decent product in their backyard.

I have not purchased marijuana since 1980. There's no reason you should either. Do not succumb to blatant consumerism. Free trade in marijuana, outside the dispensary system, will help bring down prices. Let them deal in extracts and edibles that actually take some effort and expertise to create.

Marijuana makes a great Christmas gift. Give it away, give it away, give it away now!

David Feinstein
aka "The Cannabis Curmudgeon"
Marcola

YAY FOR BERNIE CARE

Already the profiteers and naysayers have labeled Bernie's Medicare-For-All proposal as Bernie Care and are calling it a fantasy. Well, tell that to most other

developed nations that have an effective national health care. And those countries are not nearly as rich and powerful as we are, but they can manage to realize the so-called fantasy of taking care of their people.

Critics are attacking Bernie's plan on the basis of cost. But what is health care currently costing Americans? It's a well-known fact that we spend more than any other advanced nation, but we are way down the list in outcomes. Obama Care was created to insure millions who couldn't afford premiums, but even though well-meaning, Obama Care doesn't effectively address costs, and costs keep climbing and out-pacing incomes.

Take out the huge costs and profits imposed by private insurance, negotiate drug costs, and Bernie's Medicare-For-All will be a godsend to our country and our economy. There will probably be some new taxes for support, but what does that matter if our health care is fully comprehensive and costs nothing?

The only thing that stands in the way of getting Medicare-For-All is our Congress, which is controlled by big money. But by getting rid of Citizens United and other super PACS which serve the wealthy class, a key Sanders' platform goal, Congress might again represent us and elevate the country to the family of modern nations with a truly first class health care system.

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