

Poll: Vets Oppose Private Health Care

A VETERANS POST by Freddy Groves

A recent poll, commissioned by the Vet Voice Foundation, indicates that veterans don't want their health care to be privatized. Here are some of the highlights:

- A 64 percent majority opposes privatizing Department of Veterans Affairs services, with 54 percent strongly opposed.
- Most veterans like their

local VA hospital, with 61 percent viewing it as favorable. When it comes to the staff, 65 percent say the doctors and nurses are qualified, with 58 percent saying the VA delivers quality care.

- Only 47 percent of those polled have a favorable view of private health-insurance companies.

- Candidates who support privatizing health care for veterans would feel an impact at the polls, with 57

percent of veterans voting against them.

- The vast majority don't want VA hospitals run like civilian hospitals.

- However, 42 percent believe the VA needs more doctors and nurses. Nearly half (48 percent) say it takes too long to be treated.

- Veterans polled don't want vouchers for civilian health care, especially since those vouchers might not cover all expenses. Civilian

health providers aren't seen as giving veterans the care they deserve.

As with all polls, the details matter. It was done with 800 veterans reached by phone, taken from a list. Who generated the list? What were the parameters

for selection?

How the questions are posed can affect answers. For example, in the question about the proposal to change to private health care, it's stated twice that VA health care would eventually go away. It also says that the

voucher program would pay for only part of health care. It then asks if the veteran would favor or oppose the plan.

If you're ever asked to participate in a poll, listen carefully to how the questions are crafted.

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Estill Sheriff's Activity

An Estill County deputy has made an arrest for possession of heroin. On Sunday, Deputy Russell "Doc" Morris was dispatched to Wagersville Road for domestic violence.

The female homeowner told the deputy that her son and his girlfriend were arguing. Morris said he was handed a spoon with white residue in it, a needle, and a brown substance.

The woman's son identified one of the substances as heroin.

His girlfriend, Jocelyn Lee, 22, stated those items were hers. Morris arrested Lee on charges of possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Lee was taken to the Estill County Detention Center.

- James Neal, 28, of Broadway was arrested Saturday afternoon on Matt Riddell Road by Deputy Randy Farthing. The citation states that Neal was drunk and refused to leave the residence. He removed a pocket knife from his pocket but could not get it to open. Farthing said that Neal was aggressive and had threatened the homeowner with bodily harm for calling law enforcement.

- Jaquelyn Neal, 27, of Winchester Road, was charged with alcohol intoxication in a public place, disorderly conduct second and resisting arrest. Farthing said that Neal and a male had refused to leave a residence on Stacy Lane. The deputy said that she was unsteady on her feet and smelled of alcohol. She yelled at the homeowner.

Farthing said she was still yelling when he tried to handcuff. She pulled away and he had to physically restrain her.

- Timothy Charlton of McKee Road was arrested for alcohol intoxication, menacing, terroristic threatening third, and resisting arrest. The citation states that Charlton threatened to kill someone as well as the officer who responded to the scene. It adds that Charlton clinched his fists as if to fight. He refused to turn around to be handcuffed. The citation states that he pulled away and tried to run. He was taken to the ground and cuffed.

- A burglary was reported by Adria Scott of Florida on property owned by Scott on Crystal Lane. Two wood stoves and a Maytag washer and dryer have been removed from the residence.

Deputy D. Smith is investigating the theft.

Letters to Santa,

There's still time for children ages 0 to 17 to send a letter to Santa.

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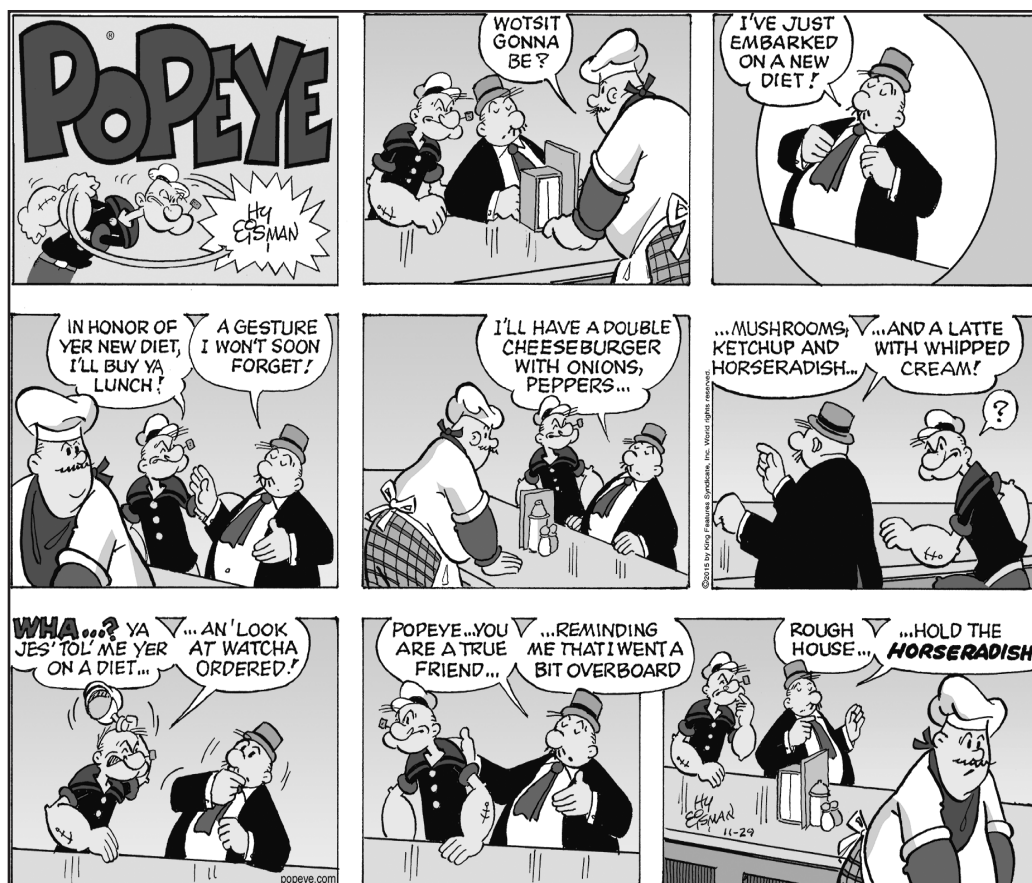
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