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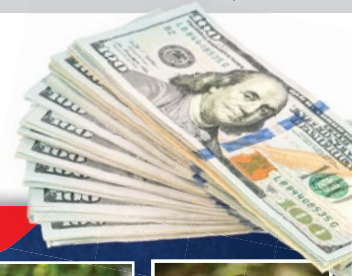


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JULY 7, 2020

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The 2020 Graduation Keepsake publication is now available. This year's edition is unlike any other in the past. The printing is provided by the newest member to the Peace River Shopper family, Peace River Media Group. PRMG also had the pleasure to print this year's programs for the DeSoto County Fair as well as the Arcadia Rodeo Association. The 2020 Graduation Keepsake is 92 pages, magazine quality, full color gloss and not newsprint as the previous years have been. Get your **FREE** copy before they're gone!

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- Copy and graphics for ads requiring design: *Wednesdays, 5pm*
- Classified Ads: *Thursdays, 5pm*

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DAVID FRANKLIN

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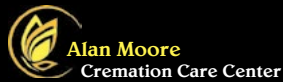
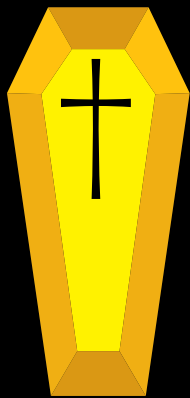
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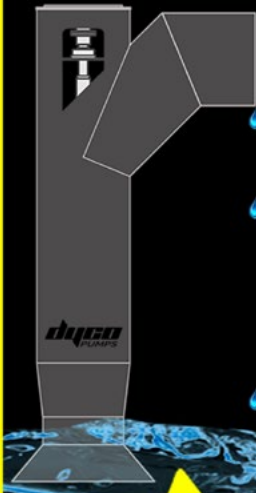
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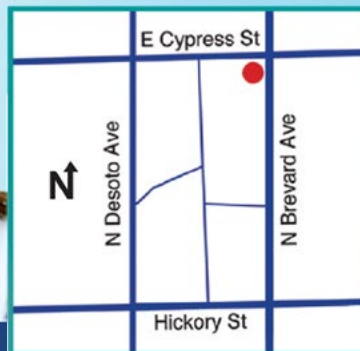
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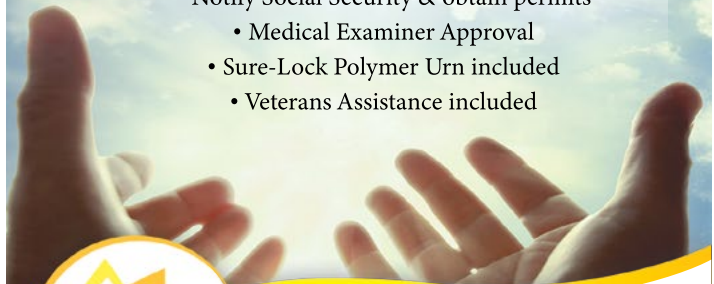
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03
November

General Election

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20
July
Primary Election

05
October
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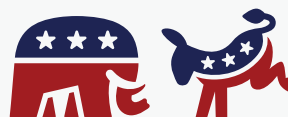
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- Kosher or sea salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

1. Prepare a hot fire on one side of your grill for indirect cooking.
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4. When you see the first wisp of smoke from the wood, place the shrimp on the indirect side of the heat and the peppers on the direct side. Close the lid and grill for 8 minutes. Open the lid and turn the peppers. Grill for another 8 minutes. Open the lid and turn the peppers. Grill for another 8 minutes, then open the lid and transfer the peppers to the indirect side. Close the lid and transfer the peppers to the indirect side. Close the lid and grill for 15 to 20 minutes more, or until the shrimp are cooked through and they have a pleasant, smoky aroma.
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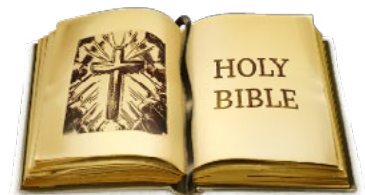
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OBITUARIES

Abel Quintero

(April 09, 1992 - June 13, 2020)



Abel Quintero passed away suddenly at home on June 13, 2020 at the age of 28.

Abel was born on April 9, 1992 in Arcadia, Florida where he was a lifelong resident of DeSoto County and a proud family man.

Abel married his high school sweetheart and the love of his life, Patsy Aldridge Quintero, and together they started their family. Abel's children adored him and he enjoyed nothing more than spending time with them and his loving wife. He especially enjoyed the time they spent together outdoors riding 4-wheelers, fishing, and hunting. Abel was close with all of his family and never missed a chance to spend time with his parents, siblings, aunts,

uncles, grandparents, and all of the kids.

To his friends, Abel was the one they could always count on. He was reliable, trustworthy, and always ready to lend a helping hand when someone needed it. Abel was a hard worker that believed in providing for his family. Most recently he worked installing gas lines and was proud of the work he did.

Abel will be lovingly missed by his wife Patsy Aldridge Quintero and their four children Abel Levi, Justin Bradley, Arianna Lyn, and Savannah Nichole Quintero all of Arcadia, Florida. Abel is also survived by his parents Antonio Sr. and Maricela Quintero of Arcadia, Florida; his sister Zoraida (Abel) Camacho of Arcadia, Florida, his brother Antonio Jr.(Danielle) Quintero of Arcadia, Florida; his grandparents Arnulfo and Catarina Cuevas of Arcadia, Florida; Maria Dolores Quintero of San Juan, Texas; and Lowell and Brenda Aldridge of Arcadia, Florida. Abel

also leaves many loving aunts, uncles, a niece, and nephews as well as many friends who became family as well.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Jose Humberto Quintero of San Juan, Texas and his mother-in-law Lyn Aldridge, of Arcadia, Florida.

A visitation for all family and friends will take place from 5:00 – 7:00PM on Monday June 22, 2020 at Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home, 50 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia, Florida.

Online condolences can be made at pongerkaysgrady.com

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heaven,
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thy Name.
Thy Kingdom
come.
Thy will be done
in earth,
As it is in
heaven.
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day,our daily
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And forgive us
our trespasses,
As we forgive
them that
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us.
And lead us not
into temptation,
But deliver us
from evil.
For thine is the
kingdom,
The power, and
the glory,
For ever and
ever.
Amen.**

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Robert S. DeHart



Robert S. DeHart, 92, of Arcadia, Florida passed away suddenly on June 29, 2020. He was born March 12, 1928 in Branford, Florida to Melvin and Ellen (nee Gibson) DeHart and moved to Arcadia 51 years ago from Mulberry, FL.

He left school early to go to work to support his family and had various jobs throughout his life. He worked farming as a young man and then worked as a Diesel Mechanic for GMC. He spent many years driving a delivery truck supplying ice to Circle K stores. But the job he may have enjoyed the most, was being a greeter for the Arcadia Walmart where he always shared his smile and friendly banter with community friends. He retired from Walmart when he turned 81.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Arcadia. Mr. DeHart enjoyed gardening,

raising cattle and hogs, he enjoyed Bible Study, reading and was a health enthusiast who entrusted natural medicine and healthy living. When he was younger, he enjoyed playing guitar in a band, and had been a pretty good song writer. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Mr DeHart is survived by his children, son, Mark (Keri) DeHart of Punta Gorda, FL, daughters, Robin (Andy) DeHart-Fabila of Arcadia, FL and Rhonda (Brian) Christman of Cedar Park, TX; as well as grandchildren, Aaron DeHart, Jacob DeHart, Matthew Fabila and Ava Fabila. He was

predeceased by his wife, (add your mother's name here and her date of death please)

The family will receive friends from 10:00am till 11:00am, Friday July 10, 2020 at the Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home, 50 N. Hillsborough Ave, Arcadia, FL 34266. The Funeral Service will follow at 11:00am at the funeral home with Pastor Jerry Atkins officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Ridge Cemetery.

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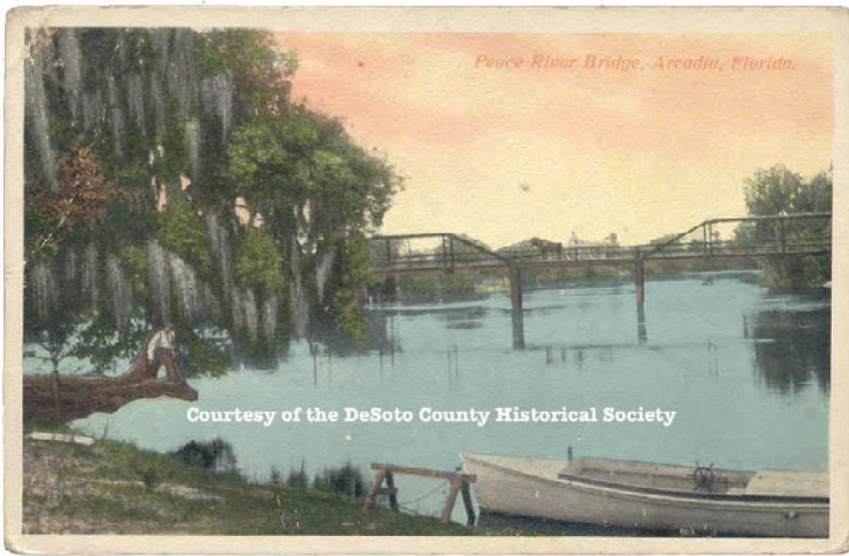


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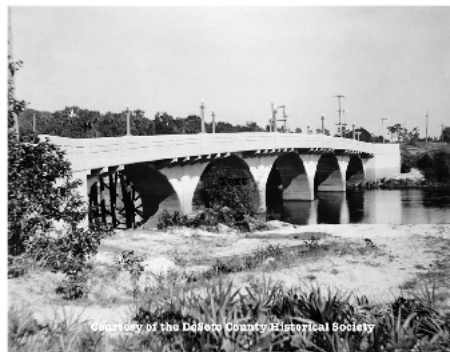
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The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) recently completed the repair and rehabilitation of the five-span, arch-deck, reinforced concrete bridge (#45001) constructed in 1925 over Peace River. In addition, FDOT “milled and paved” W. Hickory St. from the bridge’s east side to Baldwin Ave. In exchange, the City of Arcadia vacated one block of N. Parker Ave. as well as an east-west alley between Baldwin and Parker avenues to consolidate FDOT’s property.

So, how did the earliest settlers cross Peace River? Although it probably could be forded in the dry season, assistance was necessary during the rainy season. In his 2002 book, *Footprints and Landmarks: Arcadia and DeSoto County, Florida*, Howard Melton writes that Captain John Wesley Whidden (1839-1910) and John Kabrich (1854-1928) built a ferry: a flat boat, like a raft, that was pulled across the water by a rope—tied to Whidden’s store on the east shore and a tree on the west bank.

On May 19, 1887, the eastern half of Manatee County became DeSoto County, and Pine Level remained the new county’s seat of government until voters chose Arcadia in November 1888. Travel from Arcadia to Pine Level included crossing the river. Melton notes that the first bridge was built in 1892 and a second wooden bridge in 1896 by Brown Roberts. A 1907

postcard features that one or a third bridge, perhaps the “iron bridge” constructed by the Converse Bridge Company of Chattanooga, Tennessee. The company built similarly designed bridges in 1914 over the Chipola River and in 1912 over the Steinhatchee River. (The latter, still used by traffic—was named the Bellamy Bridge.) They stand today as some of the State’s oldest bridges.



DeSoto County Commissioner Sears Coker (1878-1958) supervised the rebuilding of the iron bridge by Foreman Will F. Garner (1864-1955) in 1919. The Dec. 5 newspaper reported:

“At no time was traffic delayed over fifteen minutes while he was rebuilding the bridge.” Earlier repairs did not endure, as noted: “When the old bridge went down under a drove of cattle about two years ago, it was repaired, but the job did not last long.”

Garner’s crew used heavy-duty materials, such as 8” x 10’ yellow pine for “caps” and 6” x 12’ heart yellow pine stringers. Durable construction methods were also employed:

“the solid wall protecting the approach is . . . lapped together like the corners of a hewed log house.”

On the bridge’s east side, runways eased an increase in traffic: “Over these autos glide smoothly, and the jerk resulting from crossing the flooring is absent.” The west side’s deep sand was vanquished with “a clay approach 100 feet long which makes a rise to the bridge easy for vehicles of all kinds.”

The article’s headline promised: “Peace River Bridge There For All Time: Remodeled Bridge Over the Peace River Structure That Will Endure.” However, three years later, that claim proved false according to the headline in the May 5, 1922, *Arcadian*: “New Peace River Bridge Advised by Grand Jurors. . . . The condition of the bridge across Peace River is such as to warrant the county commissioners in taking steps for a new one.”

Five months later, the Oct. 5 newspaper reported: “The contract for the Peace river bridge was let Saturday afternoon to the Luten Bridge Company of York, Pa., and Palatka, Fla., getting the contract for \$25,000. The work is to begin upon the bridge within the next thirty days and is to be completed within 180 working days.” The bridge was finished in June 1925.

The Luten Bridge Company was named for Daniel Benjamin Luten (1869-1946) who graduated from the University of Michigan in



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1894 and then was appointed an instructor of civil engineering there. After a year, he resigned to work as an instructor at Purdue University. In 1900, he resigned from teaching to practice engineering. He focused on drawing plans for—and constructing—reinforced concrete bridges. Five years later, he concentrated on planning only. During his 23 years of experience, he designed 20,000 bridges, and the one in Arcadia is probably one of them (<http://www4.lib.purdue.edu/archon/?p=collections/findingaid&id=59&q=&rootcontentid=8598>).

As soon as the “new concrete bridge was put into service,” the old iron bridge had been “closed to traffic,” according to the Sept. 22, 1927, *Arcadian*. That week, “a crew of county convicts [worked] at removing the old iron bridge over Peace River. This eyesore will soon be a thing of the past as the workmen seem to be making a thorough job of cleaning away the debris.”

The Lions Club had emphasized the need for bridge lighting to the City Council as reported in the June 21, 1928, *Arcadian*: “The electric lights on Peace River bridge are now doing their duty, having been turned on for the first time on Tuesday evening. They help the appearance of the west approach to the city even more than had been anticipated. . . . W. W. Pohlman [(1870-1934)], electrician, did the work of installing the lights.”

To cut expenses during the Great Depression, the City Council voted to turn off street lights throughout the City—and on the bridge. (Florida Power and Light continued to provide electricity to the lights and did not require the City to pay the bill—but that’s another story.) Melton noted that the bridge lights were “short-lived because of persistent vandalism.”

The bridge was the City’s western entrance until 1961, when the State Road 70 was

reconfigured. The State deeded the old “alignment” to the City, but retained ownership of the bridge. So FDOT funded the recent repair and rehabilitation of the Luten bridge. At 201 feet long, it is the largest bridge construction by the company that remains in the state, according to *Historic Highway Bridges of Florida*, published by FDOT in 2004.

The new State Road 70 bridges were named in honor of General S. Chesterfield Smith (1895-1969) who served in the Florida National Guard during the Mexican conflict as well as in World Wars I and II, as Arcadia’s mayor 1947-1951 and State representative 1951-1967.

The 1925 bridge was closed to vehicular traffic in 1985, and it was designated as the connector between the paved trails in Veterans Memorial Park and Morgan Park in 2012.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Common request
5. Department in France
10. Fungi cells
14. Famed inventor
15. Hillsides
16. Cold wind
17. La __ Tar Pits, Hollywood
18. Resembling a doddering old woman
19. Geological periods
20. Assistants
22. Comedienne Gasteyer
23. Jewish spiritual leader
24. English soccer club
27. Body art
30. No (Scottish)
31. Clumsy person
32. Swiss river
35. Belittled
37. Luxury car
38. Single sheet of glass in a window
39. Monetary units
40. Supervises flying
41. Indian term of respect
42. Breezed through
43. The bill in a restaurant
44. Flower cluster
45. Moved quickly
46. Shooters need to do it
47. High schoolers' test
48. Split pulses
49. Salts
52. Breaking Bad actor __ Paul
55. Set ablaze
56. Semitic Sun god
60. Nervous system cells
61. Tourist destination Buenos __
63. A way to bind
64. Behave uncontrollably
65. Feels concern
66. Sportscaster Andrews
67. Subway dwellers
68. Astrological aspect
69. You may take one

CLUES DOWN

1. Swedish rock group
2. Serbian
3. Away from wind
4. Actor Oliver
5. Helps little firms
6. Intricately decorative
7. American state
8. Type of tumor
9. Midway between east and

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southeast

10. On a line at right angles to a ship's length
11. Fruit of the service tree
12. Grouch
13. Romanian city
21. Units of loudness
23. British Air Aces
25. Small amount
26. Hem's partner
27. Turkic people
28. Member of the banana family
29. Liam Neeson franchise
32. Expressed pleasure
33. Inward-directed part of psyche
34. Insurgent
36. Unhappy
37. Gateway (Arabic)
38. Fundraising political group (abbr.)
40. Well-known
41. Satisfies
43. ' __ death do us part
44. Jailhouse informant
46. French river

47. A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
49. Drenches
50. Clouds
51. Companies need to make them
52. Created from seaweed
53. One's school: __ mater

54. A type of act
57. Member of Russian people
58. Neutralizes alkalis
59. Monetary unit
61. Play a role
62. Midway between south and southeast

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In closing, I would like to ask you for your support and vote of confidence in the upcoming election. With your help, I will continue to keep DeSoto County a "Safe place to live, work and play."

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to health & fitness.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 16 = e)

- A. 10 16 1 25 16 13 25 24 26**
Clue: Energy waves
- B. 13 16 26 26 25 26 23**
Clue: Darkening skin
- C. 21 10 24 13 9 3 13 25 24 26**
Clue: Prevents injury
- D. 14 24 4 16 10**
Clue: From the sun

Answers: A. radiation B. tanning C. protection D. solar

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Clue: Powers a vehicle
- B. 12 23 25 13 23 20**
Clue: Protective device
- C. 14 2 17 23**
Clue: Motorcycle
- D. 16 11 19 6 24 19 5**
Clue: Surface for vehicles

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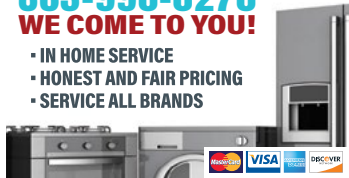


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Junior had obviously come back for the pill. If not, why had he waited so long? I think he thought it was better to stay out of our lives or maybe it was just because it was so far away. Either way, he was here now and it was good to see him and to know he was ok. Hearing about his new life and family was great. I was so happy for him. He was so proud of his family. You could tell by the way he talked, that his little girl was weighing heavy on his mind. He made it clear that she was his biggest priority. As we talked, he continued to ask me about that little pink pill. But, him asking for the pill was different now. It felt like something bigger than us was at work. Now, I knew that he needed that pill and why. I couldn't help but think that maybe that was why I had never given it to someone all those years. Maybe it was always meant for his little girl. It took me a minute to actually go get that little pink pill. After all, I had that pink pill for a very long time. It had been something I would think about every night before I went to sleep and usually the first thing I would think about when I woke up in the morning. So giving up that pill was going to be just a little rough. I got up and went into my closet, I took out the little glass jar I had put it in. For the first time in many years, I opened the jar and took the pill out. It was just as bright as ever and somehow it felt like it was a part of me. That it belonged to me and no one else. I had never really thought very much about giving it away before. Oh sure I thought about it, but I had never come this close before. Then something came over me. A strange feeling that I had not had before. A funny feeling, like I was going to bust with happiness. I began to feel like I was doing the right thing, that this pill was going to the right person and it was me that had made it happen. What a great feeling I was having. I just stood there and enjoyed that strange feeling. After a

few minutes, I started going toward Junior. As I turned and came out of the closet, the feeling was still with me. Walking over to Junior, that feeling was getting stronger and stronger. Still when I got to him, I just stood there. I couldn't move. And when I did try to give the pill to him, my arm would just not lift up. I couldn't make my arm push my hand over to him. The feeling now I was having was stronger than ever. After a few minutes my arm began to move again and I handed him the little pink pill. I'm not really sure what happened next. Was it the happiness Junior had for now having the pill that he thought would cure his little girl, or was it the feeling I was having over saving that pill for his little girl? All I know is, I have never ever had any kind of feeling like I was having now. The joy in my heart was about to make it bust. We both just stood there and cried, then we would laugh and then we would cry again. Over and over that went on for quite a while. Junior gave me a great big hug and whispered in my ear that he thanked God for me and how he needed to go to get this little pink pill to his little girl. I agreed and off he went, leaving just as fast as he had come in, Junior was gone. I didn't hear from Junior for a few weeks and then one night the phone rang and it was Junior. As soon as I heard his voice I knew things were alright. The sound of his words were crackly but in a good way. I finally made sense of what he was saying enough to know the little pink pill had saved his little girl's life. She was happy as ever and the test had come back showing that her cancer was gone. That's been many years now and I have not heard a word from Junior. I still wonder when I say my prayers at night, did God heal that little girl or did he just make sure I saved the pill for her? To me it doesn't matter, she is well and the little pink pill is gone. No more will I have the burden of who to give the little pink pill too... The End

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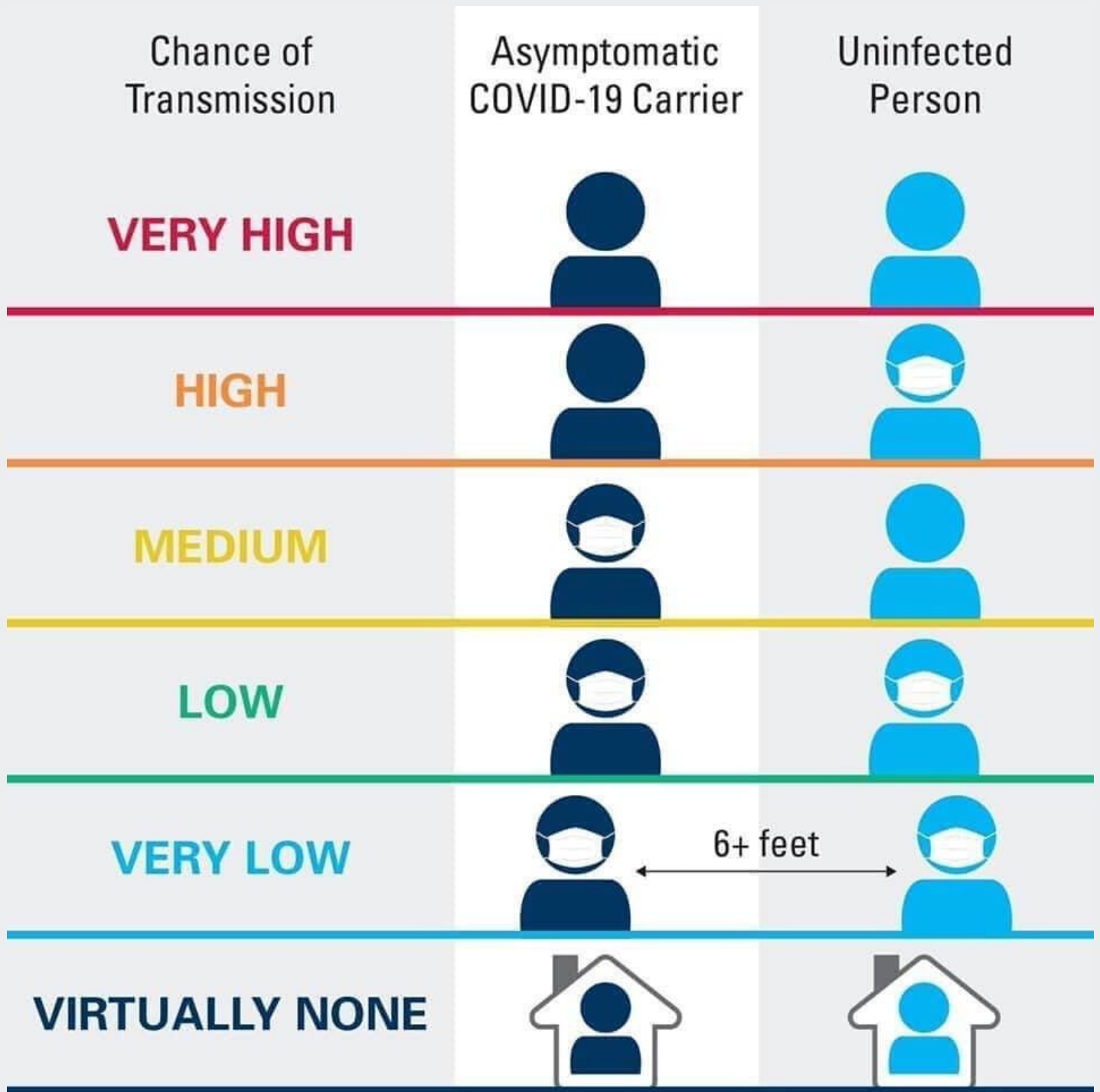
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