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Platinum Premier Agent  
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2575 NE Hwy 70  
Arcadia, FL 34266

**Agent Hours:**

10AM - 3PM • Tuesday & Thursday

**863.473.2460**



See me at  
**Sebring**  
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Agent  
**Joe DuCette:**



3619 US Hwy 17N  
Sebring, FL 33870

**Agent Hours:**

10AM - 3PM • Tuesday

**941.962.0665**

## Still available to help January through March.

- Turning 65?
- Health Issues?
- Moved or Moving?
- Losing Medicaid?
- Losing Employer Group Insurance?

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## Another Property Sold!



*Congratulations to The Florida Farmhouse Coffee on the purchase of 202 N. Desoto Ave!  
We are also proud of Turner Realty's own KC Team in this exciting transaction. It's  
always a pleasure working together to help great local businesses continue to grow  
right here in Arcadia.*

*Big things are ahead, and we can't wait to see the vision come to life. Exciting things are  
coming, Arcadia!*



We have agents ready  
to assist you  
**SEVEN DAYS A WEEK!**



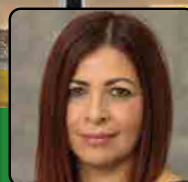
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### MARCH 3, 2026

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Anna's Restaurant  
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Arcadia Do-It-Best Hardware  
Arcadia Municipal Airport  
Arcadia Municipal Golf Course  
Arcadia Post Office  
Arcadia Village  
Before & After Hair Salon  
Big Tree RV Resort  
Champs  
Circle K (Nocatee)  
Circle K (North)  
City of Arcadia  
Collins Realty  
Country Café  
Crews Bank & Trust  
DaVita Dialysis Center  
DeSoto County Annex  
DeSoto County Library  
DeSoto County Property Appraiser  
DeSoto County Tax Office

DeSoto Memorial Hospital  
Dollar General (near Northside Shell)  
Family Care Medical Center  
Ft. Ogden Post Office  
Habitat for Humanity  
K & J Homegrown Produce  
Marathon  
MyShelly's Kitchen  
Nocatee Post Office  
Oak Street Deli  
Publix  
Publix Liquor  
RMZRealty  
Speedway  
Toby's RV Resort  
Walgreens  
Wheeler's  
Wood Park Pointe  
Yellow Deli



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- Camera-ready ads: Fridays, 4pm
- Copy and graphics for ads requiring design: Wednesdays, 5pm
- Classified Ads: Thursdays, 5pm

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**TIME CHANGES SUNDAY, MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>**

**Looking to make housing changes?**

**Want to buy or sell?**

**Need an idea of what your property is worth?**



**Call an agent with over 30 years experience!**



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Dan Collins, Broker

☎ 863.494.6181  
📍 223 E. Oak Street  
Arcadia, FL 34266

**MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY! ONE CALL DOES IT ALL!**  
**NOTARY SERVICES BY APPOINTMENT; MOBILE POSSIBLE**



# DESOTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

**AGUILAR, EDDIE:**

Drug Equip-Possess - Drug Equip-Possess: And Or Use; Prob Violation - Prob Violation

**ALEGRIA-GARCIA, ABENAMAR:**

Moving Traffic Viol - Operate Motor Vehicle W/O Valid LIC 1st Conv

**BRYAN, TRISTEN DELANIE:**

Bribery - Bribery Of Or By Public Servant; Public Order Crimes - Criminal Conspiracy Felony Second Degree; Public Order Crimes - Use 2Way Comm Device To Facil Felony; Smuggle Contraband Into Prison - Any Currency Or Coin To Inmate

**BUTTS, JAMES ELMER:**

Drug Equip-Possess - Drug Equip-Possess: And Or Use; Drugs-Possess - Possess Controlled Substance W/O Prescription; Marijuana-Possess - Possess Less Than 20 Grams Cannabis

**CHRISTMAS, ANOTHNY SCOTT:**

Disorderly Intox - Disorder Intox Public Place Cause Disturbance

**COHEN, KENNETH ROSS:**

Nonmoving Traffic Viol - Fail To Register Motor Veh; Possess Counterfeited - Mtr Veh Title Registration Bill Of Sale Etc

**CRISTIANI, VANESSA LYNNE:**

Prob Violation - Prob Violation (x2)

**DEFEO, DESARAE:**

Moving Traffic Viol - Driv While LIC Suspend Revocation Equiv Status

**DIAZ, DANIEL:**

Obscene Communication - Use Comp Seduce Solicit Lure Child Misrep Age; Obscene Material-Distrib - Transmit Info Harmful To Minors

**FARREN, CHARLES PATRICK:**

DUI-Unlaw Bld Alch - 0.15 Or Higher Or W Person Under 18 In Vehicle

**FLEGLE, BRIAN WILLIAM:**

Trespassing - Trespass Fail To Leave Prop On Order Of Owner

**FLORES SALGADO, YERI LEVI:**

Aggrav Battery - Aggrav Battery With A Deadly Weapon; Prob Violation - Prob Violation

**FLORES-MUNGIA, JOSE:**

Battery - Touch Or Strike; Trespassing - Trespassing Structure Or Conveyance

**GARCIA, FIDEL:**

Moving Traffic Viol - Driv While LIC Suspend Revocation Equiv Status

**GONCALVES, ANA VEIGA:**

Battery - Touch Or Strike

**GONZALEZ, NICHOLAS:**

Resist Officer - Obstruct Wo Violence

**GONZALEZ-GARCIA, ADIEL:**

Resist Officer - Obstruct Wo Violence

**GONZALEZ-GARCIA, ERICK:**

FLEE/ELUDE Police - Flee Elude LEO With Lights Siren Active; Moving Traffic Viol - Operate Motor Vehicle W/O Valid LIC 1st Conv; Resist Officer - Obstruct Wo Violence

**HERRMANN, CALOB CHARLES:**

Battery - Touch Or Strike

**HERRMANN, ROBERT JOHN:**

Battery - Touch Or Strike

**HURTADO MARTINEZ, RAFAEL EMILIO:**

Aggrav Battery - Aggrav Battery With A Deadly Weapon

**JOHNSON, RAFAEL JACQUES:**

Moving Traffic Viol - Driv While LIC Suspend Revocation Equiv Status

**LOPEZ, CRISTIAN JOEL:**

Lewd Lascv Behavior - Molest VIC 12 Yoa Lt 16 Yoa Off 18 Yoa Older

**LOPEZ, RODOVALDO:**

Aggrav Asslt - Weapon - W Deadly Weapon Without Intent To Kill

**MEJIA-MARTINEZ, SAMUEL:**

Moving Traffic Viol - Operate Motor Vehicle W/O Valid LIC 1st Conv

**MENDOZA, GABRIEL ISAIAS:**

DUI-Unlaw Bld Alch - DUI Influence Of Alcohol Or Drugs

**PARK-WARD, GINGER LEA:**

Prob Violation - Prob Violation

**PLOOF, DANIEL:**

Prob Violation - Prob Violation

**RAMIREZ-SANCHEZ, ALDO JONATHAN:**

Moving Traffic Viol - Driv While LIC Suspend Revocation Equiv Status

**RUIZ-HERNANDEZ, ALEX ANIBAL:**

Moving Traffic Viol - Operate Motor Vehicle W/O Valid LIC 1st Conv

**SAPUTO, SALVATORE:**

Resist Officer - Obstruct Wo Violence; Simple Asslt - Assault On Specified Personnel; Trespassing - Trespassing Structure Or Conveyance

**SAUNDERS JR., DELROY:**

Failure To Appear - Written Promise To Appear (x2); Fraud-Imperson - False ID Given To LEO; Fraud-Imperson - Use Poss ID Of Another Person Wo Consent; Fraud-Swindle - Defraud To Obtain Property Value Of Less Than \$20k; Larc - Grand Theft 750 Less Than 5k Dols; Pass Counterfeited - Instrument (x5); Resist Officer - Obstruct Wo Violence

**SEARLE, EUGENE JOSEPH:**

Failure To Appear - Written Promise To Appear

**SOTO, ADRIAN:**

Conservation-Animals - Cause Cruel Death Pain And Suffering; Conservation-Animals - Sell Poss Use Animal To Fight Or Bait; Obstruct Criminal Invest - False Info To LEO Re Missing Person Or Felony

**TAMEZ-DOMINGUEZ, CESAR OSVALDO:**

Moving Traffic Viol - Driv While LIC Suspend Revocation Equiv Status

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Battery - Touch Or Strike

**WARD, CRAIG MICHAEL:**

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**WARREN JR., ARTAVIOUS JERMAINE:**

Smuggle Contraband Into Prison - Any Currency Or Coin To Inmate

**WASHINGTON, JOHN C:**

Contempt Of Court - Viol Injunction Protection Domestic Violence

**WATSON, MARQUELL DES:**

Drug Equip-Possess - Drug Equip-Possess: And Or Use; Drugs-Possess - Possess Controlled Substance W/O Prescription; Moving Traffic Viol - Drive While LIC Susp Habitual Offender

**WIEMAN, CHRISTIAN:**

Out-of-County Warrant - Out-of-County Warrant

**WOOTEN, COLBY WARD:**

Amphetamine-Smuggl - Or Methamphetamine Capital Imp 400 Grams More; Amphetamine-Traffic - Or Methamphetamine 14 Grams Or Over; Drug Equip-Possess - And Or Use (x2); Drugs-Possess - Cntrl Sub Wo Prescription; Possession Of Weapon - Or Ammo By Convicted Fla Felon

**ZERQUERA-CALVO, DAYANA:**

Crimes Against Person - Abuse Elderly Or Disabled Adult Wo Great Harm



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**CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:**  
Every Thursday, 5pm

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## 1. CARS & VEHICLES

ATVs  
Bikes  
Boats  
Cars

Golf Carts  
Motorcycles  
Motorhomes  
Campers/RV  
Scooter  
SUV

Travel Trailers  
Trailers  
Trucks  
Vans

Parts & Accessories

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## 2. MERCHANDISE

Antiques & Collectibles  
Appliances  
Computers & Electronics  
Clothing-Adult  
Clothing-Children  
Exercise Equipment  
Guns & Ammo  
Farm Equipment  
Furniture  
Hunting & Fishing  
Lawn & Garden  
Medical Equipment  
Miscellaneous  
Music Items  
Produce  
Sewing & Crafts  
Sports Equipment  
Tools & Building Materials

20

## 3. FARM & LIVESTOCK

Livestock for Sale  
Feed & Supplies  
FREE Livestock

20

## 4. PETS

Pets for Sale  
Free Pets  
Lost and Found  
Pet Supplies

20

## 5. JOBS

Employment  
Help Wanted  
Looking for Job

22

## 6. REAL ESTATE

Commercial  
Home for Sale  
Land for Sale  
Mobile Homes for Sale

22

## 7. RENTALS

Apt & Condo Rentals  
Home Rental  
Mobile Home Rentals  
Office Space  
Rooms for Rent  
Vacation Rentals  
Lots for Rent

26

## 8. SERVICES

Business Services  
Boat Repair & Maint.  
Caregiving  
Cleaning  
Lessons  
Transportation  
Wrecker Service

28

## 9. WANTED

Cars & Vehicles  
Merchandise  
Livestock  
Pets  
Real Estate  
Rentals  
Services

30

## 10. COMMUNITY

Auctions  
Meetings  
Lost & Found  
Yard Sales

# FREE DRINKS, SMILES, & COMMUNITY ON MARCH 4TH



### DIRTY SODAS 24oz

**SPRITE 1.6**  
 Sprite, Orange  
 Sprite, Orange, Raspberry  
 Sprite, Orange, Blueberry  
 Sprite, Orange, Strawberry  
 Sprite, Orange, Peach  
 Sprite, Orange, Lemon  
 Sprite, Orange, Lime

**OR PEPPER 1.6**  
 Orange, Orange  
 Orange, Orange, Raspberry  
 Orange, Orange, Blueberry  
 Orange, Orange, Strawberry  
 Orange, Orange, Peach  
 Orange, Orange, Lemon  
 Orange, Orange, Lime

**BUILD YOUR OWN**  
 1. Choose your base  
 2. Choose your flavor  
 3. Choose your toppings  
 4. Choose your sweetener

**FANDANGO**  
 Fandango, Orange  
 Fandango, Orange, Raspberry  
 Fandango, Orange, Blueberry  
 Fandango, Orange, Strawberry  
 Fandango, Orange, Peach  
 Fandango, Orange, Lemon  
 Fandango, Orange, Lime

**ROSE 1.6**  
 Rose, Orange  
 Rose, Orange, Raspberry  
 Rose, Orange, Blueberry  
 Rose, Orange, Strawberry  
 Rose, Orange, Peach  
 Rose, Orange, Lemon  
 Rose, Orange, Lime

### COFFEE

Hot 1.6 0.24oz Cold 2.0 0.24oz  
 Cold 1.6 0.24oz Hot 2.0 0.24oz

**NON-BRANDY CARAMEL LATTE**  
 Brown sugar, honey, espresso, milk

**WHITE CHOCOLATE LATTE**  
 White chocolate, espresso, milk, white chocolate cold foam

**CARAMEL LATTE**  
 Caramel cup, drizzle, white chocolate, caramel espresso, milk, caramel cold foam, caramel drizzle on top

**SNICKERS MOCHA**  
 Chocolate/caramel cup, drizzle, hazelnut, chocolate, caramel

### ENERGY TEA

**REDBULL 1.7**  
 Red Bull, Orange  
 Red Bull, Orange, Raspberry  
 Red Bull, Orange, Blueberry  
 Red Bull, Orange, Strawberry  
 Red Bull, Orange, Peach  
 Red Bull, Orange, Lemon  
 Red Bull, Orange, Lime

**MONSTER 1.7**  
 Monster, Orange  
 Monster, Orange, Raspberry  
 Monster, Orange, Blueberry  
 Monster, Orange, Strawberry  
 Monster, Orange, Peach  
 Monster, Orange, Lemon  
 Monster, Orange, Lime

**SWEET TEA SAUSIE \$2.1**  
 Sweet Tea, Sausie  
 Sweet Tea, Sausie, Raspberry  
 Sweet Tea, Sausie, Blueberry  
 Sweet Tea, Sausie, Strawberry  
 Sweet Tea, Sausie, Peach  
 Sweet Tea, Sausie, Lemon  
 Sweet Tea, Sausie, Lime

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**BIKES**

**Bike**

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**BOATS**

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**BOATS**

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14 foot Wilderness Pungo Kayak \$400 OBO. (607) 749-2310

**BOATS**

**Boat and trailer**

21ft JCT boat, motor and trailer. Project \$800 OBO. Arcadia. (813) 951-0030

**MOTORCYCLES**

**1985 Honda Gold Wing Trike**

In good condition \$5000. (574) 586-2105

**MOTORHOMES**

**RV for Sale**

2015 Bayhill rv 39.5 foot 3 slide outs large pantry, island kitchen fireplace queen bed lots of storage room big bathroom . Cross creek RV resort 6837 NE Cubitis Ave, Arcadia FL. LOT 33 (989) 315-2163

**PARTS & ACCESSORIES**

**Parts for Dodge Laramie**

Parts to rebuild 1998/1999 Dodge Laramie SLT full size truck, 318 engine, only 123,166 miles \$1500. (941) 223-7478

**PARTS & ACCESSORIES**

**SUV Car Cover**

\$30. Fits a large SUV. (607) 749-2310

**PARTS & ACCESSORIES**

**EZ Go golf cart 36V battery charger**

The main board was replaced in January 2026. Two 6V batteries purchased from Cart City in January 2026. \$200 for all. Call Martial at 705-229-4248 or see him at Toby's RV Park lot 325.

**TRAILERS**

**Dual Axle Trailer**

Blank 26 ft. homemade trailer, dual axle \$800 with clean registration and tag. 941- 223-7478

**TRAVEL TRAILERS**

**2015 Bay Hill 5th Wheel**

40 foot RV, Lot #33 Cross Creek RV Resort, Arcadia. 989- 315-2163

**TRUCKS**

**2006 Ford F250**

Diesel Utility Truck. \$5000. 941-223- 7478



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**FREE  
DESOTO COUNTY MAPS**

**FREE  
FLAGS**



**LETTUCE LAKE**

CORNER LOT, .65 ACRE. CLEARED, EASY LOT FOR ADDING A CULVERT. BUILD YOUR NEW HOME ON THE LOT. LOCATED ON THE CORNER OF CR 761 AND KISSIMMEE. JUST MINUTES TO THE PEACE RIVER PUBLIC BOAT RAMP. APPROX 10 MINUTES TO I-75. \$159,000. L-368



**5+ ACRES**

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RENTAL AVAILABLE MARCH 1ST. 3 BEDROOM 2 BATHS, SPLIT PLAN BEDROOMS. LARGE LIVING ROOM & VERY SPACIOUS DINING ROOM. INSIDE LAUNDRY, HOME IS NEWLY REMODELED, PAINTED, ETC. CITY WATER. TENANT RESPONSIBLE FOR UTILITIES. PARTIALLY FURNISHED. NO ANIMALS & NO SMOKING. \$2,000 MONTH. R-15



**VACANT LOT**

VACANT LOT IN CITY LIMITS. CORNER OF MAGNOLIA ST (HWY 70 E) & MANATEE AVE. GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR SMALL BUSINESS OR HOUSE. \$59,000 L-382



**SUNNYBREEZE**

SUNNYBREEZE, 2 BEDROOM 2 BATH MANUFACTURER HOME BUILT 2005. HOME IS WELL MAINTAINED, MOVE IN READY. LARGE KITCHEN WITH BREAKFAST BAR. ALL KITCHEN APPLIANCES INCLUDED PLUS THE WASHER AND DRYER. 15X40 CARPORT FOR 2 VEHICLES. 10X12 STG SHED, PLUS A STG SHED UNDER THE CARPORT. ENCLOSED 12X25 FLORIDA ROOM. MINUTES TO GOLF COURSE AND PUBLIC BOAT RAMP ON THE PEACE RIVER. APPROX 10-15 MINUTES TO I-75. \$196,000. M-504



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**PT CHARLOTTE RENTAL**  
3 BRS, 2 BA HOME, ALL TILE FLOORS, LIVING RM PLUS FAMILY RM. NEW ROOF, LARGE SCREEN LANAI, OVERSIZED 2 CAR GARAGE, NO SMOKING. AVAILABLE DECEMBER 1ST. \$1,650 MONTH

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**Fridays:** 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Visit [allfaithsfoodbank.org/foodfinder](http://allfaithsfoodbank.org/foodfinder) for more information.

**Additional services**

Free application assistance for SNAP, Medicaid and TANF.

Free tax preparation for DeSoto County residents through United Way's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program:

*\*Jan. 27 - April 14. Appointments encouraged. Walk-ins welcome, but not guaranteed.*

**Tuesdays:** 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. | **Thursdays:** 2-6 p.m.

**Volunteers needed!**

Contact **Marisol Montalvo** at **941.379.6333 ext. 21305**

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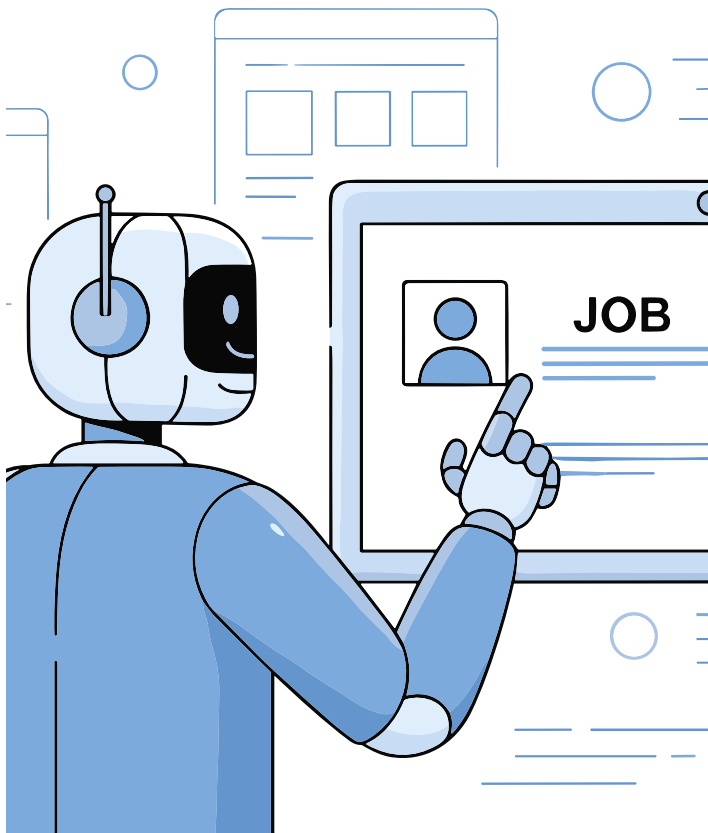
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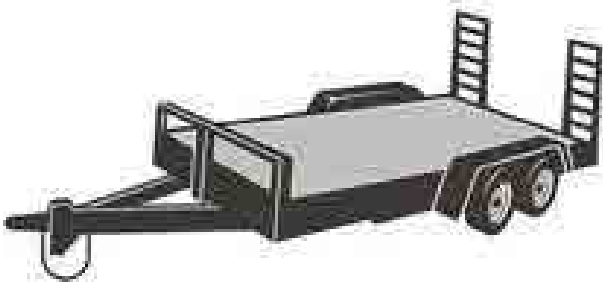
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Rubeola



Rubeola, known as measles, is an illness caused by one of the most contagious viruses.

## How does it spread?

- Those with a prior history of infection or who have received the full series of the Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) immunization are 98% protected and are unlikely to contract measles.
- Measles spreads through the air when an infected person breathes, coughs, or sneezes.
- Measles can remain infectious in the air and on surfaces for up to two hours after an infected person leaves an area.
- If 10 individuals without immunity come in contact with measles, up to 9 of them will contract the disease.

## What is the severity?

In some cases, measles may cause severe illnesses including pneumonia or encephalitis. While encephalitis is rare, this swelling of the brain requires hospitalization and intensive treatment. It can cause seizures, hallucinations, permanent brain damage, blindness, hearing loss, and memory loss.

## Who is at highest risk of severe illness?

- Children and adults that are immunocompromised or have underlying health conditions
- Infants under 12 months
- Pregnant women

## Is there treatment?

Since measles is caused by a virus, there is no specific treatment. Medications can help manage symptoms. However, based on exposure time frame, susceptible contacts may be candidates for post-exposure prophylaxis through MMR or immunoglobulin through their health care provider.

**Vitamin A** supplementation may be beneficial when administered under the supervision of your health care provider.

## What should I do if I recognize symptoms?

**Do not** abruptly visit a health care provider without contacting them ahead of time. If you suspect or notice any symptoms, contact your health care provider or local county health department to receive instructions on how to safely seek medical attention without exposing others.

## Symptoms

Measles symptoms appear 7 to 14 days after contact with the virus and include:

- High fever up to 105° F
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## 10. COMMUNITY

### EVENT

#### Chinese Auction

March 7th , 2:00 to 4:00 pm, 25 tickets for \$5. Lots of gift cards and new to used items. Public is welcome. Little Willie's RV Park, 5905 NE Cubitus, Arcadia.

## YARD SALES

### Yard Sale

Driveway sale March 7th , 8 to 12, Cross Creek RV Park.

## YARD SALES

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**Friday, March 27th at 7:00pm**

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God said he would break the pride of their power. We are going to run into many great problems in the future. Folks, what has happened to the United States of America? In just a few short years the wealthiest, most powerful and most influential single nation in human history has become dangerously radicalized, divided and weak. We have rapidly fallen into political dysfunction, social division and catastrophic, moral failure. Why is our country destroying itself?

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|   |   |   | 5 | 6 |   |   | 4 |   |
|   | 7 |   |   |   | 1 |   |   |   |
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|   |   | 3 |   | 8 |   |   | 7 |   |
|   |   | 2 |   |   |   |   |   |   |

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| 8 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 5 |
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| 7 | 8 | 9 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 3 |
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ANSWER:



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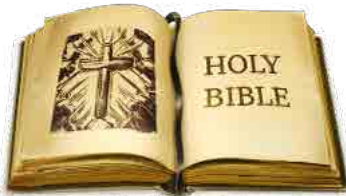
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# OBITUARIES

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## **Richard E. Kenney**

Richard E. Kenney, 83, passed away on February 20, 2026 at AdventHealth in Port Charlotte, Florida. He succumbed to cardiac failure.

Richard was often seen riding his bike in Arcadia. He rode 20 miles per day stopping on his way at the downtown shops looking for antiques, painting and prints for a bargain price. His home, consequently, looked like a museum.

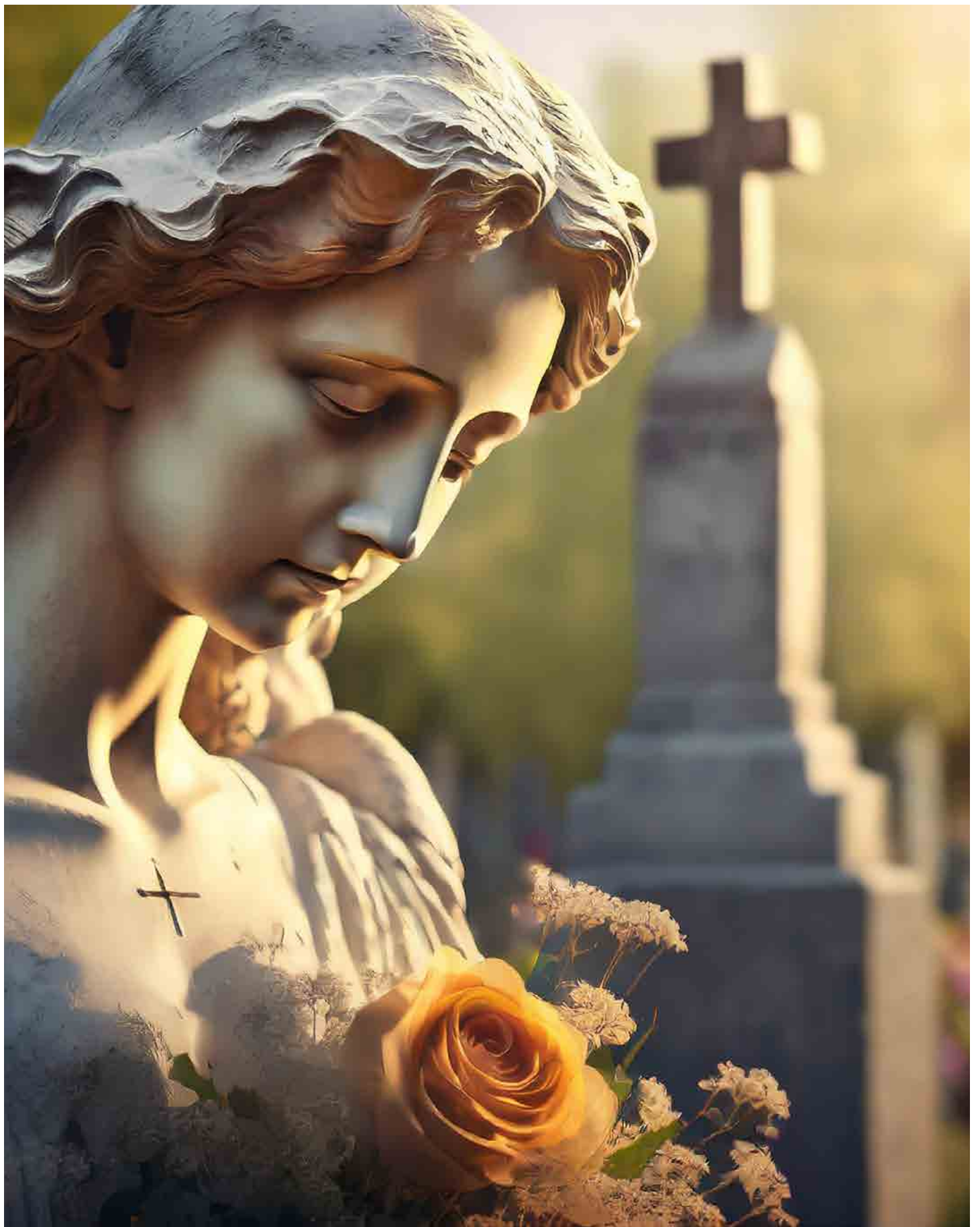
He was friends with the manager of his apartment complex and came to her office often looking for her two grandsons whom it seemed he likely considered family.

Richard was a vegetarian and liked Wheat Grass on his salads. He was such an avid vegetarian that he used the oven in his stove as a file cabinet.

Richard will be missed by those who knew him.

**Our Father,  
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Hallowed be thy Name.  
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As it is in heaven.  
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As we forgive them that  
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|   | 3 |   |   |   |   |   | 2 | 6 |
|   |   |   | 5 | 6 |   |   | 4 |   |
|   | 7 |   |   |   | 1 |   |   |   |
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## Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Advanced

### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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| 9 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 8 |
| 4 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 2 | 7 | 1 |
| 8 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 5 |
| 3 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 9 | 7 | 8 | 5 | 2 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 3 |
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| 6 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 9 |
| 2 | 9 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 7 |
| 5 | 3 | 8 | 9 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 6 |

ANSWER:



Find **10** differences

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 N E Y E S N B H Y P O X E M I A Y M I X  
 L H S B I B N V Y S G N U L E I G R O R  
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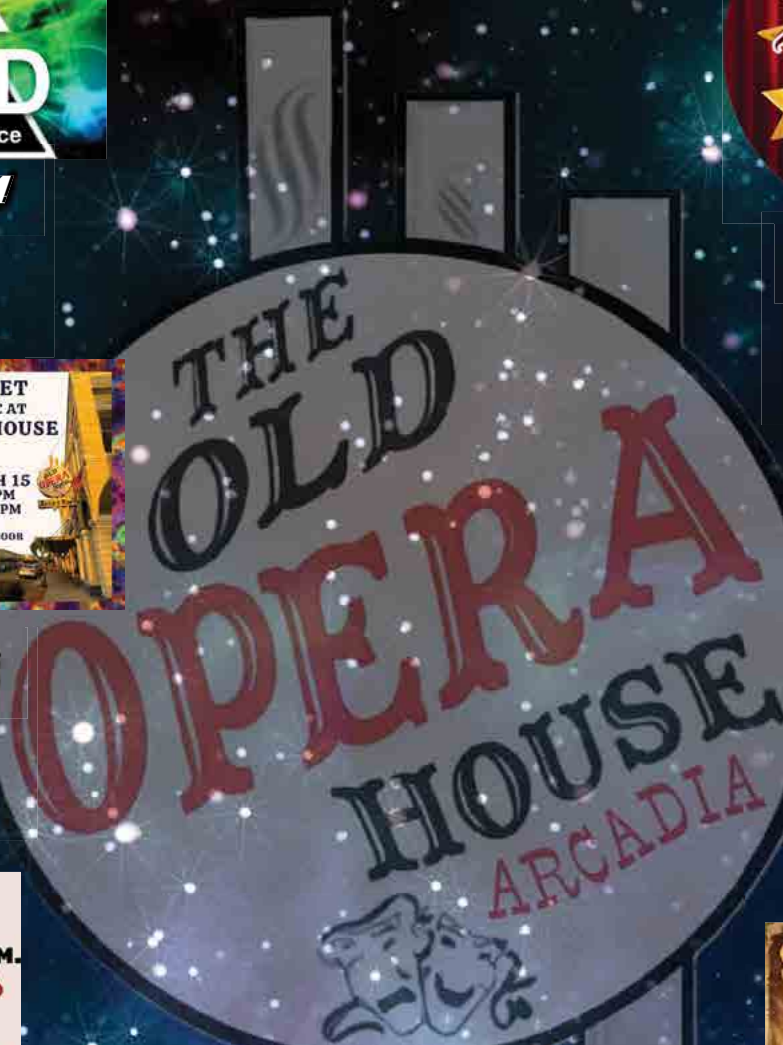
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# ARCADIA RODEO PARADE

Saturday, March 14, 2026

On behalf of the Arcadia Rodeo Association, you are invited to participate in the 2026 Arcadia Rodeo Parade. If you are an individual, an organization, a vehicle, a horse rider or unit, a business, a carriage, or a marching unit, we would like to have you join us in celebrating the 98th anniversary of the Arcadia Rodeo.

Line-up is at 9 a.m. at Oak Street and Orange Avenue and the parade will begin at 10 a.m. Awards will be presented and the 2026 President's Trophy.

The Arcadia Rodeo dates are March 12,13, 14 and 15  
Doors open at 11 a.m. Bar-B-Q, Vendors, Mutton-Bustin, and More.  
Shoot-out begins at 1:00 p.m. and the Rodeo at 2:00 p.m.  
Come out and join with us in a great weekend.

For more information contact Organziers:  
Jackie Tucker at 863-990-6750 or Bonnie Molloy at 863-244-4949  
You may email to jackie.tucker863@gmail.com  
or drop them off at Radio Shack 707 N. Brevard Ave., Arcadia, FL 34266

Deadline for entries is Wednesday, March 11, 2026  
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Name of Entry \_\_\_\_\_

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This is my 50th year since I came to Arcadia. At that time Arcadia was named the Best Small Town of America. I was so impressed that Arcadia ended up becoming my home.

It has been a great adventure. I thank all of DeSoto County, my friends and all of the business community for your friendship. I am blessed for all of the wonderful years and you are all special to me.

It takes great pleasure to let you all know that February 20th was my 1st Anniversary with my husband, Gary Johnson.

***Life is good and may God bless you all.***

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**JACKIE**  
**863-990-6750**  
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## CHAPTER 1

Roses are red, violets aren't green if you can see me, try not to scream. I'm not in the closet, or under the bed, I live in the air, but talk through your head". How would you like to live in a house where your dad wrote scary stories? I mean real scary stories. Some so scary that they even scared him. Well, that is how I was raised, in a house that lived, ate, slept, and cried over scary stories. My dad worked for Harry Brothers Films and Cartoons LLC. It wasn't a big company, but we were able to live off it, provided mom kicked in a little from her waitressing job. She didn't make much, but her and dad always made enough to keep us afloat. Of course, we never had any of the finer things in life, like a new car or house or anything but, we were always able to make ends meet, as dad would call it. My dad's job was to write the stories for scary films and once in a while, he would write something for the scary cartoon books. The cartoon books weren't too bad, but the film stories he wrote were really scary. My dad had quite

an imagination all right. How he would come up with this stuff was amazing. As long as my dad wrote about things that could be killed, I was ok with it. But, if he wrote about ghosts or spirits, that's when we parted. I wouldn't read them, even when dad would tell me they were only made up, it didn't help. I just did not want to read anything about ghosts or spirits. I wouldn't say I was too scared to; I just don't read or watch anything scary that doesn't die at the end of the story. I have always had that problem, even as a kid, but this story I am about to tell you is about a terrifying thing that came straight out of my dad's head. The monster was formed in a land fill, basically a so-called dump that people had not used in a very long time, possibly for more than a hundred and fifty years or so. Most people didn't know that this old dump even existed. The road going to it had been closed and was now overgrown with all kind of stuff. For years people had been reporting that their small animals were missing, but no one thought for a minute that something like this was going on. It wasn't until a group of miners went missing that they started looking for anything. This story

starts with a small group of miners that had been doing a little mining in a newly discovered cave. When they didn't come home, their families wanted to know why. The local sheriff told them that he had to give them a couple of days before he would go looking for them, and that they probably got a hold of old man Jerry's still and were laying out for the night, so the big search party didn't start until late the next day. An article in the newspaper talked about four miners who went looking for gold and that they had not been seen or heard from since Saturday afternoon. The article went on to say that the sheriff's office reported that three of the men were pretty healthy but that one of the men was still recovering from some kind of surgery that he had just gone through and that because of the weak man, they were not going to stay very long and should have been back way before dark Saturday night. That's all the article had, but rumor was that the one man was still bleeding, which was based on the fact that the volunteers found some blood on the trail that led up to the caves...

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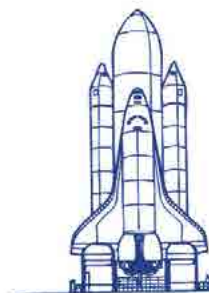
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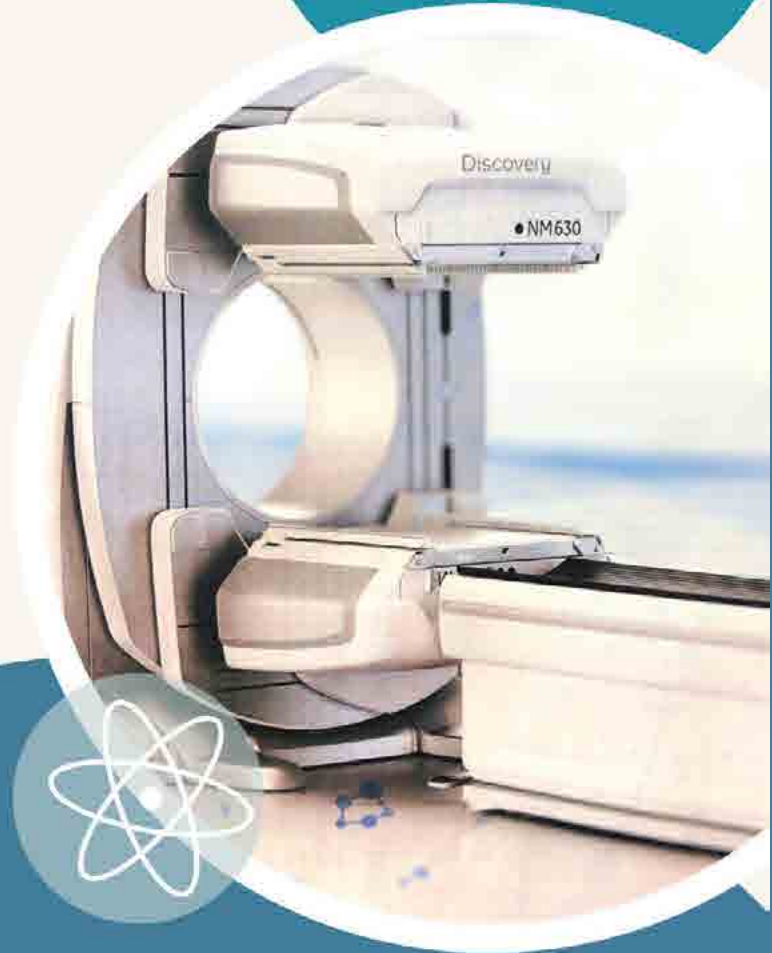


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