

Going Viral: LSU ID NOLA Newsletter



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Joanne Maffei's Nephew in PPE

Carl Schaubhut, age 9, created 2 versions of his own PPE after his sister became sick. He sent a note to his mother. All are OK.

It has been a crazy March...

I am practicing social distancing and heat therapy to combat the coronavirus. No, wait—it is just that my air conditioner is broken and it is 82° outside—and inside. I have eight rolls of toilet paper in my bathroom cabinet. I tried to use the online toilet paper calculator and couldn't find it. I found the site but all it had was an article about it and a bunch of ads. Never found the thing. Anyway it's for UK toilet paper and apparently United States toilet paper is different. Doesn't anybody make toilet paper in the United States? Never thought about that before now. The photo is of my nine-year-old nephew who made 2 versions of his own PPE when his sister came down with 102°F fever. She's doing OK and no one else in the family got sick so apparently his PPE was efficacious. Might need to ask him where he got his PPE manufactured. Trying to put a humorous spin on this but there's nothing humorous about this pandemic. We are in dire straits at this point. The slope is steeply ascending. University Medical Center has the isolation floor and the Medical ICU and Trauma ICU full of COVID patients and rule-outs. A third ICU was opened for

Dearest, mom it is my first day of quarantine
protecting myself. Wish you
Good luck in the apocalypse.
Love, Carl

COVID patients. The routine trauma and surgical ICU patients have been moved to the post-acute surgical care area. Hopefully social distancing will kick in and the curve will flatten out but not quite sure when. So we are looking forward to termite swarms in May, and June 1, which is the start of the hurricane season. That's all for now. Hope you all are doing better than us. **Joanne Maffei**