

Supercourse Newsletter
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Question: What do John F. Kennedy, Melanie Brown of the Spice Girls, Latoya Jackson (sister of Michael) and Ron LaPorte have in common:

Answer: They were all born on May 29...which once again shows you how similar Gemini's are!!!

Sadly, one of them got up especially early, just waiting to look at his email. This is the day of the year where all of his friends world wide send to him, that most precious gift---Their Prevention PowerPoint lectures. In the past 5 years he has gotten at least 89 lectures, where as JFK, Melanie, and Latoya have gotten none.

It was a very sad day, as there were no lectures. It was a very sad day, his friends had may have lost their will for prevention and the supercourse. Do we really want Melanie and Latoya to have more prevention lectures than the Supercourse? Sigh

But what can we do....a belated card...no...a belated lecture? Well, yes, that will do something for the bruised feelings. However, we need your help for something more important, continued funded.

As I had indicated we are submitting to the CDC for funding. We are quite in need of this as we are "driving on fumes" in that our gas tank has been on empty. We do not want your money (well, maybe just a little bit) rather we would most appreciate if you could write to us a very short paragraph on "why I think the supercourse is important" for health and that it should continue. You could also write about why you thought the Supercourse was important for Informatics. We will incorporate this into the grant as proof that the Supercourse is helping. Please send this to the May 29th birthday person, ronlaporte@aol.com)

Public Health Informatics Grant: This grant is due June 17. We very much like what we are doing as we plan to build a multidisciplinary collaboration system across all of public health. We already have 24,000 in the network. They we are planning to build two state of the art Supercourses, one on Minority health, and the second on telecommunications and health that can be used in public health centers, academia, industry, etc. In addition our Tsunami lecture rambled all across the US and the world in a few day period educating likely over 300,000 people in 140 countries. If any of you would like to join us in the building of these, please let the birthday boy know at ronlaporte@aol.com.

I suspect that some of you plan to also submit to this grant. I critical element of the RFP is that of cooperation and collaboration across centers. We likely could partner with you if you are interested and demonstrate how our strengths are synergistic. Our grants would still be independent, but we would outline how we could collaborate together.

Whoops, we may not need any more money: It is fantastic, just in the last few minutes I got notification for Ruud de Reuter that I just won \$750,000 in the lottery in the Netherlands. Also, amazingly William Lee from the Chinese petroleum industry had \$28,000,000 that he wanted to give to me. Also, really amazingly the brother of Bill Gates just wrote and said he was going to give to m \$48,000,000. I may not write the grant now as this amount of money can the Supercourse can go on forever. However, I think I will, as I do not feel that we should continue on handouts from Ruud, William and Bill.

Thanks so much. Please take the time to write us a short note as to how you see the Supercourse.

Best Regards on Latoya's birthday (and mine)

Ron, Faina, Mita, Eugene, Soni, Eugene, Tom, the rest of the Spice Girls, Julia, Latoya and Michael

If you would like to come off this list, please send a note to Mital@pitt.edu