**Eating too much salt linked to heart-related deaths worldwide**
The global taste for salt — seventy-five percent of the world’s population consumes nearly double the daily recommended amount of sodium — may have been responsible for 2.3 million heart-related deaths in 2010.

**Budget sequestration will hurt vital health care functions**
Programs facing cuts include the National Institutes of Health, facing $1.6 billion in cuts that will delay or halt vital scientific projects; and CDC programs that track infections and foodborne disease outbreaks.

**HSPH may adapt edX courses for target audiences**
With the rapid growth of edX—the virtual learning initiative launched by Harvard and MIT in May 2012 — faculty members are discussing modifying an edX course to target families in Boston, focusing on an issue such as childhood obesity.

**Event Highlights**

**Public Health at the World’s Largest Gathering: A Field Report From India’s Kumbh Mela**
March 28, 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM
Reception to follow
Kresge 502

**A Conversation with Kathleen Sebelius, U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services**
April 8, 2013 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM
Kresge G-1
RSVP

**GHP@50 Symposium**
April 25
Celebrating the 50th anniversary of HSPH's Global Health and Population Department
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**Around the School**

**Curbing children’s**
tobacco use in India by boosting life skills, confidence
Padmini Somani of the Salaam Bombay Foundation described her organization’s work in a talk at HSPH on March 5.

HSPH welcomes health care journalists to Boston
A group of journalists toured environmental health labs at the School during this year’s Association of Health Care Journalists’ conference, held in Boston, March 14-17.

Free Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) classes for women
Learn realistic self-defense tactics, including hands-on defense training. Also includes risk reduction and risk avoidance information. Nationally acclaimed program that has successfully trained over 250,000 women. Register

AIDS activism talk and film screening
Peter Staley, the AIDS activist featured in the Academy Award-nominated documentary How to Survive a Plague, will speak at the School on April 4 and present a screening of the film in the evening. The event is sponsored by the Harvard School of Public Health AIDS Initiative.

Biostatistics Dept. seeks nominations for Lagakos Award
The Lagakos Distinguished Alumni Award was established in memory of Stephen Lagakos, a faculty member and former chair of the Department of Biostatistics, who passed away in a tragic automobile accident in 2009.

Computer training classes
The Department of Information Technology is offering a Microsoft software training series for faculty, staff, and researchers. Classes are free and located in the Kresge computer labs.

Career and professional development training classes
Learn more about the latest course offerings from the Center for Workplace Development.

Last chance to nominate a Harvard Hero
To be considered as a Harvard Hero, nominees must go above and beyond the expectations of their job, and produce outstanding results. Read more about the criteria and submit a nomination by April 1. New this year: Nominate a Green Hero.