**Performance reviews due April 29**

Performance reviews for all staff are due in Human Resources by Friday, April 29. To access all of the materials available for this year's process, visit the performance management web page [Plan, Do, Grow](#). Contact your [HR Partner](#) with any questions.

**Rolling out the Green Carpet**

Harvard's Office for Sustainability honored the University's leaders of sustainability at the Green Carpet Awards on April 11. HSPH's new 90 Smith Street offices took the prize for Green Building Project. During the renovation of the former Catholic grammar school, the HSPH facilities team used lease negotiations to influence the owner/developer to incorporate sustainable features in the building common areas, including the HVAC system, insulation, and LED lighting. This is in addition to the many green features of the HSPH fit-out, including a projected 28% reduction in energy use. Robert Hughes, MPH '11, and staff members David Havelick and Hardeep Ranu received individual awards. [Read the Harvard Gazette article](#).

**HSPH Hosts Sociedad Latina Auction**

HSPH hosted a charity auction on March 24, 2011, that raised $3,300 for the local non-profit organization [Sociedad Latina](#). All of the items auctioned at the event were donated by HSPH students, staff, and faculty. [Watch a slideshow of the event](#).

**New and noteworthy**

- **Boston to phase out sugary drinks on city property**
  HSPH Prof. [Walter Willett](#) joined Boston Mayor Thomas Menino at a City Hall press conference on April 7 announcing a new executive order requiring a phase out over the next six months of the sale and advertisement of sugar-sweetened beverages from city property. The move is intended to set an example for the city and to "create a civic environment that makes the healthier choice the easier choice in people's lives," Menino said.

- **Report recommends new UN Population Fund head focus on sexual and reproductive health**

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**Event highlights**

- [Poster & Exhibit Day](#)
  Learn about the exciting research and service activities being carried out at the School.
  - April 15, 3:30 PM-5:30 PM
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- [Behavioral and Psychosocial Issues Related to Suicide, Accidental Death, and Violence Among Army Soldiers](#)
  - HICRC Seminar Series
  - April 19, 12:30-1:30 PM
  - Kresge G-2

- **Why Public Health?**
The new head of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) should focus on the agency's core mission—promoting sexual and reproductive health, including universal access to family planning, according to a new report by a Center for Global Development working group co-chaired by HSPH Prof. David Bloom.

**Health risks from estrogen pills fade after women stop taking them**
A new study co-authored by HSPH Prof. JoAnn Manson found that for menopausal women who have had hysterectomies, the risks of stroke and other health problems associated with estrogen pills diminish after women stop taking them. The researchers also unexpectedly found evidence of a reduced risk of breast cancer among this population; however, they caution that more research is needed.

**South African health minister describes plan to stem tide of HIV/AIDS**
"It is an epidemic that has grown so strong that it has changed mortality as we understand it," South African Minister of Health Aaron Motsoaledi said. "When did this state of affairs occur? Does it take a lifetime for an epidemic to change a country? The answer is no."