Commencement today, May 26
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Morning Exercises in Harvard Yard, Cambridge
9:45-11:30 AM
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Morning Exercises will be broadcast from 9:00 AM-11:30 AM on Comcast Cable: Channel 12 in Boston/Brookline or Channel 283 in Cambridge/Greater Boston.

Afternoon Exercises in the Kresge Courtyard, HSPH 2:30-5:00 PM
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HSPH's Afternoon Exercises will be televised in the Kresge Cafeteria.

Around the School

Leadership crucial for U.S. emergency preparedness
The first decade of the 21st century one day will be viewed as "the decade of fear," HSPH's Leonard Marcus (pictured) and Barry Dorn wrote in a Washington Post opinion piece. Bad leadership is a public health risk factor, according to the authors. Read more

HSPH's Connolly fighting tobacco use worldwide
Gregory Connolly, director of the Center for Global Tobacco Control and professor of the practice of public health at HSPH, was featured in the Harvard Gazette for his research on the health effects of tobacco and the effectiveness of interventions designed to curb its use. Read more
**Research News**

**The dance of the cells: A minuet or a mosh?**

Scientists at HSPH and the Institute for Bioengineering of Catalonia have discovered that cells get from place to place inside the living body by fighting it out, each pushing and pulling on its neighbors in a chaotic dance, yet together moving cooperatively toward their intended direction. [Read more](#)

**Selective abortion of girls appears common in India**

HSPH's [S V Subramanian](#) co-authored a commentary in the *Lancet* that accompanied a new study which documented a rise in sex-selective abortions among Indian families. He wrote, "The financial incentive for physicians to undertake this illegal activity seems to be far greater than the penalties associated with breaking the law." [Read more](#)