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Good morning Ms Cathy Thompson

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Leading The News

Researchers Working With Public School Nurses To Curb Suicide Among LGBT Teenagers.

The [AP](#) (3/28) reports researchers in California, Maryland, and New Mexico “are working with public school nurses” to curb suicide rates among LGBT teenagers “by making school grounds safer.” The article reports that suicide rates “are three to four times higher for lesbian, gay and transgender students than their peers.”

Psychiatric News Alert



[Psychiatry Training Programs Filled Nearly All Positions on Match Day](#)

[Duloxetine, Venlafaxine May Be Most Effective at Reducing Diabetic Nerve Pain](#)

The APA's Telepsychiatry Toolkit is growing!

The [Telepsychiatry Toolkit](#) is an online resource for psychiatrists who want to learn more about integrating telepsychiatry into their practice.

The [new content](#) focuses on practice and clinical considerations, technology needs, legal issues and more. Check out the new “Technical Considerations” section, with information about choosing appropriate software for telepsychiatry and how to address potential security concerns related to live videoconferencing. [Explore the Toolkit.](#)



Psychiatric Treatment/Disorders

Plasma NFL May Be Increased With Patients With MCI And Alzheimer Disease Dementia, Study Indicates.

[MedPage Today](#) (3/28, Lou) reports, “Plasma neurofilament light (NFL) was increased in patients with mild cognitive impairment [MCI] and Alzheimer disease dementia,” researchers found after studying “193 cognitively healthy controls, 197 people with mild cognitive impairment, and 180 patients with Alzheimer disease dementia.” The [findings](#) were published online March 27 in JAMA Neurology. The

time.” authors of an accompanying [editorial](#), however, “suggested the biomarker is not ready for prime

Government And Psychiatry

House GOP Lawmakers Mulling Another Proposal To Repeal, Replace ACA.

The [New York Times](#) (3/28, Pear, Peters, Subscription Publication) reports House GOP leaders and the White House, “under extreme pressure from conservative activists, have restarted negotiations on legislation to repeal the Affordable Care Act, with House leaders declaring that Democrats were celebrating the law’s survival prematurely.”

The [AP](#) (3/28, Fram) reports Ryan said he will seek GOP lawmakers’ support once more to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act, although he provided no timeline. In addition, GOP leaders have yet to determine “how to overcome the deep GOP divisions that crumpled their legislation last week in a humiliating retreat for themselves and President Donald Trump.”

States Consider Expanding Medicaid After GOP Healthcare Bill’s Collapse.

The [Wall Street Journal](#) (3/28, Armour, Subscription Publication) reports that following the collapse of the Republican healthcare bill, a growing number of states are considering expanding Medicaid under the ACA, which could make it more difficult for Republicans to dismantle the law in the future. Kansas’ Republican-led legislature voted Tuesday to expand the state’s Medicaid program, the [Wall Street Journal](#) (3/28, Levitz, Mahtani, Subscription Publication) reports in a separate story. The Kansas state Senate voted 25-14 for the measure, which passed the state House in February. Gov. Sam Brownback, a Republican, appears likely to reject the bill, and the 25 votes it received in the Senate are two short of the 27 needed to override his veto. According to a front-page story in the [Washington Post](#) (3/28, A1, Delreal, Somashekhar), Kansas’ “abrupt reversal” could be “the front edge of a larger shift nationally, as state lawmakers absorb the repercussions of congressional Republicans’ failed attempt to repeal and replace elements of the Affordable Care Act.”

Other News

Elevated Blood-Lead Levels In Childhood May Be Linked To Lower IQ Later In Life, Study Suggests.

The [Washington Post](#) (3/28, Dennis) reports that [research](#) (3/28) published in the Journal of the American Medical Association indicated kids “with elevated blood-lead levels at age 11 ended up as adults with lower cognitive function and lower-status occupations than their parents.”

[TIME](#) (3/28, Sifferlin) reports that for the study, investigators “followed 565 people in New Zealand who were part of a study of people born between 1972 and 1973.” Study participants “had their blood lead levels measured when they were 11 years old, and the researchers followed up with blood tests about decades later, when they were 38.”

[Reuters](#) (3/28, Rapaport) reports that study “participants with childhood blood lead levels above 10 micrograms/dl had average adult IQ test scores 4.25 points lower than their peers

with lower blood lead levels." The investigators, "after accounting for factors that can influence adult IQ and earnings such as childhood IQ and socioeconomic status as well as mothers' IQ...still found that higher lead levels in childhood were" linked to "downward social mobility."

Increase In Premature Deaths Among 25- to 44-Year-Olds Driven By Drug Overdoses, Report Finds.

[USA Today](#) (3/29, O'Donnell) reports "premature deaths among those aged 25-44 were way up in 2015," driven primarily by "a surge of drug overdoses in suburban areas," a report by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation revealed Wednesday. The report also found "a rural and urban divide, along with racial differences."

Tuesday's Lead Stories

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- **Ryan Insists GOP Will Continue Efforts To Overhaul Healthcare System.**
- **More Senior Women Expected To Drink And/Or Abuse Alcohol, Study Indicates.**
- **Interest Growing In Ketamine As Treatment For Severe Depression.**
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