

Patients Held  
Against Will  
By Hospitals

Top Chain Incentivizes  
Psychiatric Stays

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Acadia Healthcare is one of America's largest chains of psychiatric hospitals. Since the pandemic exacerbated a national mental health crisis, the company's revenue has soared. Its stock price has more than doubled.

But a New York Times investigation found that some of that success was built on a disturbing practice: Acadia has lured patients into its facilities and held them against their will, even when detaining them was not medically necessary.

In at least 12 of the 19 states where Acadia operates psychiatric hospitals, dozens of patients, employees and police officers have alerted the authorities that the company was detaining people in ways that violated the law, according to records reviewed by The Times. In some cases, judges have intervened to force Acadia to release patients.

Some patients arrived at emergency rooms seeking routine mental health care, only to find themselves sent to Acadia facilities and locked in.

A social worker spent six days inside an Acadia hospital in Florida after she tried to get her bipolar medications adjusted. A woman who works at a children's hospital was held for seven days after she showed up at an Acadia facility in Indiana looking for therapy. And after police officers raided an Acadia hospital in Georgia, 16 patients told investigators that they had been kept there “with no excuses or valid reason,” according to a police report.

Acadia held all of them under laws meant for people who pose an imminent threat to themselves or others. But none of the patients appeared to have met that legal standard, according to records and interviews.

Most doctors agree that people in the throes of a psychological crisis

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Tens of thousands protesting the lack of a cease-fire with Hamas in Tel Aviv on Sunday night after six hostages were found dead.

In Gaza, a Race to Halt Polio’s Spread in the War’s Fleeting Pauses

This article is by Bilal Shbair, Erika Solomon and Hiba Yazbek.

KHAN YOUNIS, Gaza Strip — Health workers on Sunday began a polio vaccination drive in Gaza aimed at preventing an outbreak of the quick-spreading disease — a daunting challenge in a besieged enclave shattered by 10 months of war and dependent on commitments by Israel and Hamas to abide by pledged “humanitarian pauses.”

Israel, facing international pressure to prevent a wider outbreak of the crippling disease, moved with relative speed to allow agencies of the United Nations, supported by local health officials, to tackle the crisis in Gaza, where it launched a war in response to a Hamas-led attack on Oct. 7.

Although the vaccination drive officially began early Sunday, Gazan health authorities gave some doses to children on Saturday at Nasser Hospital in the southern city of Khan Younis, according to reports in Palestinian news media. Videos showed doctors and health workers squeezing droplets of the poliovirus vaccine into the mouths of children who were being treated at the hospital.

“I knew about this campaign by chance. I was frightened when I heard the word polio,” said Maysaa Abu Daqqa, a mother of a 9-year-old, Habib Nizam. Ms. Abu Daqqa was waiting in a patients’ room at Nasser Hospital. “When I saw other women accepting the vaccinations for their children, I was encouraged to follow them,” she said.

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A polio vaccination drive to immunize hundreds of thousands of children under the age of 10 began this weekend in central Gaza.

Vance’s Combativeness May Vex  
Some Voters, but Trump Likes It

By MICHAEL C. BENDER

ERIE, Pa. — Donald J. Trump knew that JD Vance could take a punch. But during their first week together on the campaign trail, the former president wondered just how many hits his new running mate could absorb.

The volume and velocity of attacks from Democrats stunned even Mr. Trump. He was unaware of the most incendiary remarks that opponents were rapidly unearthing from Mr. Vance's past, and the former president told allies that he was troubled by the idea that more comments would come to light as Democrats savaged his heir apparent as weird and anti-women.

A month later, polls show that

the number of Americans who dislike Mr. Vance continues to grow — but Mr. Trump could not be happier.

The reason: Mr. Vance's relentless pace of full-throttle performances as Mr. Trump's well-trained attack dog has pleased the former president and instilled a sense of stability inside a campaign still shaken by President Biden's sudden exit from the race.

Mr. Trump had instructed his young sidekick to fight forcefully through those initial attacks, and later said Mr. Vance's execution exceeded his expectations, according to three allies who insisted on anonymity to discuss

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As Ash Trees Die, an Ancient Irish Game Adapts

By MEGAN SPECIA

SIXMILEBRIDGE, Ireland — The horde of helmeted players raced up the field like warriors headed into battle, with the slap of a ball against the wooden sticks they wielded, known as hurleys, ringing out as they sped toward the goal posts.

With powerful grace, the players deftly switched between passing, carrying and smacking the small leather ball, which sometimes whizzed through the air half the length of the enormous

Players in Hurling Find  
Bamboo Might Do

mous pitch to the delight of the crowd.

It was the All-Ireland Hurling Senior Championship, the pinnacle of the sport, with County Clare eventually winning the final against County Cork in front of about 82,000 spectators at Croke Park stadium in Dublin.

Hurling — one of Ireland's

national sports — has long been known as “the clash of the ash” for the sturdy hurleys that craftsmen have fashioned for centuries from Ireland's ash trees. The formidable, three-foot-long sticks are core to the game, which to an outsider can look like a cross between baseball, lacrosse and rugby. They are used not only to pass the ball, but also to carry it, and of course to score, either by whacking the ball over the goal's crossbar or whipping it into the net below.

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Willie Bulfin crafting hurleys, the formidable wooden sticks that are core to the sport of hurling.

Gratitude Wanes With Proliferation of Gratuities

By BEN CASSELMAN

Americans are being asked to tip more often and in more places than ever before: at fast-food counters and corner stores, at auto garages and carwashes, even at self-checkout kiosks. That has rankled many customers and divided both employers and tipped workers.

It may soon get worse. Both major-party presidential candidates have embraced proposals to eliminate income taxes on tips, a move

No-Tax Idea Could End  
Up Hurting Workers

that would, in effect, subsidize tipping and prompt more businesses to rely on it.

Economists across the political spectrum have panned the tax idea, arguing that it is unfair — favoring one set of low-wage workers over others — and could have unintended consequences. Even

some tipped workers and groups that represent them are skeptical, worrying that over the long term the policy could result in lower pay.

But the debate alone underscores how service-sector workers have emerged from the pandemic as an economically and politically potent force. The spread of tipping in recent years was, in part, a result of the intense demand for workers, and the leverage it gave them. The presidential

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The widespread use and enormous expense of blockbuster drugs like Wegovy are forcing state governments to make painful choices.

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Candidates who lost by small margins in 2022 are trying to mount comebacks. Their races could determine which party controls the House.

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Flag Defenders Balk at Party

After students shielded a U.S. flag from protesters at the University of North Carolina, admirers set up a celebration. Some do not want it.

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Far-Right Gains in Germany

The Alternative for Germany party was on course to win in a state election, worrying some observers.

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In Democratic Republic of Congo, many face the crushing effects of the disease, with little that can be done.

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About 10,000 employees in cities across the country staged a walkout on Sunday as part of a rolling strike planned over the next several days.

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For Repsol, based in Madrid, there is still life in biofuels, as long as they can pass as low carbon.

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Alastair Carruthers, along with his wife, created a beauty care revolution from a neurotoxin. He was 79.

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The range of the actress, starring in “Between the Temples,” is much wider than her oddball roles suggest.

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Their Shine On

In a new exhibition in Manhattan, hip-hop jewelry signifies elite membership, romantic courtship and an ambition to reach greatness. Right, Ghostface Killah's gold eagle cuff.

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Large crowds have also meant longer lines at Billie Jean King National Tennis Center.

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