

WHAT THE PAPERS SAID

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REVIEWS THE WEEK'S PRESS

What with tickling rats, frightening monkeys and curing imaginary stress, it's amazing that psychologists have time for more mundane chores, but last week's news revealed two other part-time jobs for them. On Thursday, under the headline "Drama group finds captive audience ready", the *Telegraph* reported on the antics of an experimental theatre company who are going to "kidnap two members of the public off the streets, keep them hostage for 48 hours, verbally abuse them and deprive them of most comforts" in the name of art. The victims will be chosen from almost 400 people who have already volunteered for the ordeal. And as the report makes clear: "Qualified psychologists will be on hand in case the victims become agitated." Volunteers may, when they put their names forward, pay an extra £12, on top of the registration fee of £10, to be allowed a hot bath, and £10 for a bedtime story.