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'SEEING PEOPLE AS PEOPLE'



At the Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine, students are assigned to a family or patient over their entire three years at the school. Students Tom Horton, center, and Naomi Bruk, right, were paired with Taneisha Mallard, a Paterson, New Jersey, resident who has an 8-year-old son with autism. ANNE-MARIE CARUSO/NORTHJERSEY.COM

Medical schools improving care for people with disabilities

Scott Fallon and Gene Myers
NorthJersey.com | USA TODAY NETWORK

When Elizabeth Dalzell's daughter Liesl complained of severe pain in her left shoulder in June by using sign language, it began a nearly monthlong odyssey through New Jersey's health care system before the young woman with multiple disabilities received the care she needed – a routine cortisone shot. • During that time, an urgent care provider balked at giving Liesl an X-ray because she moved too much. An orthopedist asked Dalzell if her daughter would get "all weirdo" during an examination. And a week had to pass before an anesthesiologist was available to put Liesl under so she could receive the shot without interfering.

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Faith Slump, 12, speaks alongside her mother, Maria Slump, left, during a panel discussion in which people with disabilities shared their experiences with medical students at New Jersey's Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine. JULIAN LESHAY GUADALUPE/NORTHJERSEY.COM

Trump unveils new sanctions on Venezuela

Kathryn Palmer
USA TODAY

President Donald Trump is continuing to ratchet up pressure on Venezuela, after United States military forces seized an oil tanker off the South American country's coast and unveiled new sanctions on it.

The Dec. 10 seizure is the latest escalation in a stand-off between the American president and Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro. Trump has been vocal about his desire for the Venezuelan president to step down, and has accused Maduro's government of drug trafficking and terrorism.

The administration plans to transport the tanker to a U.S. port and claim the oil it's carrying, the White House said.

"Largest one ever seized, actually. And other things are happening," the president said. "I assume we're going to keep the oil" from the ship, he added later.

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How many bears have been killed in this year's hunt?

Chad Gillis
Fort Myers News-Press & Naples Daily News
USA TODAY NETWORK – FLORIDA

Some Florida hunters say humans should put fear into animals like the Florida black bear, saying the animal is a dangerous apex predator that kills pets, destroys homes and raids refrigerators.

Captain Phil Walter at Gator Guides said the hunt is part of the way the world works, and that people should be able to manage their lands and the wildlife on it the way they see fit.

"In the natural order of things, a predator really needs to fear humans to coexist with us," Walter said. "With no hunts, this apex predator has no fear of humans."

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