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## THE TOOLS TO NARROW THE GAP

Medical schools are improving care  
for people with disabilities

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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 weird” 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. **See IMPROVEMENTS, Page 4A**

Students listen and take notes during a panel discussion featuring people with disabilities to share their experiences with medical students at Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine in Nutley on Sept. 16.

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## Denial of pension for ex-judge upheld

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A state appellate court has upheld the denial of a lifetime pension to a former Middlesex County Superior Court judge who claimed she was permanently disabled because of an unsuccessful criminal prosecution against her for allegedly harboring her then-boyfriend who was wanted for armed robbery. The Nov. 12 court decision is the latest chapter in the 12-year saga of Carlia Brady, the state’s first Filipino American to become a Superior Court judge, who was suspended from the bench in June 2013, two



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## Carteret awards \$47M ferry terminal construction contract

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CARTERET – The borough is looking to break ground in December 2025 on the \$47 million Carteret Multimodal Ferry Terminal after the contract was awarded to a Morris County firm. The borough recently awarded Brockwell & Carrington Contractors of Towaco the contract to construct the multi-level building after the project received long-awaited federal and state approvals. The borough accepted three bids for the project, which is expected to take 18-24 months to construct following the groundbreaking. “The ferry terminal has been a long time coming to Carteret,” stated Mayor Daniel J. Reiman. “You’re looking at something that is

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