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DEPLOYING advanced robotics, scientists discovered World War II-era munitions littered across the seafloor off the coast of Los Angeles. Discarding military waste at sea was not uncommon in decades past.

Florida cleared for drug imports

In a first, FDA says cheaper prescriptions can be acquired from Canada to ease costs.

By MATTHEW PERRONE

WASHINGTON — The Food and Drug Administration on Friday cleared the way for Florida's first-in-the-nation plan to import prescription drugs from Canada, a long-sought approach to accessing cheaper medications that follows decades of frustration with U.S. drug prices.

Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis signed the plan into law in 2019, but it required federal review and approval by the FDA, which controls prescription drug imports.

Democratic President Biden has backed such programs as a way to lower prices, signing an executive order in 2021 that directed the FDA to work with states on imports.

The policy change represented a shift after years of successful lobbying by the pharmaceutical industry, which said imports would expose U.S. patients to risks

[See **Prescriptions**, A7]



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LAWRENCE TOLLIVER, right, waits for customers while others converse about issues of the day at his barbershop on Florence Avenue in South L.A.

It's the final cut for his landmark barbershop

Lawrence Tolliver's place was an L.A. institution

STEVE LOPEZ

Lawrence Tolliver wasn't ready to say goodbye, but circumstances were beyond his control, and the timing was downright cruel.

The South Los Angeles building that housed Tolliver's Barber Shop was being sold, and the new owner had different plans for the space. Early in December, the same month a documentary on his legendary shop was set to premiere, Tolliver found out he'd have to move out by Christmas.



"On to the next," he said one day, trying to stay positive. He told me he had read a column of mine in which the late Norman Lear said life is a series of transitions from what's over to what's next.

But Tolliver, approaching 80, wasn't sure what was next, and he was hurting. At one point, as he packed away his belongings, he was too worked up to even talk about it.

"It's hard enough going through it," he said.

Tolliver has been a barber for more than half a century at three locations, the last 12 years on the south side of Florence Avenue near Western, [See **Lopez**, A10]

Old munitions on seabed pose unknown risk

Weaponry from WWII era is found by scientists mapping ocean off L.A. coast.

By ROSANNA XIA

It's not just toxic chemical waste and mysterious barrels that litter the seafloor off the coast of Los Angeles. Oceanographers have now discovered what appears to be a massive dumping ground of military weaponry.

As part of an unprecedented effort to map and better understand the history of ocean dumping in the region, scientists have found a multitude of discarded munition boxes, smoke floats and depth charges lurking 3,000 feet underwater. Most appear to be from the World War II era, and it remains unclear what risk they might pose to the environment.

"We started to find the same objects by the dozens, if not hundreds, consis-

tently. ... It actually took a few days to really understand what we were seeing on the seabed," said Eric Terrill, who co-led the deep-ocean survey with Sophia Merrifield at UC San Diego's Scripps Institution of Oceanography. "Who knew that right in our backyard, the more you look, the more you find."

Among the munitions documented were Hedgehog and Mark 9 depth charges — explosives that were typically dropped from warships to attack submarines. Researchers also identified Mark 1 smoke floats — chemical smoke munitions that were dropped by ships to mark locations or to conceal their movements.

These findings, made public Friday, build on a stunning 2021 underwater sonar survey that identified tens of thousands of barrel-like objects between Los Angeles and Santa Catalina Island. Merrifield and Terrill's research team, assisted by a rare partnership with the

[See **Waste**, A10]

State sees gaps in mandated classes

Court-ordered parenting, key in child abuse cases, goes largely unregulated.

By MACKENZIE MAYS

SACRAMENTO — Before they were charged with torturing and murdering their 4-year-old son, Ursula Juarez and Jose Cuatro were ordered by a court to complete classes meant to teach them how to be better parents.

For 12 weeks in 2017, court records show, they each attended parenting classes as part of their case plan with the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services in an effort to regain custody of their toddler, Noah Cuatro, who was taken by the state after allegations that another child in the home had been abused.

Juarez attended "culturally relevant" classes held at a community resource cen-

ter in Palmdale that taught parents how to instill responsibility and "discipline with love," according to a description of the program named in Los Angeles County Superior Court records. The records show Cuatro attended classes at a church, where a pastor taught parents how to create structured schedules and to use prayer to cope with family stress.

Juarez and Cuatro submitted certificates of completion of those classes to officials, a factor considered when a court commissioner ruled in 2018 that it was safe for Noah to be in their care.

By 2019, the tiny boy with big brown eyes and bouncing curls was dead. An autopsy ruled that the cause was suffocation, and found numerous injuries, including rib fractures caused by "significant force." It was a month before his fifth birthday.

Court-ordered parenting classes like those that Noah's parents were required

[See **Parenting**, A5]

FIRST PERSON

A look back at Jan. 6 — from inside the Capitol

By SARAH D. WIRE >>> Many Americans watched video footage of the crowd attacking the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, but few have a firsthand account of what happened inside. Three years ago, Times reporter Sarah D. Wire wrote about her experience, typing it out on a cellphone from the House safe room. She was one of three reporters to make it inside. ¶ Now, with the aid of time and surveillance footage recently made available by the House, along with additional firsthand accounts from Rep. Norma Torres (D-Pomona), Sen. John Boozman (R-Ark.) and freelance congressional correspondent Matt Laslo, Wire provides a more expansive view of what it was like inside the Capitol that day.

I knew there was going to be a massive protest in Washington on Jan. 6, 2021. Then-President Trump had been talking about it for weeks. I knew violence was likely. A mid-December MAGA event had become violent. Social media platforms were full of open calls for civil war and revolution, and dozens of news outlets had written about it.

But I worked inside the U.S. Capitol, the safest place on Earth, as I reminded my husband the night before — I was worried about the reporters who would be outside.

While I obliged my husband's pleas to wear plain clothes and get into the building as swiftly as possible, I never thought twice

[See **Capitol**, A6]



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RIOT POLICE clear a hallway inside the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. Three years later, Times reporter Sarah D. Wire recalls her harrowing experience there.

Court to rule if Trump can run

Justices will decide whether ex-president can be barred from ballot due to insurrection. **PERSPECTIVES**, A2

'Tongan Power' drives Tuipulotu

Rookie standout with the Chargers, a former star at USC, doesn't forget where he came from. **SPORTS**, B12

Menopause in the workplace

As women speak up about a once-taboo topic, more employers are offering related benefits. **BUSINESS**, A8

Weather

Some sun. L.A. Basin: 65/46. **B8**



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