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A FEARSOME FIND

Ancient tooth discovered by man and his grandson at Virginia Beach's North End likely from megalodon

By Stacy Parker | Staff writer

VIRGINIA BEACH — One of the most fearsome predators to rule the seas millions of years ago may have left something behind at Virginia Beach's North End.

Terry Siviter and his 5-year-old grandson, Jackson Fox, recently found a shark tooth on the beach there. Scientists think it could have belonged to a megalodon, an extinct shark, that lived in the ocean more than 3 million years ago.

It was a warm October afternoon when the two of them decided to scour the shoreline at 52nd Street.

"Jackson goes, 'Pop-Pop, let's go find rocks,' which to him are gold and treasure," said Siviter, 67.

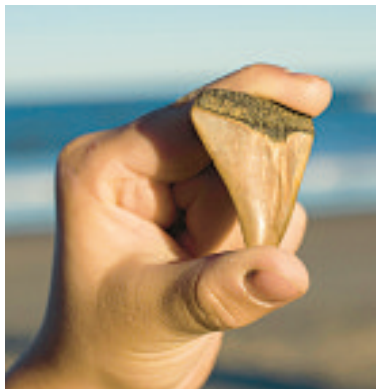
He and his grandson often go to the beach where Siviter likes to surf, and Fox rides a boogie board. They catch fish in nets and hunt for sea glass.

On that October day, at the peak of low tide, they stood together along the water's edge. A gentle wave washed over their feet. As it receded, Siviter spotted the small, smooth, brown tooth. It was only about 1.5 inches long.

"It just caught my eye," he said. "A bigger wave came, and I grabbed it just in time."

Siviter and Fox were likely the first people to touch what may be a tooth from a juvenile megalodon.

They knew they had something special. Siviter had seen megalodon teeth before at a friend's house. He sent a picture of his find to experts at the Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center in Virginia Beach.



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Terry Siviter and his grandson Jackson Fox, 5, top, on the beach at 52nd Street on Thursday afternoon, near where they found a fossilized shark tooth, above, in early October. Megalodons lived roughly 23 million to 3.6 million years ago and were three times the length of the modern-day great white shark. **BILL TIERNAN PHOTOS/FOR THE VIRGINIAN-PILOT**

Distrust spreads as Hegseth ousts military brass



Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth talks with service members Oct. 28 at the U.S. Navy's Yokosuka base south of Tokyo. **EUGENE HOSHIO/AP**

By Greg Jaffe, Eric Schmitt and Helene Cooper
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth has fired or sidelined at least two dozen generals and admirals over the past nine months in a series of ousters that could reshape the U.S. military for years to come.

His actions, which are without precedent in recent decades, have come with little explanation.

In many cases, they have run counter to the advice of military leaders who fought alongside the officers in combat, senior military officials said. The utter

unpredictability of Hegseth's moves, as described in interviews with 20 current and former military officials, has created an atmosphere of mistrust that has forced senior officers to take sides and, at times, pitted them against one another.

Hegseth has delayed or canceled the promotions of at least four senior military officers because they previously worked for Gen. Mark Milley, a former chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff whom President Donald Trump loathes and has repeatedly accused of disloyalty.

One is Maj. Gen. James Patrick

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ELECTION 2025 ANALYSIS

Fresh eyes on vetoed bills?

Dems' state trifecta may give new life to wage hike, paid leave

By Kate Seltzer
Staff writer

Gov. Glenn Youngkin vetoed over 400 bills over the last four years, more than the previous six governors' veto totals combined. The bulk of those vetoes were in the last two years, when Democrats held narrow majorities in both chambers of the General Assembly.

But power is shifting in Virginia. Come January, Democrats will enjoy a trifecta of power in both chambers of the legislature after significant wins on Election Day. That includes a sizable majority in the House of Delegates, and the governor's mansion as Gov.-elect Abigail Spanberger takes office. That means Democratic General Assembly members will likely try to push forward legislation that has historically been vetoed by Youngkin, such as collective bargaining rights for government employees, paid family leave and raising the state minimum wage to \$15 an hour.

That doesn't mean a check on Democratic-sponsored legislation has totally vanished.

"The biggest limiting factor on getting things done is going to be the budget," said Sen. Majority Leader Scott Surovell. "And Virginia's finances are a total mess."

Surovell said that President Donald Trump's budget resolution that passed earlier this year would mean substantial impacts to Virginia's budget,

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Renowned documentarian hopes new series on American Revolution helps heal fractured nation. **Sunday Break**

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