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A lifeguard at work in January at Bondi Beach, near Sydney. Drones and high-tech traps could replace nets as tools against sharks.

Putting teeth into beach safety

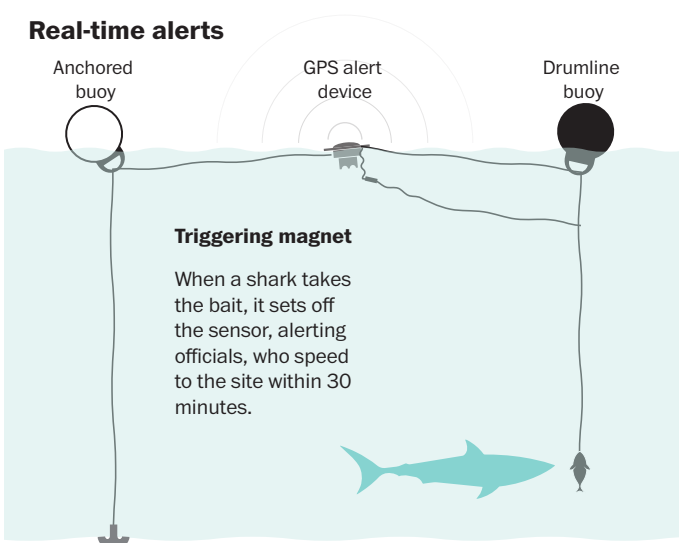
As shark attacks rise, Australia has become a lab for high-tech monitoring and prevention

BY MICHAEL E. MILLER

COFFS HARBOUR, AUSTRALIA — It was just before noon when Nathaniel Woodcock returned to the beach with fresh batteries for his drone. It was the height of the Australian summer, and the 21-year-old was spending another day scanning the emerald waters from above.

He spotted something headed toward the swimmers and surfers: A seven-foot shadow. A great white shark.

Woodcock radioed lifeguards, then activated the warning system, he later recalled, recounting the incident to a reporter. “Attention, beach users,” the drone blared. “There is a shark in your area. Please exit the water.”



Source: NSW Department of Primary Industries, Australian Shark Incident Database

As swimmers scrambled onto the beach, Woodcock's eyes were glued to his screen, where he saw the shark following a school of fish to shore. As a wave broke, the shark suddenly surged toward the beach. Then, to everyone's relief, it headed back out to sea.

Woodcock is one of hundreds of drone pilots enlisted in a high-tech push to stem an increase in shark attacks in Australia, a country of 100,000 beaches where most people live near the coast.

As the number of attacks has grown recently — in Australia and around the world — the nation is moving away from traditional shark-fighting tools like nets and adopting new technologies.

Australia now has the world's

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Supreme Court upholds access to key abortion pill

UNANIMOUS RULING UNLIKELY TO BE END

Doctors lacked grounds to bring case, justices say

BY ANN E. MARIMOW AND DAVID OVALLE

The Supreme Court on Thursday declined to limit access to a widely used abortion medication, rejecting a challenge from anti-abortion doctors two years after the court's conservative majority overturned *Roe v. Wade*.

In a unanimous ruling, the court sided with the Biden administration and the manufacturer of mifepristone and reversed a lower court decision that would have made it more difficult to obtain the drug used in more than 60 percent of U.S. abortions. The justices found that the plaintiffs did not have legal grounds to bring the challenge.

Writing for the court, Justice

Brett M. Kavanaugh said the anti-abortion doctors behind the case do not prescribe or use mifepristone, and the FDA's relaxed regulation of the medication does not require those doctors to do or refrain from doing anything.

“Rather, the plaintiffs want FDA to make mifepristone more difficult for other doctors to prescribe and for pregnant women to obtain,” Kavanaugh wrote. Under the Constitution, he added, a group's “desire to make a drug less available for others does not establish standing to sue.”

Kavanaugh emphasized in his opinion that doctors opposed to abortion are protected by federal conscience laws from having to perform abortion-related care that violates their beliefs, and that they can instead voice objections to the medication through

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Fate of post-Roe access escalates election stakes

A Trump administration would have broad power to impose limits on pills

BY CAROLINE KITCHENER AND MICHAEL SCHERER

The Supreme Court's decision Thursday not to impose restrictions on a key abortion drug, while a victory for abortion rights advocates, crystallizes the stakes of the next presidential election for access nationwide.

Because a president has enormous power to influence federal agencies that oversee abortion policy, a potential Trump administration could unilaterally choose to do what the Supreme Court did

not: impose strict restrictions on mifepristone, one of two drugs used in over 60 percent of abortions — or even move to take the drug off the market entirely.

“This decision means the ball is squarely in the next administration's court,” said Roger Severino, who oversees abortion policy at the conservative Heritage Foundation and led abortion-related initiatives in the Department of Health and Human Services under Trump. “It's up to the next administration to restore some semblance of safety to this largely unregulated regime of chemical abortion.”

As President Biden has repeatedly pledged to safeguard access to abortion pills — which leading medical associations agree are safe and effective — Trump has

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G-7 leaders unveil host of measures to aid Ukraine

BY MATT VISER AND TYLER PAGER

FASANO, ITALY — President Biden and his Ukrainian counterpart, Volodymyr Zelensky, unveiled a range of measures here Thursday meant to bolster support for Ukraine as the war with Russia slogs on, attempting to showcase that broad international support continues despite the war's uncertain course.

Biden and Zelensky signed a 10-year security agreement hours after leaders of the Group of Seven major democracies announced a plan to tap frozen Russian assets and provide Ukraine with \$50 billion in additional funds. It all came a day after the United States also announced new sanctions on individuals and companies helping Russia's war effort.

“We've taken three major

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After years of turmoil, a fatal night

Fairfax officers were called to help a transgender man in crisis. One killed him.

BY TOM JACKMAN

When they were 3 years old, the Lynch twins were playing with their nanny on rocks in Great Falls Park, near McLean, Va., when one of them suddenly declared, “I'm a boy!” The nanny laughed it off. But his family says the child, who had been assigned female at birth, was offering an early hint that those around him didn't perceive his true identity.

This struggle would continue into early adulthood, when he began telling people that he was transitioning. He took the name Jasper Aaron Lynch, or Aaron, as he liked to be called.

Friends, loved ones, teachers and neighbors said Aaron was an exceptionally smart youth, capable of using logic to outargue almost anyone. He was widely read in philosophy, theology and spirituality. He wrote poetry, was a straight-A student and made friends easily, his family said.

But people not recognizing his gender brought on bouts of extreme sadness, his family said. He was diagnosed with dissociative identity disorder, a condition often brought on by trauma that can cause a person to feel discon-



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From left, Kathy, Patrick and Tory Lynch with a photo of their son and twin brother, Aaron, who was fatally shot in 2022, at the age of 26. Aaron had long struggled with his mental health, his family said.

nected from their sense of self, a feeling that their external presence is not them, experts say. He regularly saw a therapist and participated in mental health

programs.

Then, on the evening of July 7, 2022, his family said, Aaron, 26, experienced a psychotic episode — which they think was the

culmination of his years of mental health struggles — and was fatally shot by a Fairfax County officer who had been called to

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U.S. reporter to face trial in Russia on spy charges

BY MARY ILYUSHINA

American journalist Evan Gershkovich of the Wall Street Journal will soon stand trial in the Russian city of Yekaterinburg on charges of spying for the CIA, Russian authorities said Thursday, even as they continued to disclose no evidence to support the accusations.

Gershkovich, 32, was arrested in March 2023 while on a reporting assignment for the Journal in Yekaterinburg and accused of espionage by the Federal Security Service, or FSB. If convicted, he faces up to 20 years in prison. Gershkovich, the Journal and U.S. officials repeatedly have rejected the charges as baseless.

Russian prosecutors, announcing that they had finalized an indictment, said in a statement that they had “established and documented” that Gershkovich “collected secret information” about the Uralvagonzavod military factory in the Sverdlovsk

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