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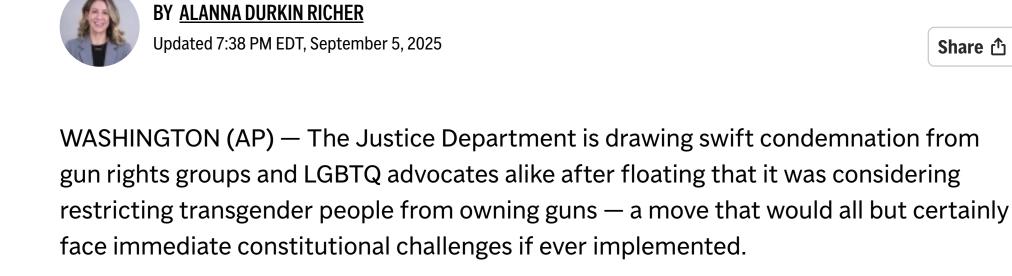
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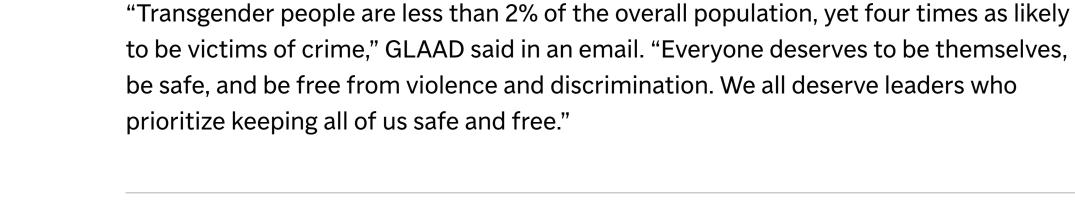
The discussions come in the wake of the shooting at a Minneapolis Catholic school last month that federal officials have said was carried out by a transgender shooter, according to a person familiar with the matter. The person, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal deliberations, cautioned that the talks were in the early stages and that no proposal has been finalized. Even so, that high-level officials in the Trump administration were discussing such an

idea sparked fury across the political spectrum. LGBTQ advocates called it misguided

and dangerous as the vast majority of mass shootings in the U.S. are carried out by men and do not involve transgender people. **ADVERTISEMENT**

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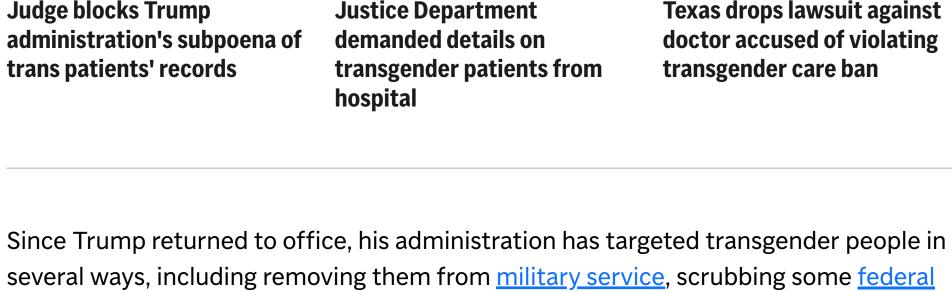


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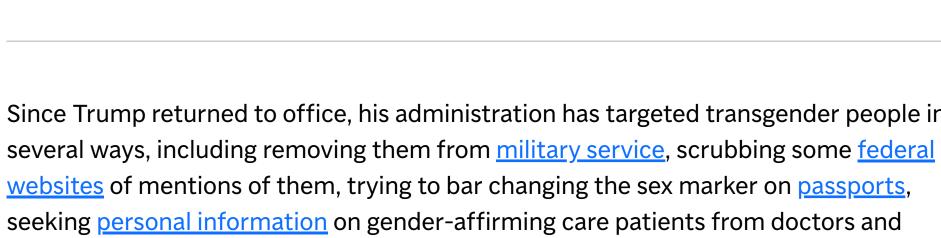
clinics, and seeking to bar transgender girls and women from certain sports

The Justice Department said in a statement in response to questions about the

violence we have seen from individuals with specific mental health challenges and

substance abuse disorders." But, the department said: "No specific criminal justice

firearms talks that the agency is "actively evaluating options to prevent the pattern of



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bars people from possessing firearms if they are "adjudicated as a mental defective." "It's incredibly worrying that that seems to be on the table for them," Alejandra Caraballo, a transgender rights activist and Harvard Law School instructor. "This is not something that would be that incredibly difficult to do logistically or practically but it would be politically explosive in terms of the backlash of Second Amendment groups."

Guns rights advocates — including politically powerful groups such as the National Rifle

Association and Gun Owners of America — vowed to fight any proposal that imposes a

blanket gun ban targeting a segment of the population.

Amendment rights without due process."

called the discussions "disturbing."

Some conservative figures have coalesced around the idea of restricting guns for

people diagnosed with gender dysphoria — the unease a person may have because

their assigned gender and gender identity don't match — through a federal law that

"The Second Amendment isn't up for debate," the NRA said in a social media post on Friday. "NRA does not, and will not, support any policy proposals that implement sweeping guns bans that arbitrarily strip law-abiding citizens of their Second

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Another gun rights group, Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms,

"Prohibiting whole groups of people from owning and using firearms because a sick

rights of all law-abiding citizens because some people have committed crimes," said

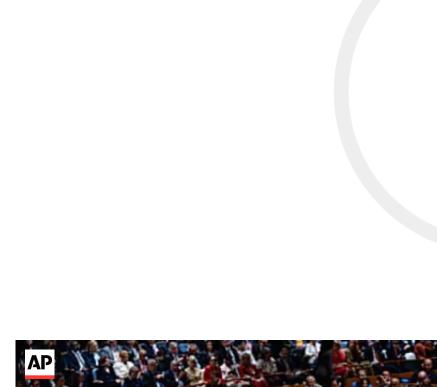
Alan Gottlieb, the group's chairman said in a statement. "That anyone in the Trump

administration would consider such nonsense is alarming."

individual misused a gun to harm and kill children is as reprehensible as restricting the



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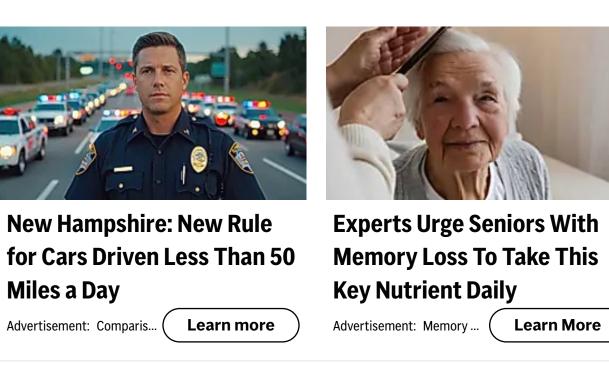
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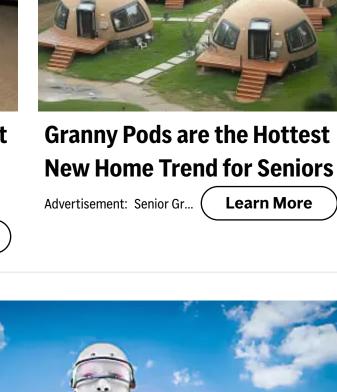
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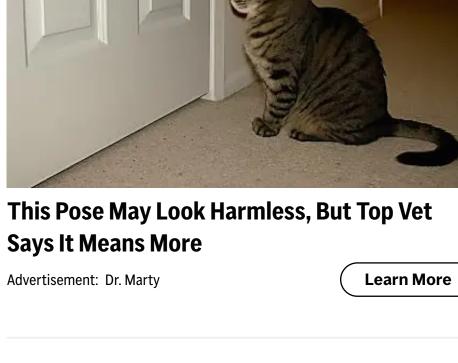
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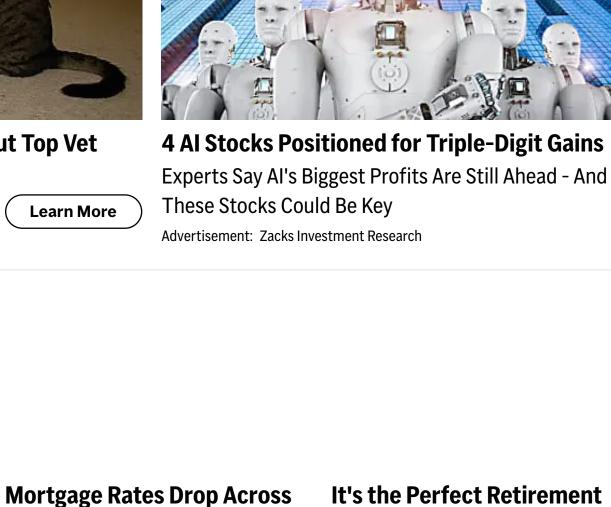
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