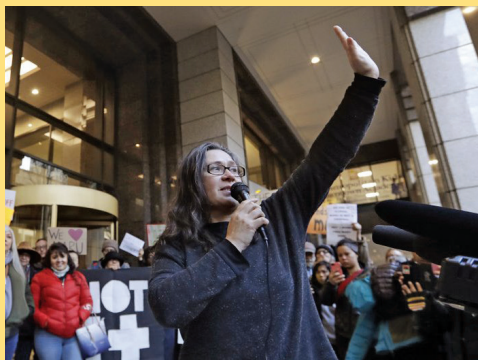




Maru Mora-Villalpando

Deportation Document Described Activist's Protests

Supporters say documents prove Mora-Villalpando was targeted for political reasons

By Gene Johnson
Associated Press

SEATTLE — An immigrant rights advocate targeted for deportation first came to the attention of authorities because she discussed her unlawful status in the country in an interview with a monthly newspaper last year, a

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Roberte Exantus, a Haitian native and senior political science major at Howard University, returned home to help residents after an earthquake destroyed much of the country.

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ONYX GALLERY REOPENS



PHOTO BY SUSAN FRIED

Artist Al Doggett talks with Nancy Miller, one of hundreds of art lovers who wandered through the Onyx Fine Arts Collective's new gallery space in Pacific Place in downtown Seattle at its reopening in February. The collective which has showcased the work of over a hundred artists of African descent since it formed 12 years ago, plans to host future exhibitions at their new gallery space on a rotational basis. The Pacific Place location will give people an opportunity to see the works of renowned Seattle artists like Mr. Doggett, Esther Ervin, Ashby Reed, Earnest D. Thomas and Carletta Carrington.

A New Look at a Black Oregon Pioneer

'Dangerous Subjects' examines the life of James Saules and Oregon's history of Black exclusion

By Christen McCurdy
Of The Skanner News

A new book by a Portland author takes a closer look at the life of James D. Saules, an African American settler of Oregon — and the circumstances that led Oregon's provisional government to adopt a Black exclusion law, later enshrined in the state constitution.

Kenneth R. Coleman is the author of "Dangerous

Subjects: James D. Saules and the Rise of Black Exclusion in Oregon," published in 2017 by Oregon State University Press. Saules, a free Black man born in the 19th century, traveled the world as a sailor and eventually settled in the Willamette Valley after surviving a shipwreck off the Oregon Coast.

In 1844, Saules was at the center of two controversies involving Native Americans indigenous to the Willamette Valley —

the latter of which resulted in his arrest and banishment from the area, and the passage of Oregon's first Black exclusion laws. The first incident, known as the Cockstock Affair, involved a dispute between Saules and Cockstock, a Native American associated with the Wasco and Molalla tribes, and culminated in a clash between Natives and White settlers that killed Comstock and two White men. Just two months later, a White man named

Charles Pickett accused Saules of trying to incite members of the Clackamas tribe against him. Saules was arrested, tried by a jury that included a close friend of Pickett's, convicted and eventually banished from the region. 1844 was also the year Oregon's provisional government passed its first laws excluding Blacks from emigrating to the area.

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'Trump Slump' in Gun Sales Despite Control Debate

Gun store owners say gun owners have faith Trump won't impose more restrictions

By Andrew Welsh-Huggins
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Gun store owners called it the "Trump slump." Sales of firearms slowed dramatically after the election of Donald Trump as president in 2016 allayed fears of a Democratic crackdown on gun owners.

That trend has continued in recent weeks even with talk of gun control

in Congress and among business leaders following the Feb. 14 massacre of 17 people at a Florida high school.

In the past, gun massacres generally led to an uptick in sales as people worried about the government restricting access. But with Parkland, things are different.

"The day after the election, it's just like somebody turned a faucet off,"

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AP PHOTO/KEITH SRAKOCIC

Wes Morosky, owner of Duke's Sport Shop, left, helps Ron Detka as he shops for a rifle on March 2 at his store in New Castle. Morosky said business has gone up recently, but that's thanks to the annual infusion of tax refund checks.