



# Business

## Gallery Twenty Two Twenty Six



Herman Washington is the owner of the newly opened furniture store Gallery Twenty Two Twenty Six.

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When Herman Washington hung up his hat on June 29, retiring from his thirty-six-year career in Education, he decided to make his longtime passion for decorating a business. Washington got his start in public education in Alabama and then later relocated to Portland. He was the first and only African-American Social Studies Specialist for the Oregon Department of Education in 1974 and the first (and only) African-American President of the Portland Association of Teachers. Washington is now the proud owner of a furniture store called Gallery Twenty Two Twenty Six located at 2226 NE. Broadway. The Gallery is a 3000 square foot showroom situated in one of Northeast's prime retail locations. The building once housed a furniture store called Homebodies on Broadway. Phil Sparks, the previous owner of Homebodies now acts as the current store's manager. A noticeable feature of the store is an eclectic mix of furnitures ranging from traditional and contemporary to modern available at affordable prices. Because of their controlled overhead, their costs are comparably low. Washington's enduring approach to furniture at the Gallery leaves out faddist items and concentrates mainly on high quality furniture which includes antiques and consignments. Decorating for family and friends was an enjoyable pastime for Washington which he now seriously does for clients on a larger scale. He and his manager advise on home/office coloring schemes, furniture to buy and accessories to

complete the look. He has taken personalization a step further by providing for customers to help design their own custom-made furniture and upholstery. Custom built furniture is handled by Lang's Rose City which takes about 6 weeks to fulfill orders. By design, the pieces are made according to the customer's

tastes and built to last a lifetime. Gallery Twenty Two Twenty Six will be having a grand opening on Friday, September 8 and Saturday, September 9. Discounts will be available. Special orders are 20% off and red tag items are marked down by 15%. For more information, call the store at 503/528-2837 or just drop.

## Leiberman-Gore from page 4

They further sweeten the pot by guaranteeing that Gore-Leiberman will continue to support affirmative action, public education, social services, health care and labor protections, and Bush won't. They will rely on Democratic stalwarts Jesse Jackson and the legion of black Democrats

to again shepherd the black voters safely into the Democratic camp. It's a good strategy, perhaps ultimately a winning strategy, but for now, at least, the sentiments of blacks such as Alcorn and Waters cause jitters for Gore-Lieberman.

## Volunteerism from page 5

Ask friends and co-workers. For new volunteers, here are the top 8 bits of advice I can pass on:

1. Start with what you can do. It's very important to start with what is easier and gradually move on to more challenging activities.
2. Don't overburden yourself. Don't be too ambitious if you hope to continue activities for any length of time. Remember that is important to have the courage to say no to what you think is beyond your abilities.
3. Put yourself in the other person's shoes. Any volunteer activity involves two parties: those who are in need of help and those who are trying to help them. Remember to always reflect upon your own behavior and ask yourself how can I help them? This should be your first and foremost priority.
4. Keep your promises. You must keep your word regarding such things as when you'll visit and the kind of services you're going to provide. People are counting on your help and relying on you.
5. Be a good manager of your time and energy. There is a limit to the number of places you can be involved and the amount of time that you can spend on your volunteer activities. Be aware of your limitations.
6. Obtain the understanding of your family. Don't sacrifice your family or your job for the sake of your volunteer activities. Obtaining a full understanding of the people closes

to you is an important early step to take.



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