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Our mission is threefold:

- (1) Eliminate the stress and headaches associated with relocation,**
- (2) Provide excellent assistance, including finding one of the best, most highly qualified hand selected real estate agents for the individual or family who is relocating, through our Certified Professional Agent Network. (CPAN)™**
- (3) Reduce the costs associated with relocation by providing Free Relocation Services and discounts through our Business Alliance Advantage™ program.**



Postponed Move

The big move is only 4 weeks away...uh, wait...It's now 9 weeks away!

Having a delay in your move can certainly complicate matters. Maybe the construction of your home isn't complete, the previous owner had a family emergency and can't vacate the home as scheduled or there is a delay in the start of a new job. No matter the reason, it's time to regroup. And if you've been preparing for moving day, at least you're ahead of the game!

Now what can you do with those extra few weeks (or months)? And how are you suppose to live out of semi-packed boxes for the time being? Here are a few ideas on how to get through this setback and make lemonade with those lemons.

- First, notify your landlord or apartment complex of the extension and make sure you can stay there until the new move date.
- Reschedule the move with your van line or truck rental company.
- Postpone any utilities hookups you'd

planned.

•If you've ordered furniture, blinds or other items directly from a manufacturer, let them know about your postponement and schedule a new delivery date.

•If your change of address has already gone through, make sure you can get mail at that address.

•Check to be sure you've changed your insurance. For example, extending renters insurance and postponing the start of your homeowners in-



surance.

•Start shopping! Take advantage of sales that come up to buy things you might need in the new house - like

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- ceiling fans, shower curtains, etc. This will also help to spread out expenses.
- If you're moving out of state, spend some extra time with the people you'll be leaving behind.
- If you're moving out of state, do some things that up until now you wish you'd had time for! Maybe it's visiting the local museum or a certain restaurant.
- Take the time to have a garage sale and make some money off the things you no longer need.
- Pack things properly while taking inventory of each item.
- Learn more about the new area you're moving to by reading books or looking at maps.
- If your spouse has not found a job in the new area yet, this could be a good time to start searching and get interviews lined up.

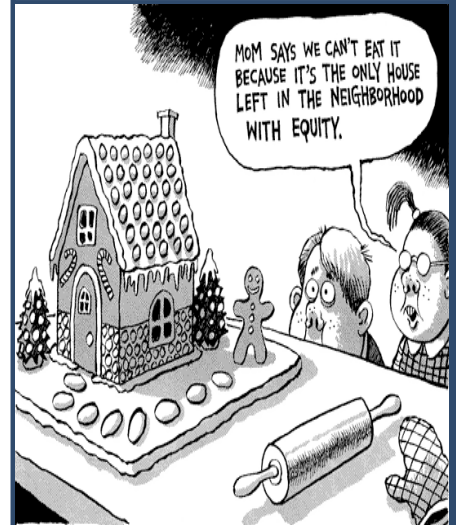
By having this extra time before you move you'll have the chance to get things done leisurely and efficiently! But what can you do if you're forced to leave your current residence as scheduled, even when your next residence isn't ready? There are a few options. If staying with family or friends is not one of them, consider putting your things in storage and staying in temporary housing. Moving is a series of tasks, so when completing one is delayed it can be frustrating. But be patient and realize that everything should eventually work out.



Name that Movie!

In what classic film from 1945 were these words spoken? "Of all the gin joints in all the towns in all the world, she walks into mine."

Spoken by Humphrey Bogart in Casablanca



Life Lesson of the Month: "An eye for eye only ends up making the whole world blind." — M.K. Gandhi

tidbits

Things People Overlook Until Closing or Moving

- * Damage previously hidden by furniture.
- * Trails worn in the carpeting, and pristine spots previously covered by furniture.
- * The appliances are leaving, too.
- * Switching over phone service and utilities. Tricky if it's a weekend. Trickier still if you have to be there on a work day when the utility people come. Trickier still if you have to sign up in person and you're moving from across the country.
- * Doors too narrow to fit your furniture through.
- * Stairs and landings too narrow or winding to fit furniture through.
- * The electrical outlets are too few and aren't grounded.
- * No phone jack in the bedroom or home office.
- * Sellers moving out at the same time you're moving in, or after.

real estate facts

USING YOUR HOME EQUITY TO MEET SHORT TERM NEEDS

You bought your home some time ago, and have enjoyed huge increases in home equity over the last several years. Thanks to surging real estate markets then, you're set for retirement. Or are you? Changing real estate trends can make short term use of your home equity a sensible alternative.

Today's Real Estate Trends Can Impact Tomorrow's Retirement.

Although many homeowners have enjoyed extraordinary appreciation in real estate values, these values are cooling off nationwide. Recently, average home prices declined in most US cities. It may not be time to press the panic button, but you can use some of your home equity to address short term financial needs such as paying off high interest consumer debt, or making home improvements that can increase your present quality of life while contributing to the value of your home. Refinancing can help you stabilize your mortgage payments to a fixed rate and eliminate high interest debt. Since consumer debt is not tax deductible, it's often possible to gain tax benefits by paying off your credit cards, car loans and other consumer accounts through refinancing or a home equity loan.

Conservative Use of Home Equity Cleans Up Financial Woes

Although home equity is a valuable resource, it's possible to enter treacherous waters by excessive borrowing against your home equity. As real estate markets continue to adjust, you may want to reconsider taking out a home equity loan for a dream vacation or to install a swimming pool. Before financing your home improvement projects with a large home equity loan, it's a good idea to research market trends in your area, and to determine which home improvement projects will add value to your property, especially if you're planning to sell your home within a few years. Your financial advisor, local real estate professionals, and mortgage lenders can help you decide what type of home equity loan or refinancing will work for you now while protecting assets for your future.



Why Use a "Third Party Service?"

When moving, third party services offer yet another option in the moving and relocation industry. When folks are in the process of moving, third party services can prepare items that are expensive, fragile, or large and difficult to manage. Additional services such as disassembly and assembly, disconnecting and reconnecting household items as well as crating services are done. When moving, third party services often have more expertise and time and personnel to handle the specialized requirements for preparing unusual, large or expensive items. Many moving company often do not have employees with the training necessary for the job, and during peak moving season time might be limited. Consequently, third party services fulfill an important need in the moving and relocation field.

Items typically handled by third party services include spa tubs, swing sets, water beds, pool tables and grandfather clocks. Third party service employees are trained to prepare these items for transport, as well as custom crating if it is necessary. Other duties which may be performed by third party services are installation of plasma TV's, home theater systems, removal of external debris, dismantling swing sets and the disconnecting and reconnecting spas, saunas, hot tubs. Wa-

Things that make you go...

"Hmmm"

Weird Trivia

- ❖ A shrimp's heart is in its head
- ❖ Walt Disney was afraid of mice.
- ❖ There was once an undersea post office in the Bahamas.
- ❖ The word "Checkmate" in chess comes from the Persian phrase "Shah Mat," which means "the king is dead."
- ❖ The opposite sides of a dice cube always add up to seven.
- ❖ A crocodile can't stick its tongue out.

Quote of the Month: "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

— Abraham Lincoln

ter, electrical, and gas hookups can also be done by third party services, and should be arranged prior to moving. The representative of the moving company who is providing the estimate can release information about what services are available. Some of the third party service providers' work hand in hand with moving companies and have agreements with them to provide the specialized labor needed for some items.

If a task requires special attention or extra time to prepare when moving, third party services can be expected to handle it expeditiously. These can include appliances, including making repairs, wall units, bulky exercise equipment, and pianos. Other services can range from shrink wrapping, to vacuuming after the move, to hanging mirrors and pictures frames. Third party moving services can offer custom crating of valuable objects such as glass, marble, fine artwork, antiques or even motorcycles or ski-jets. The crates can be built on-site at the home of the person being moved, so there is less moving of the object and less chance of damage.

After moving, third party services can continue to perform additional help with unpacking, organizing, and installing your household items, washing crystal, dusting furniture or polishing silver. Long after the moving company has departed third party services stays on providing help with window washing, hanging draperies, arranging furniture and even providing catered meals for the family. We at Relo-America can help you arrange most of these services



- ❖ "Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt".
- ❖ It is possible to lead a cow upstairs but not downstairs.
- ❖ The only 15 letter word that can be spelled without repeating a letter is "uncopyrightable."
- ❖ There are more than twice as many kangaroos as people in Australia.
- ❖ The symbol on the "pound" key (#) is called an octothorpe.
- ❖ The longest one-syllable word in the English language is "screched."
- ❖ The electric chair was invented by a dentist.
- ❖ Thirty-five percent of the people who use personal ads for dating are already married.





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