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Are You in the Midst of a Real Estate Move? Believe Me, I Feel Your Pain!

An occupational hazard of being a real estate agent is that you keep running across homes that you'd like to buy. As a result, we agents tend to move more often than people in other professions — or at least I do!

Perhaps you've heard the statistic that the average American family moves every seven years. However, this is my fourth move since I came to Golden 12 years ago.

For two weeks now, Rita and I have been packing and unpacking, and our new home is still cluttered with things that haven't yet found their new resting place.

It's a good thing that Golden Real Estate owns a moving truck, because I have been using it almost daily over the past two weeks. It makes me wonder how our clients are able to use the truck

for one or two days and be done with it!

Done right, moving can be a cathartic experience in that it presents the opportunity to give away what one should not keep and organize what one chooses to keep.

One day, I filled the truck half full with things which I culled from my basement and garage and took to the Salvation Army. They take anything.

Recently I spent a couple hours trying on everything hanging in my closet one by one and making one pile of clothes to give to Goodwill because I would never really wear them (or have outgrown due to weight gain), and another pile which I called my "hope chest" because I intend to wear them again after losing 10 pounds. Now, everything that is still hanging in

my closet is something that I might actually wear — what a concept!

I'm a long-time customer of the Habitat for Humanity home improvement outlet, and this week I made a great purchase — an entire set of kitchen cabinets, which I organized into a beautiful workshop in my new garage. Installed with the help of our handyman, Mark, this new workshop will bring order where chaos existed before!

Come Visit Us During Buffalo Bill Days

This weekend is Buffalo Bill Days in Golden, and we at Golden Real Estate will be participating as usual. I'll drive our re-designed truck in the parade on Saturday morning, and we'll have a booth in Parfet Park all weekend, located just to the left of the stage. My parrot, Flower, will be there for children and adults to pet and hold.

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By **JIM SMITH,**
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This Week's Featured New Listing:

Great Rental in Woods Atop Lookout Mtn.

The owners of this awesome cedar home are spending the next year in Chile and offer it for rent. Built in 1991, it is nicely updated with stainless steel appliances, slab granite countertops, a home theater, home gym, and two large decks for outdoor entertaining. Wildlife is so common here that a deer passed by during my photo shoot, as you'll see in the slideshow at the website. There's also a guided video tour. This home is only available fully furnished and only for 12 months. If you've thought of moving to the foothills, here's a great opportunity to try it on for size. It has 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths, and 3,500 sq. ft. The rent is \$2,900 per month, with one month's security deposit. Call me for a showing.



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