

Big Happy Housewarming



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Evil ex-landlord
Happy Home frolic becomes
Real estate nightmare

New Happy Home found
Bed, books, and clothes spread on floor
Something is missing

Patchwork assembly --
Driftwood pile, missing its spark
Housewarming party

- Saturday, Sept 7th, 8:00 at the Big Happy Home 2.0 •
- 2001 Ashton Ave, Menlo Park, (415) 233-1120 •

Please join us for the Big Happy Home 2.0 housewarming party -- we are having it quite a few months after moving in which is the way it always seems to work out if you follow the traditional schedule....

- 1) Countdown. The night before the move, begin shoveling all of your belongings into boxes. The process is slowed by frequent interruptions for fun-packed, nostalgia daydreams brought on by your brief re-acquaintance with your faithful yet poorly treated junk. Attempt to interest your friends in your nostalgia moments -- enjoy opportunities to use the phrase "I guess you had to be there."
- 2) Liftoff. Move all of the boxes. Attempt to remember which friends have trucks.
- 3) Landing. Enjoy first-day-in-house rituals: deal with phone company, idly rub duct-tape residue which covers everything, throw together quickie couch arrangement "just for now".
- 4) Triumph. (Important) Locate a room. Install the two necessities of civilized life: your futon and your toothbrush. No further unpacking is required as your laundry mound will spontaneously generate in the middle of the room within 12-24 hours. Imagine that you will unpack further later.
- 5) Denial. (time passes) Notice your boxes. Attempt to remember what they contain. Make a firm commitment to unpack sometime in the indefinite future -- after that you can have a housewarming party.
- 6) Denial. (time passes) In a moment of supreme energy, and because of the growing needs of the laundry pile, move your boxes out onto the deck.
- 7) Denial. Notice boxes while looking out window one day. So far as boxes in a pile are capable, they radiate a sense of worn, neglected, pathos -- mostly from still-packed boxes themselves but with an overtone added in by the neglected junk inside. Consider your emotive pile of stuff for a futher two seconds. Look at the sky and think about rain.
- 8) Denial. In a hurry one evening, dig through boxes to find second set of car keys. Guilt receeds as you dash away from the pile.
- 9) Acceptance. Move boxes into garage to await next move. Schedule housewarming party.

