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Moving? Make a to-do list

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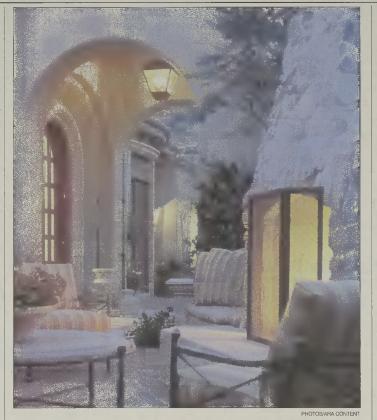
The kids are out of school for the summer. It's time to make that move. Moving can be an especially



Eliminating unwanted bouseholi tiems and clothes can reduce some of your moving anxieties. If you have unwanted items, you may want to arrange a moving/yard sale. You can also give unwanted items away to family, friends or to your local church. Goodwill is another great place to donate unneeded items. Remember to get receipts of the donations for tax purposes.

another great place to donate unneeded items. Remember to get receipts of the donations for tax purposes. After dealing with the painful house cleaning tasks, prepare a moving checklist. This checklist should be prepared at least 30 days prior to departure. Remember to itemize the things you need to do, including preparation of a budget of your projected moving expenses. One the best ways to avoid fransitional stress is to be organized and to use a countdown checklist. Your checklist should also be broken into five categories: 30 days, two weeks, one week, two days and moving day revew periods. Thirty days prior, start gathering boxes and bringing them home. Pack up items that you don't need or will not use between now and your moving date. Contact your bank and arrange the transfer of accounts. Contact new schools and arrange for transfer of records. Arrange for temporary housing, if needd. needed.

needed It may also be a good idea to submit your change-of-address forms to your local postal services. Send change of address notices to your creditors and magazines subscriptions. Most importantly, you should secure the services of a reputable moving company. Two weeks before you move, arrange for the disconnection of your utilities. You may also be able to coordinate the transfer of the utilities at your new residence. By doing a transfer you can avoid some re-connect or set up fees. One week before the move, gather all-important documents, papers and accounts that you will arry personally. Confirm moving arrangements (i.e. transportation, storage and moving help. Mays confirm the moving date with your storage and noving help. You may want to have back-up help on yourself. Pay close attention to when moving trucks are to be returned to avoid expensive late fees. Twenty-four to 48 hours before you move, finish packing all your personal belongings. Complete all the finacial matters relating to your home purchase and/or sale. Clean and defrost the refigerator and /or freezer. *ROLAND K HAWKINS is a Real Estate Agent with Coldwell Banker United Realors. He can be reached at (70H 840-5762 or the intermetive*



With research and professional consultation, your outdoor space can become an oasis. creating outdoor oasis

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ARACLE RESOURCE ASSOCIATION Do you know that an outdoor space - a backyard, patio, deck or porch - can be transformed into a personal oasis by design? And you don't need an enormous budget to to that makes you go "ah!" You do, however, need to approach outdoor living the same as you would for an indoor design project - do research and obtain consultation from a professional to develop a plan and execute it. The American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) recommends that you answer several questions before undertaking any outdoor project: 1. How is your family coing to

before undertaking any outdoor project: 1. How is your family going to use the space? What activities will it be used for entertaining, grilling, sports, swimming, relaxing, gardening or a combination? What is the total number of people expected to use the space? Be realistic about how much space you have. Åy or don't have. Don't plan on playing volleyball and safely grilling and dining in a small area. Are you a "t-shirt and flip flops" or "garden party" type of host? If you are the

latter, don't install stone and ground cover in common areas to avoid tripping in high heels. 2. What kind of storage do you need for seat pads, athletic need for seat pads, athletic equipment, gardening tools, etc. when they are not in use? "Many people think of storage after an

when they are not in use? "Many people think of storage after an outdoor project is completed," says Robert Wright, FASID, ASID president and an interior designer based in San Diego. "Consideration of storage at the start will eliminate any headaches later. Consider creative camouflage' solutions -landscaping, fencing and mobility of storage components." 3. Do your family or friends have any special needs? "Safety must be considered," says BJ Feterson, FASID, a Los Angeles based interior designer. "You can create spaces that are safe for veryone and still aesthetically pleasing." Slippage is a major concern. Use slip-retardant oponcern. Use slip-retardant

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Walls get in step with fashion

ARICLE RESOURCE ASSOCIATION Tashion and home decor trends are so closely lighted now that we can add a favorite new look or color scheme to both our wardrobes and our homes at the same time. One day you're schopping for shoes in the hottest color and the next day you find yourself reaching for throws illows in a matching scheme. Tashion is a great place to look for some of the key trends that are proving to have staying might and bohemian looks. Fashion and home products designers are reworking these familiar favorites and turning them into something new and exciting. These looks are inding expression in today's most inspired way to revitalize a tired-looking room. Since the new easy-hang wallpapers - called non-you wallpapers - are much easier to hang and even easier to remove, you can try a trend thouse products designers are neworking these inding expression in today's most inspired way to revitalize a tired-looking room. Since the new easy-hang wallpapers - called non-you can be able to thome we also to new products designers are much easier to hang and even easier to reminimity and now fores holdy where it hasn't before in both failon and home. It may appear as a lace inspired truning down a pant leg or a sheer shert running down a pant leg or on shoer shert running down a pant leg or on shoer short faile a tirbe with otop peeking through the pattern. In other designs, lace any by the.

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