Delaying the Dream Home Will Cost You More Money

By REYNOLDS KNIGHT
If you're planning to build
your "dream house," better
get started right now. Delaying the project till next
spring will cost you money.
See your banker this fall
for your construction mort-

for your construction mortloan. At present, mortgage rates are approximately 7 to 7¼ per cent. But it figures that by next March the rates will be higher. One

the rates will be higher. One thing for sure, construction costs will be higher next spring by as much as 10 to 15 per cent.

Line up a good architect right away. His main function is to assist you in finding the land and putting your design on paper. However, his real value is his relationship between you relationship betw and the builder. between you

needless and expensive con-struction delays. He also makes certain that the builder does not use cheap methods or inferior mater-

The reputation of the architect can help you obtain your mortage construction financing quicker. If he is well known bankers have a tendency to process your loan application more read-ily. This doesn't mean you get a lower mortgage rate, but it does signify faster handling and perhaps better working terms.

A MAJOR problem limit-ing the progress of heart, lung and kidney transplants is the preservation of hu-

Around the World with Stan Delaplane

SAN FRANCISCO — The than I'd pay at home, But mail order Santa Claus: you have to bring SOME-Write Shannon Free Air-THING home, don't you?) port, Ireland for their new catalogue. This is the big-price, gave me a purchase gest and best of the free slip, and said if I gave that to French Customs on leave. port stores.

Now free port means they don't pay Irish taxes or duty to stock such things as French perfume for resale. BUT YOU pay U.S. Customs duty when it comes to you. (It's marked on the package. You pay the mailman.)

Even so, the values are good. The handy Swiss Army knife I carry on trips is listed at \$8.50. In an American catalogue I saw it at \$18.50.

Best of the French catalogues — gloves, perfumes, etc. Write Freddy, 10 Rue Auber, Paris. For Italian gloves, excellent buy: Write for a catalogue from Catello D'Auria, Via Due Mecelli, 55, Rome, Switzers, Grafton Street, Dublin has a good catalogue of Irish linens and sweaters.

Figure four to six weeks if your order is coming by sea mail. Gloves and per-fume I have airmailed. The cost is 20 cents a half

"Is there a way to find out how much duty we will pay if we order pres-ents from one of the for-eign free ports?"

The Shannon catalogue lists the duty you pay on each item. If you have this catalogue it will give you a guideline. The Swiss Army knife is charged \$1.95 and costs \$1.75 to airmail, 90 cents by sea mail

cents by sea mail.

A Swiss watch selling for \$48 at free port prices must pay \$5.25 duty. It costs \$1.90 to airmail.

"My husband will be in Japan on R and R leave, and I wondered if he could buy some things for me cheaper and where?"

The best place in Japan for the military to buy is at the PX. This is tricky country to buy in for civilians. There is a heavy sales tax that is NOT charged to foreigners. This is at certain stores, and you must have the purchase entered on a slip you get from Japanese Customs as you enter the

country.

Now this is what they told Now this is what they told me when I was in Japan a year ago. It changes all the time. And Japan is smother-ed in red tape. Nobody asked me for the purchase slip when I left the coun-try.

At the airport free port At the airport free port shop, I bought three little Sony radios at what I thought was bargain price— \$15 each. I saw them on Market Street in San Fran-

market Street in San Fran-cisco two days later—\$17.50. In France I bought chil-dren's clothing at Samari-taine. (About a third more

man organs from the time they become available until they can be transplanted to A GOOD architect mainthe recipient. The engineer-tains a close watch over the contractor. He sees that the project does not encounter solve this puzzle.

price, gave me a purchase slip, and said if I gave that to French Customs on leav-ing Paris, I'd get a refund.

After a month, I wrote French Customs. I got a long letter telling me WHY they could not refund the money. (I put something on the wrong line I think.)
Then a month later I DID
get a refund check. Leaving
me completely confused.

"Do you think it's safe to buy from overseas? I mean, will you get what you order?"

I always get what I order immediately from Shannan or from Freddy in Paris. When I'd given up hope on two sheepskin rugs I bought in Greece recently, they came in. (U.S. Customs charged me \$3.50 duty on one and \$4.50 on its twin. I can't imagine how they fig-ured that out.)

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It took me six months to get a salad bowl I bought in Mazatlan, Mexico, I wrote a hot letter to the tourist bureau — after two letters to the shop who simply did

Afriend of mine ordered \$200 worth of Mexican glass from this shop — to be paid when it is shipped. That was a year ago. The shop was a year ago. The shop won't answer HIS letters either. But that's Mexico. Any buying for shipment

from overseas is that it's fun when the mailman comes with the package with all those foreign stamps

research center near Chi- is for salaries. cago, for example, a Borg-Warner Health Products task force is drawing on the

engineering talents and manufacturing know-how of Borg-Warner divisions that now make sophisticated in-dustrial controls, refrigeration and air conditioning equipment and electronic modular enclosures to f i n d answers. The team is also exploring the area of artificial organs. They've already developed a blood pump for lungs and kidneys and feel that with further refinement it could also be used as a heart assist.

The Health Products division, a leading supplier of hospital beds and patient room furniture, is also developing a total patient-han-dling system that could be used from the time the pa-tient checks into the hospital, through special depart-ments, and recuperation in a private home or extendedprivate incare facility.

SOARING hospital costs and a chronic shortage of help have sparked yet another project, a total-foodservice system. The goal for the system is to cut the number of people needed to number of people needed to serve 100 patients from to-day's average of 24 down to four. More than 50 per cent

The alumni magazine of Princeton University recently devoted an entire issue

many decades."

IN THE fast -changing world of higher education, even the dormitories are different from what they used to be. Instead of a two-or three-story brick buildings. used to be. Instead of a two-or three-story brick building covered with ivy, a new dorm under construction at D u ques ne University in Pittsburgh will consist of three towers 17 stories high connected by small towards. connected by small tower containing elevator shafts

The structure, which will house 1,200 students, is being built for the university by CIT Educational Buildings, Inc. of New York. In addition to the usual lounges and laundries, the building has a number of features that set it apart from old-fashioned dorms. These include a cafeteria capable of feeding 2,500 persons three times a day, a swimming pool, a post office, living quarters for two chaplains, the main university medical dispensers, television rooms sun bathing on the roof and telephone outlets in each

Operators Now Answer 'Directory Assistance'

Pacific Telephone cus-tomers in the Torrance area are hearing a new sound from the "voice with a

Instead of the traditional "information," operators now answer "directory as-The change was made to

better describe the purpose of this telephone service, according to Jim Conn, Torrance area manager.

The past 10 years have produced a vast increase in the number of calls to in-formation — a greater per-centage of increase than for any other type of service.

ONE explanation for the tremendous increase lies in the number of requests that have nothing to do with telephone numbers.
They include such queries

• "What times does the show start at the Temple Theater?' · "What's the time differ-

ence between here and the east coast?'

"How do you spell Mahogany?"
 "Where can I find a book

travel directions, addresses and zip codes, store hours and correct time in addition to regular telephone infor-

This information explosion has brought with it a similar nas orought with it a similar increase in operating expenses. In 1967, for example, Pacific Telephone spent more than \$41 million for traffic information operat-

ing costs. "In the five years be-tween 1961-1966, calls to Intween 1961-1966, cans to formation increased 10.4 per formation increased 10.4 per cent with the accompanying rise in information operating expense of 17.1 per cent,

OVER THE SAME 5-year period, the number of long distance calls requiring op-

of the 24 operating com-panies of the nationwide Bell OPERATORS ARE often System have adopted the to provide transit in- new answering phrase.



STYLE AND PERFORMANCE . . . The 1969 Dodge Charger is currently avail-STYLE AND PERFORMANCE... The 1909 Dodge Charger is currently available at Del Amo Dodge, 20433 Hawthorne Blvd., according to Marvin Lazar, owner. The Charger this year features new grille and cear-end styling. It comes in two new models: Charger SE and Charger 500, Charger SE (Special Edition) boasts real leather bucket seats, wood grain stering wheel, and wood grain instrument panel. The Charger 500 is designed for high performance, with the rear window slanted back and the grille flush mounted to improve air flow.

Bank Tells Operating Earnings

Centinella Valley Bank, headquartered here today reported net operating earnings increaser 11 per cent in the first nine months of this year to \$89,470 or 86 cents a share, from \$78,010 or 78 cents a share in the

ves the Centinela Valley-Scuth Bay area from its head office in Inglewood and branch offices in Hermosa Beach and Playa del

The five-year-old bank has filed an application with the State Banking Department to establish a branch office in Newport Beach.

Cigarette **Taxes Paid** To Torrance

SACRAMENTO — State
Controller Houston I. Flournoy to day announced the
September apportionment
of more than \$6.3 million
to the state's cities and
counties as their share of
the cigarette tax.

Total funds apportioned

Total f u n d s apportioned was \$6,392,178. Los Angeles County's s h a r e was \$153, 817.54, and Torrance's share was \$52,701.95.

The amount represents 30 per cent of the revenue de-posited in the cigarette tax fund during the mounth of August 1968.

Watson Elected

Los Angeles County As-sessor Phillip E. Watson has been elected first vice president of the State Association of County Assessors. John Bevis, San Bernardino County Assessor, is president of the group.

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distance calls requiring operator assistance increased only 3 per cent as the number of telephones served by Pacific rose 5.9 per cent. "On a normal 1960 business day it took approximately 3,000 operators to handle an average of 850,000 information requests. With current rate of growth, these figures could be expected to triple by 1970," Conn added.

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