

Opinion

The Bible, according to the Digest

A seven-year project to condense the Bible is completed, and the result will be well worth the effort if the new version attracts more readers throughout the world to follow the teachings of the Holy Scriptures.

Farwell said Reader's Digest should stick to condensing books by men. To condense something that God has written gives unusual power to human beings. I personally don't feel we have that right.



Agree or not Legislature wants more power

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Another step in the same direction would be the strengthening of the staff of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, as recommended last summer by the retiring head of the joint chiefs, Air Force Gen. David C. Jones.

Navy has a partner

The Navy and Adm. James D. Watkins, chief of naval operations, must be commended for having entered into an agreement with the Air Force...

The Air Force also would operate AWACS warning and control aircraft with Navy fighter operations and help patrol naval defense lines across the Atlantic from Greenland to Britain.

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Banks and the border

President Jose Lopez Portillo's sudden decision to nationalize Mexican banks and try to control the exchange of currency has raised the level of crisis and confusion in his country and along the border.

Whatever Portillo might say in defense of his obvious move to pacify Mexico's left, it creates confusion in border communities, and increases high levels of international finance where Mexico does desperately to sustain the confidence of its creditors.

The signing of domestic banks would seem to be an act of economic desperation, but it may also reflect a degree of political desperation in Mexico City. It was evident in Portillo's recent state of the union message that the banks are to be a scapegoat for his own administration's economic failures.

Part of the role of a Mexican president is to capitalize on revolutionary fervor that remains a strong element in the country's politics. By fastening blame for bad times on classic symbols of leftist rhetoric - bankers and their presumably wealthy clients - Portillo may be hoping to lay a claimer from the streets.

But as a former finance minister himself, Portillo knows that the flight of capital from Mexico is not the fault of the banking system, and it is no recent phenomenon. It was evident when President Lázaro Cárdenas...

been averted if the government had not persisted so long in trying to sustain the peso at an artificial value. It has subsidized the price of basic foodstuffs, launched development projects it could not afford, and run up an \$80 billion foreign debt on the strength of prospective oil revenues that did not materialize.

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Mexico desperately needs a government dedicated to fiscal discipline, both for its own sake and to reassure an international banking community which is restructuring Mexico's staggering foreign debt. Portillo was candid enough to warn his people that they face "dark times" and "difficult days" as his government complies with conditions laid down by the International Monetary Fund for the \$4.6 billion rescue mission which the IMF is mounting.

While Portillo can argue that nationalizing domestic banks is necessary for meeting the country's new monetary goals, the comparison effort to control currency exchange merely will strike bankers as damaging to trade and investment.

An attempt to limit currency exchange in day-to-day commerce across the border would make a bad situation infinitely worse for Mexicans struggling to make ends meet. The devaluations and uncertain banking conditions it appeared that Mexico City was willing to recognize that blocking the flow of banking dollars-dependent border communities would be the payoff for the life-support system of a puppet desperately ill. For that, people on both sides of the border can be thankful.

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That same power was central over Gov. John Carroll, Legislature ap...

Down Memory Lane Library moves to West Main St.

Thursday, October 12, 1982 The Nicholas County Memorial Library which has been operated in the courthouse since opening there in 1961, is moving to its new location...

Baron, daughter, Oct. 14 at a Dayton hospital. - To Mr. and Mrs. G.E. Forrest, Cincinnati, a daughter, Oct. 14. - To Mr. and Mrs. M.C. Brown, a daughter, Linda Lee, Oct. 13 at a hospital in Cleveland, TN.

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Op-ed page Survival kit . . . or how the couch-sprung pro ball fan can cope

It is tough, but so can survive. We will face up to this great challenge because we Americans thrive on adversity. We meet this modern-day boulder with courage, even if it could establish his game plan. But it makes no sense to our interests.

Learn the names of your children. It's O.K. to use name tags to jog the memory. Become so familiar with them that you'll be able to react to their names without hesitation from the youngest on up, not just the oldest on down. And don't assume that the tallest are the oldest.

Get acquainted with your lawn, but for goddamn's sake don't touch. Cutting it would constitute illegal use of the law. Say something meaningful to your spouse that doesn't involve the second hour, please chips or turn up the volume.

Take a bus ride around your city before the rains go. Let me know if you find a bad without a flagging vehicle or one that has an exhaust system that keeps the fumes outside.

Take a heart-rendering interview of a dedicated pro football fan. By Peter Long of the "Pittsburgh Post-Gazette" could be your first prize consideration for its teaching effort on humanity.

As well as your work, I would pay respect to the memory of a fine gentleman, whose passing is decried in this issue of the Mercury. More than anyone I have ever known, he retained, beyond the age that we would expect, the ability to give others, a genuinely humane spirit.

Play the Northern virtues of books, play ancient Greek, vaudville style, and what's the matter with you, a product of your mind, a man of letters, a man of letters, a man of letters, a man of letters.

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Are you paying taxes on your interest income? DON'T!

Year," explains what I am trying to tell you this Monday morning, as the telephone rings, a meter clicks a day and the lineage contributes a particularly nasty "report" Mr. Grayson.

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Open an IRA at the First National Bank instead.

Remember...the interest earned with an IRA is tax-free as well as the principal. But make your decision soon...so you can accrue as much tax-free interest as possible before you have to file your 1982 tax return.

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