



Vote Bush-Cheney-Baal for President

"It is remarkable how closely Bush's discourse coincides with that of the false prophets of the Old Testament. While the true prophets proclaimed the sovereignty of Yahweh, the God of justice and love who judges nations and persons, the false prophets served Baal, who could be manipulated by the powerful."

— from an article printed in The Nation, "Bush's Religious Language" by Juan Stam.

It has gone beyond the realm of the ridiculous and turned downright scary in this nation. I'm not the type to get paranoid over everyday matters, but my bank began giving my money away to companies I'd never heard of, then transferring me to one clueless bank agent after another for weeks. Next, the post office no longer recognized my name and stopped delivering my mail to the P.O. Box number I'd been using for over a year. It's the kind of giant bureaucratic nightmare that makes life difficult for a guy living check to check.



DICK CHENEY

Then it hit me. The Department of Homeland Security has had it with all of my sardonic insults about the powers that be. Yeah, go ahead and laugh, "Good Ol' Mickey Buckle has lost his marbles for good this time." Well it's not so far fetched. The minions of Baal's son, W. Bush, can take down war heroes, F.B.I. agents, entire nations without even batting an eyelash. Sure they had a wicked cackle when they detained Cat "Peace Train" Islam. All they have to do to little ol' me is click a mouse and be on their merry way to the next real bloodletting.

Will someone out there do me a favor? If I somehow "disappear," please look for an old Greek fisherman at Guantanamo. Or, get Geraldo Rivera to search the Bush ranch under the newly built statue of a ram-headed creature. By then the Bible Belt will have been turned into the Holy Land, with the Alamo as the new Jerusalem. The entire west coast, from Seattle to San Diego, will be the largest red light district on the planet. New York City, D.C. and Detroit will be demilitarized zones of ethnic cleansing. Canada and Mexico will have sealed off their borders. Come to think of it, if I do show up missing, check Mexico City for a new Mexican citizen going by the name Miguel Buckle. You'll probably find him living in a shack next to the Dos Equis brewery. ♦

Belltown Nightlife!

Put On Your Dancing Shoes

by Mickey Buckle

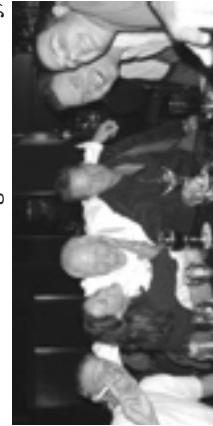
For some strange reason, Seattle seems to be the metropolitan mecca of dating services. There is always an abundance of fluffing companies to coax any unwed Seattleite into a new mating ritual; from the Pike Place Market's traditional matchmaker in residence, to the modern speed dating practice that looks like musical chairs meets romantic roulette.

However, I have my own idea for a very memorable blind date. First, it is off for a day at the Kissing School, a five hour playshop developed by psychotherapist Cherie Byrd where you can "cultivate the

inner lover and discover a source that can transform the mashing of lips into a flood of electrical connection."

Next, is a dinner at a good BBQ restaurant. It's an old Mongolian proverb that if you can eat ribs together you can mate forever. Or is it Hungarian? Either way,

Joe Trotter



just grab lots of napkins, a toothpick and see if you are meant to be. Now it's time for a movie or a play. Make sure to pick the piece of entertainment that is sure to make your date think, "What kind of person is into subtitled monster truck rally movies?" or "Why are we at 'Chippendales: The Musical?'" Always keep them guessing was my grandfather's motto, right up until grandma Buckle made him a 50th anniversary rat-poison pie.

Always one to jump on the bandwagon, it is my goal to create the first *Belltown Messenger* hook-up. Thus, the two readers who can send in a best first date idea will win a surprise downtown nightlife blind date set up by our cupid-like staff at the *Messenger*. ♦

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