

IS IT KEN STARR'S FAULT?

I found this story on the National Review cruise over at Susie's place. It's the perfect comedy to accompany the Sunday shows—stories about what nuts Republicans when they presume they're alone. There's a lot that worth reading, not least the portrayal of the Podhoretz-Buckley feud (with Buckley almost—but not quite—disowning his conservative offspring).

WHY LEFTY BLOGGERS SHOULD ALWAYS GET TO FLY FIRST CLASS

As I've explained before, I used to consult for a big automotive company, working primarily in Asia (the job got moved to Asia earlier this year). I flew several times a year to Asia. So for the past several years, I've been an "Elite Level" flyer for Northwest. Which means I get bumped up to First Class pretty consistently.

Back in February, during my first trip home from the Libby trial, I

THE NEXT FOUR-BRANCH PRESIDENCY

Since Fred Thompson got into the Presidential race in a big way, I've increasingly been getting this creepy feeling. I keep thinking: when was the last time we had a charismatic (if

ugly, in this case) candidate who knows nothing about policy and is even less interested in taking a stand on policy, who seems to be hiring the right advisors, but who himself, still seems to be Bush league.

THE OFF THE RECORD CLUB STRIKES AGAIN

SWAPPING ONE CROOK FOR ANOTHER

ROVE MAKES THE NYT LOSE ITS APPETITE

SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FOLEY SCANDAL

THE OP-ED KAGRO X AND I MEANT TO WRITE

I don't usually simply link to stories without, well, bloviating on them. But I'm a bit busy right now, what with a book due in a few weeks and the in-laws in from the home country. And when I read this column over at lukery's place, I could have sworn I wrote it.

GOP FOXES GUARDING THE UNDER-AGED HEN- HOUSE

As DemFromCT reported, Mark Foley resigned today, after a 16-year old page revealed sexually explicit emails the Congressman sent to him.

Congressman Mark Foley (R-FL) planned to resign today, hours after ABC questioned him about sexually explicit internet messages with current and former Congressional pages under the age of 18.

A spokesman for Foley, the chairman of the House Caucus on Missing and Exploited Children, said the congressman submitted his resignation in a letter late this afternoon

WHAT DO SCOOTER LIBBY AND JOE LIEBERMAN HAVE IN COMMON?

What do Scooter Libby and Joe Lieberman have in common? A lot of rich friends, apparently.

Following closely on the news that Joe Lieberman's biggest public apologist, Marty Peretz, had joined Libby's Defense Fund, we learn that the Chair of Libby's Defense Fund, Mel Sembler, is hosting a pricey fundraiser for Holy Joe.