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A Brit twit in a snit

WHILE most people in Britain admire our **Mayor Rudy** so much that they enthusiastically awarded him an honorary knighthood, one of the freeloaders on this week's Concorde junket gives Giuliani the thumbs down.

When Hizzoner came aboard the plane at JFK Wednesday to welcome the return of the Concorde to our skies, he was "too brash, too cocky, too grasping ... a bit too old New York," according to a dyspeptic **Piers Morgan**, editor of London's sadly diminished tabloid the Daily Mirror.

The ingrate Morgan, who maybe ate a bad oyster or got a wine that was off during his $12,000 freebie, yesterday wrote a piece for his rag that I'm sure will be appreciated by its working-class readers, who have to pay their own way and will never ride Concorde unless they win one of Morgan's sleazy promotional contests.

Setting out on this flight of fancy, the editor muses about the wisdom of traveling to "anthrax-ravaged, terrorist-torn New York" at this time. A crazy idea, he decides, while swilling some more vintage Champagne.

But he cheers up a bit as the plane approaches New York. Morgan hopes that the heroes working down below at Ground Zero will look up and feel "a surge of excitement" at seeing the Concorde gliding through the sky above them.

A couple of problems here: The Concorde doesn't go anywhere near Manhattan airspace, and even if it did I would bet that any WTC worker seeing a plane coming his way would run for his life. Our staunchest ally, British PM **Tony Blair**, was on the same junket, and I trust that when he gets home to Parliament he'll refute the jaundiced view of New York expressed by this pompous windbag.

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