

JOE BIDEN RIDICULED FOR WEARING ASHES

On Ash Wednesday, Fox News analyst Bob Beckel criticized Vice President Joe Biden, a Catholic, for wearing ashes on TV.

In the middle of a discussion on President Obama's stimulus plan, Beckel gratuitously said, "Sorry about laughing, but I looked at Joe Biden's forehead, and I know it is Ash Wednesday, but I'm not sure I would wear that ash on the air. Anyway...."

Bob Beckel's admonishing remark made us wonder whether it is the public display of ashes he finds risible, or the religion that sports them.

In any event, we could find no instance of Beckel ever lecturing a Jew about wearing a yarmulke on TV or a Muslim wearing a turban. Must be something about Catholicism that bothers him. We'd love to know what it is. At the very least, a clarification about what he meant was in order.