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Morning Chatter

By Betsy Rothstein on March 19, 2013

“Huh, new pope was pretty hot in the sixties.” — Freelancer Moe Tkacik.

WHO BROUGHT THE DONUTS? “Got a @DCDunkin and filling out Examiner’s really easy brackets.” — Washington Examiner’s Paul Bedard with accompanying picture. Bedard’s known for bringing in donuts to the office. Most of the time he shares.

From the Dept. of AssKissery

“This is one lede that won’t get buried. #thelead w/ @jaketapper” — National Journal’s Ron Fournier.

Meanwhile, Marty Rudolph of Twitterfame gives Tapper a big thumbs up: “@jaketapper Congrats on your First Show on CNN’s “The Big Lead With Jake Tapper” this Monday! I Enjoyed the Show & look forward to others.”

Fox News? Not quite.

“I have several things I’m pursuing right now and that’s not one of them.” — James Carville to FishbowlDC, batting down a rumor from CNN’s Alex Castellanos that he’s going to work for Fox News. Still, a cable news insider insists it’s not so far fetched. “Ailes loves James. James loves Ailes,” the source said, speaking on condition of anonymity. “If you’ve been dicked round, [Ailes] wants you. The one thing he loves is picking up people who’ve been fired. That’s like his favorite thing.” Carville recently parted ways with CNN and is shopping around for his next gig.

Pun Prowess: “Heritage & Cato are holding dueling gay marriage events Tuesday at noon. Why not just wed the two as one panel?” — Yahoo! News’ Chris Moody.

Journo complains about D.C.’s meteorologists

“A new annoyance with Washington: How can the weatherman be this wrong this often? No snow, kids. Not even rain.” — NYT’s Jonathan Weisman.

Designer praises rice cooker

“The rice cooker really is a magical thing. Tomorrow morning, it will have oatmeal ready for me when I wake.” — NPR Interactive Designer Alyson Hurt.

Politico Playbook Publish Time: 8:47 a.m.

Reporter questions “mainstream media” practices: “I never see any mainstream media pieces on why the Republican party is losing its appeal to moderate voters. What’s up with that?” — Newsweek/The Daily Beast’s Eli Lake.

One journalist counsels another on snark and a reporter makes fun of an ex-congressman who served time in prison...

Convo Between Two Journos: “Hold the Snark”

Today’s conversation is between PBS’s Jeff Greenfield and Politico’s Ben White.

GREENFIELD: “In conversation tonight with Obama strategist David Plouffe at the 92 st Y in NYC. Got serious questions for him? (hold the snark, please)”

WHITE: “Don’t even bother asking people to hold the snark on twitter. It just makes it worse.”

GREENFIELD: “Call me a cock-eyed optimist...”

Politico reporter mocks ex-Rep. Ney

Bob Ney: “Sideswiped” – #1 in local politics books — Amazon rating.”

Jake Sherman: “Rank: 4,409. Get real.”

Bob Ney: “Yes Jake that is the rank, in the local politics section it is number one rank – I said that – be nice. ...Here is the link [amazon.com/gp/bestsellers](https://www.amazon.com/gp/bestsellers)... did not say #1 one in the nation I know you work for politico but be fair ”

Ney clearly hasn't endeared himself to Politico. Sherman works closely with John Bresnahan, who was the sharp focus of an entire chapter in Ney's book. To put it mildly, it was not kind.