

# Where Is The Carpathia?

When the Titanic sent out its SOS, it was the Carpathia that responded. Those who survived the disaster owed their lives to Captain Arthur Rostron who risked his ship, along with his own life and the lives of his crew, dodging icebergs for four long hours in order to rescue 705 people, too late to save the other 1,523.

What puts me in mind of the gallant captain and his brave crew is that America is currently in icy and dangerous waters, thanks in good part to the man currently at America's helm. But one shouldn't give a pass to the millions of Americans who are only too happy to sit in the ship's lounge, oblivious to the danger, noshing on the hors d'oeuvres and listening to the band play "Nearer My God to Thee" while the sea water laps at their knees.

Like the Titanic, America seemed unsinkable. Its architects were men like Madison, Jefferson and Washington. The foremen included the likes of Adams, Franklin and Monroe, and the construction crew included the greatest patriots in history, men who pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor, to the task of forming a nation as perfect as mere human beings were capable of creating.

But look at us now. In Ferguson, Missouri, as well as all over the country, you have black people, including ministers, insisting that if a white policeman isn't indicted, convicted and sent to prison for shooting a black thug in what, increasingly, appears to be self-defense, it will constitute a whitewash and we can expect violence to break out wherever more than two blacks happen to be gathered.

It does strike me as ironic, and terribly sad, that the descendants of those who used to be lynched have developed a taste for it, so long as they're the ones holding the rope.

In response to a piece I wrote recently, I heard from a California transplant now living in Florida. In the piece, I pointed out that politics is often a matter of geography, that Tea Party favorites like Ted Cruz, Marco Rubio, John Cornyn and Mike Lee, as terrific as they might be, could not be elected to statewide offices in most of the 50 states, let alone win the presidency. I say that not merely as a Republican, but one of the most consistently conservative people I know.

I am not a lackey of Karl Rove. I am not on the payroll of the RNC. But I do believe, as William F. Buckley did, that Republicans should vote for the most conservative candidate on the ballot who can win. That means you vote for Mitt Romney or Scott Brown or Elizabeth Snowe or whoever else has an (R) after his or her name; what you don't do is sit home on Election Day and sulk, allowing the Democrats to win, while you fantasize that you're teaching the GOP a lesson.

If you see no difference between a candidate who will vote the way you like 50 or 60% or even 80% of the time and one who will vote with Obama 100% of the time, I'm afraid there's no polite way to say this, but you're an idiot.

The trouble with too many people in the Tea Party is that they really can't tell the difference between their friends and their enemies, which explains why they often attack those they dismiss as RINOS far more vehemently than they attack liberals. In fact, they display the same contempt for moderate Republicans that Democrats display towards all Republicans.

In my heart, I am a Tea Partier. But unlike some conservative zealots, I don't believe that when my personal convictions come face-to-face with political reality, it's reality that's supposed to step aside and tip its hat.

My friend Steve Maikoski, an Air Force veteran, recently let me know he takes strong exception to Hollywood making money

off war films. Specifically, he had "Fury," which casts Brad Pitt as a tough American WWII tank commander, in mind. I share his distaste for movies made by the anti-military crowd that try to cash in on other people's patriotism. It also bugs me that the enemy, 70 years after the fact, continues to be the damn krauts, but never the damn Muslims, who have been at war with us ever since 1979, when the Ayatollah took the reins in Iran.

But, then, the same Hollywood hypocrites who hate guns when they're in the hands of law-abiding Americans trying to defend themselves and their families against the barbarians would never think of allowing someone like Matt Damon, Liam Neeson or Mark Wahlberg, to enter a scene unarmed.

A friend of mine has suggested that it's high time that Republicans stopped referring to young people as Millennials and began calling them the Recession Generation, driving home the fact that, thanks to Obama's contempt for capitalism, millions of them are living back home with their parents. And that's their fate in spite of wasting several years and a potful of money getting a college degree that's not worth the parchment it's printed on.

Finally, after watching Governor Cuomo and Mayor De Blasio trying to calm the fears of New Yorkers after a local doctor brought Ebola back from West Africa, I sarcastically reviewed their performances, suggesting that after all the lies that have been told to us by Obama, Dr. Frieden and the medical staff at the Dallas hospital, I very much doubted that Dumb and Dumber could convince a small child that the sun rose in the east.

But then I caught myself. Why the heck wouldn't most New Yorkers believe these two weasels? After all, most New Yorkers voted for them!

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## **Invitation To A Tea Party**

Recently, my wife told me to stop picking on the Tea Party. Frankly, I was taken aback that after six books and 1500 articles espousing my conservative beliefs, not to mention 29 years of marriage, I would be accused of attacking those with whom I tended to agree.

But Yvonne's words gave me pause and made me think about it. I had to admit that on a couple of occasions I had admitted that I couldn't stand listening to Sarah Palin's voice, and that the recurring "You betchas" had begun wearing on me like an Alaskan water torture.

I had also taken Ted Cruz to task because his carefully engineered, but ill-timed, shutdown of the federal government, had allowed Clinton bagman Terry McAuliffe to defeat Republican Ken Cuccinelli in Virginia's 2013 gubernatorial race. To be fair, Cruz wasn't entirely responsible. If the Libertarian candidate Robert Sarvis hadn't sucked off roughly seven percent of the votes, Cuccinelli would today be ensconced in the governor's mansion.

But that hardly makes me an archenemy of the Tea Party. From my perspective, the major problem with it is that it is composed in great part of true believers who are unwilling to settle for half a loaf when in most parts of America the only choice is between half a loaf or no bread at all. In all but a small handful of states, a real conservative couldn't be elected dog catcher if that job were ever made an elective

office.

From the email I receive from the Tea Party faithful, it seems to me that they despise those they dismiss as RINOs (Republicans in Name Only), far more than they do Democrats. By doing so, they ignore the fact that America is not a conservative nation, much as some of us might wish it were. Outside of places like Texas, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Utah, people like John Cornyn, Trey Gowdy, Mike Lee, Jason Chaffetz and Ted Cruz, couldn't even win a GOP primary. An unfortunate fact of life is that geography generally determines which politicians are electable, but it's an unpleasant fact that the Tea Party faithful often choose to ignore.

I know that a lot of Tea Partiers didn't care for Scott Brown when he was the senator from Massachusetts and aren't rooting for him to trounce Jeanne Shaheen in New Hampshire next month. But the fact remains that in New England, only a moderate Republican has even the slightest chance of winning a statewide election. Do they really prefer to have Elizabeth "Pocahontas" Warren in the Senate?

In other words, the Tea Party motto seems to be "All or Nothing" when it should be "51 or Bust." Any number less than 51 means that Harry Reid retains total control of the Senate and means that if there's an opening or two on the Supreme Court over the next couple of years, there will be no way to stop someone like Eric Holder from joining his soul mates Elena Kagan and Sonia Sotomayor on the bench.

So, as much as I love my wife, I will not accept her charge that I'm an enemy of the Tea Party. Inasmuch as I am not merely a conservative when it comes to the economy, but would eliminate or at least slash the funding of nearly every department and agency in Washington, including Energy, Education, Commerce, Labor, Health & Human Resources, and the EPA; would do away with federal funding of the arts; am

opposed to same sex marriages, the current tax laws, abortion on demand and legalized drugs; but would expand capital punishment to include such crimes as rape, child molestation and computer hacking; and would erect a 25-foot high, 2000 mile wall, at our southern border; I am probably to the right of Attila the Hun, who for some reason or other seems to be the yardstick by which conservatives are measured.

What I mainly dislike about the Tea Party is the way they often ignore William F. Buckley's wise counsel to vote for the most conservative candidate... who can win. In other words, feel free to support any Republican you like in the primary, but don't then stay home sulking on Election Day if a more moderate candidate wins the nomination. Also, Karl Rove is not the enemy, Barack Obama is.

Keep in mind that these days any Republican is better than any Democrat because every Democrat would toss out James Madison's Constitution and replace it with Saul Alinsky's manifesto.

That doesn't mean they don't lie about their true nature. As we've seen this election season, Democrats who are forced to fight for their political lives will lie about being rubberstamps for Obama; that, in spite of voting for his policies 99% of the time and voting 100% of the time for ObamaCare, insist they have often parted company with the President and Harry Reid on issues vital to the nation.

Of course they lie, but they feel they're lying in a good cause; namely, getting themselves re-elected so they can go back to Congress and reattach their lips to the President's rump.

In conclusion, it's not I who am at war with the Tea Party, but the Tea Party which, far too often, seems to be at war with the GOP. It's okay to be sick and tired of John Boehner and Mitch McConnell just so long as you are still rational enough to recognize that they are preferable to Harry Reid and

Nancy Pelosi.

There is nothing to prevent the Tea Party from going its own way, to cutting itself off from what it dismisses as the Republican establishment, which includes roughly 80% of the registered Republicans in the nation. But if they do, they will end up playing the same spoiler role in American politics as the Libertarians, who can't actually get anyone elected, but can occasionally garner enough votes to deny, for instance, Virginia's governorship to a worthy Republican.

Let me just conclude my remarks by saying that I think the Tea Party serves a good purpose in that it encourages Republican candidates to be as conservative as they can be without serving themselves up as martyrs to the cause. But they should also keep in mind what I say to all minority groups – be they racial, religious or political – you have every right to be heard, but you are not entitled to have the final word.

It is always and should always be the dog that wags the tail, and not the other way around.

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**“Dear Pope Francis: Shut the  
\*\*\*\* UP!” and “Ridiculing the  
Ridiculous”**

I don't think that most people would disagree with the statement that race relations in America were better before

Barack Obama took office. Between him and the race card hustler Eric Holder, the divide hasn't been this large in decades.

In similar fashion, I believe that Pope Francis has set back Catholic/Jewish relations. Although his recent trip to the Holy Land was trumpeted as ecumenical in nature, in reality it was about as unifying as the blade of a guillotine.

When Israel's Prime Minister Bibi Netanyahu observed that Jesus spoke Hebrew, school marm Francis piped up: "Aramaic." To which Netanyahu, the perhaps too polite host, said, "Jesus spoke Aramaic, but he knew Hebrew."

But as Caroline Glick, the American-born Israeli journalist wrote, "At the time of Jesus, educated Jews wrote and spoke in Aramaic, and Jesus was educated. But the language of the people was Hebrew, and when Jesus preached to them, it would have been in Hebrew."

Ms. Glick also pointed out that the Palestinians, along with their Islamic and Western sympathizers de-Judaize Jesus and proclaim him Palestinian in order to libel the Jews and criminalize the Jewish state.

The Pope had the usual photo op at the Wailing Wall, but, less publicized in the West was the fact that he referred to Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas, who recently united with the terrorist group known as Hamas, as a "peacekeeper."

Francis also found the time to meet and embrace the Palestinian mufti, Sheikh Muhammed Hussein, calling him his "dear brother." Just for the record, the Pope's dear brother has been condemned by the U.S. and even the E.U. for his constant calls for Israel's annihilation in the name of Allah, and for his praise of suicide bombers, claiming that their souls "tell us to follow in their path."

This administration, after every scandal, tells us they're



conducting an investigation in order to make certain it never happens again. Then, after a couple of months, they report that the investigation concluded there was no scandal, and that it was all a pipedream concocted by the Republicans.

Well, I've concluded my own investigation of the last two elections, and after careful analysis, I've determined that we should never again elect a president for no better reason than to prove we can elect the first something or other— be it a woman, a Jew, a Mormon, an Hispanic, a homosexual, a dwarf or an albino.

In Isla Vista, where I once attended UC Santa Barbara, Elliot Rodger killed several people, not because he couldn't find a woman to love and marry, but because he couldn't find one or more with whom to have sex. How is it that nobody, including his movie director father, ever told him about hookers?

Whenever Obama puts America deeper in debt so that he can expand welfare, the Department of Education, the EPA and the Bureau of Land Management, he claims it's absolutely essential. But he then cuts funding for the military, and insists that he's providing us with a better, leaner, more efficient, national defense. So how is it that he never thinks to cut spending on all those other items and make them better, leaner and more efficient?

Shouldn't even Democrats find it the least bit odd that when it comes to Al Qaeda, Obama is always trying to split hairs between what he calls the core group of terrorists and its affiliates, but he, Harry Reid, Nancy Pelosi and their robots over at the IRS, somehow managed to lump all conservative groups under the Tea Party umbrella, the better to target the opposition?

I, for one, am constantly amazed that this administration keeps trying to make its scandals disappear by demanding that everyone focus, instead, on fiscal matters. But considering

the hash that Obama and his pet monkeys have made of the economy, I would have thought they'd be better off suggesting that everyone stare at the sun. If the Democrats had set out to intentionally destroy America's wealth, one would finally have reason to say they're doing a damn fine job.

For instance, everyone knows that if you raise the minimum wage by \$3-an-hour, most employers will simply decide they can sweep up the barbershop themselves or mow their own lawns. Even the world of burgers is no longer a refuge for the unskilled. McDonald's recently announced the purchase of 7,000 automatic cashier machines.

The irony is that it is often simpleminded females who respond most favorably to the Democrats' unending campaign to keep raising the minimum wage. We all know that some women can't help falling for liars, cheats and scoundrels. But it's the Democrats who use this knowledge to their political advantage. The finding of the Congressional Budget Office is that if the minimum wage is raised from \$7.25 to \$10.10, it will not only result in the immediate loss of 500,000 jobs, but that 285,000 of those jobs (57%) are jobs held by women. But that won't prevent millions of them from voting for those compassionate Democrats.

Mexico, as you may have noticed, has once again kept an American in jail on trumped-up charges. He's an ex-Marine who wound up in Tijuana by mistake because the dummies working for the CA highway department don't know how to put up signs anyone can read. Be that as it may, Mexico should be grateful that President Prelutsky isn't in the White House. My attitude would be that if our southern neighbors like Marines so much, they'll be over the moon when I send down 10,000 more to rescue their buddy and to translate "Semper Fi" into Spanish.

## **RIDICULING THE RIDICULOUS**

While watching Fox News, I often find myself fast-forwarding

through those tiresome cat fights between conservatives and the likes of Bob Beckel, Juan Williams and Alan Colmes, but at least I understand the reason behind them. It's intended to prove that Fox is indeed fair and balanced. However, whenever I see one of those slick-looking creeps from the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), I find myself wondering if Fox would have welcomed a propagandist for the American Bund if this were 1943 and we were at war with the Nazis.

Recently, I saw a reasonable Muslim on Megyn Kelly's show. He's a doctor with a practice in Phoenix, Arizona, named Zundi Jasser. He founded the American Islamic Forum for Democracy. He's worth mentioning for a couple of reasons. For one thing, he speaks honestly about the vile jihadists who populate CAIR and who attempt to put the best face on Islamic terrorism, which is similar to putting lipstick on a pig. At least it would be if little pigs went in for killing American soldiers and abducting Nigerian school girls.

For another thing, Dr. Jasser is living proof that other American Muslims aren't really in danger of being harmed if they dare speak out against the barbarism of the worldwide Islamic movement. But I have come to believe that those very few Muslims who don't subscribe to murdering so-called infidels (otherwise known as Christians and Jews); who oppose the oppression and genital mutilation of women; and who don't favor the suppression of free speech and the bombings of tall buildings, school buses and pizza parlors, are the ones who are aberrant.

That is why if I were a Muslim today, I would seriously consider converting to Christianity. Why not? Here in America, there are millions of people like me who were raised by parents who were devoted to the Democratic Party and who, at least in my case, voted for Democrats until the day came when I could no longer stomach what the Party had become.

Thanks to Karl Rove's reference to Hillary Clinton's brain

trauma of a while back, some people have begun questioning the state of her health, especially considering that she will be 69-years-old when Election Day, 2016, rolls around. Although I think there are plenty of better reasons to question her qualifications to be the Commander-in-Chief, I find it amusing that NBC decided that Jay Leno, at 64, was too old to host a late night talk show, but they're pretty darn excited at the prospect of having someone who would be 73 at the end of her first term running the country.

As you have no doubt heard, Obama and Eric Holder have presented Get Out of Jail cards to thousands of illegal aliens who were serving sentences for murder, rape, arson and driving under the influence of drugs or booze. It tells you a lot about the two men that they would let these people loose, no doubt in hopes of garnering the voting loyalty of their friends and relatives, and a lot about Obama's base that they'd applaud the release of these scumbags.

What I don't get is why some people who oppose the release would like to see them deported. Deported to Mexico? What's the point? Their rate of return is probably greater than the rate of recidivism among sex offenders. My own theory is that they let themselves be caught every time they want to visit their friends down south, but prefer to have Uncle Sam pay for the ticket.

Inasmuch as we give Mexico \$800 million of our tax dollars every year for reasons I can't begin to fathom, I would suggest that we start deducting the cost of deporting, schooling, incarcerating and offering medical care to Mexican nationals, from that annual bonanza. I have a feeling that Mexico would finally get around to building a very high wall with machine gun turrets on their side of the border.

A reader, Patrick Miano, like Dr. Jasser, a resident of Phoenix, sent me an email letting me know that Matt Damon's lousy anti-fracking movie, "Promised Land," of a couple of

years ago was financed by Abu Dhabi Media, the state media company owned by the United Arab Emirates. You think there just might be a financial motive behind their attempt to make fracking look like an evil enterprise?

For that matter, is it possible that it's not cultural sensitivity, but Arab and Muslim money that helps ensure that the most popular villains in our movies are rarely Arabs or Muslims, although they happen to be the people who are wreaking most of the havoc in the real world?

As a rule, Hollywood prefers to depict villainy as being committed by those who are running the CIA or a successful business or, in some cases, involved with religion. Ideally, when it comes to casting, it's best if it's someone who can be passed off as Eurotrash, complete with a snooty English accent like James Fox or Jeremy Irons.

Apparently, according to Leviticus 20:13, the Bible says: "If a man lies with another man, they should be stoned." That was enough to convince one of my smart-alecky readers to suggest that when the folks in Colorado recently legalized gay marriages and marijuana, they were only following God's command.

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## The Fifth Season

☒ We are all aware of the four seasons, but every election year provides us with a fifth. Thanks to politicians and

those who rely on politicians for their daily bread, we find ourselves in the silly season.

It seems that you can't turn around without finding yourself bombarded with so many political platitudes and inanities that, were they only bricks, you could use them to build a 30-foot wall at our southern border.

Just recently, Barack Obama gave a vote of confidence to his economic advisors. And why wouldn't he, with the economy zipping along on all cylinders, at least according to Joe Biden? Still, if I were Tim Geithner, I think I'd get to work on my resume. As anyone who follows professional sports knows, any time a team owner gives a coach or manager a vote of confidence, it's code for "Don't let the door hit you in the fanny on your way out."

While there's no sure way to predict who would replace Geithner, we can get a start on narrowing down the candidates. After all, if history tells us anything, it's that whomever Obama appoints will be a tax cheat.

A number of people I like and respect believe it is disgraceful that Christine O'Donnell won the GOP primary in Delaware. I am not one of them. What I find disgraceful is that her opponent, Mike Castle, called himself a Republican and yet voted with the Democrats nearly as often as Henry Waxman.

Do I believe that Ms. O'Donnell is an ideal candidate? I do not. But, unfortunately, Ronald Reagan wasn't available. I have heard that Ms. O'Donnell has a checkered past when it comes to money matters. Inasmuch as she's never stiffed me, I really don't care. When it comes to financial shenanigans, she's a mere piker compared to Chris Dodd, Barney Frank and Barack Obama. She only loused up her own credit rating; those goobers loused up America's. Her record does suggest that if she loses in the general election, she might land the gig as

treasury secretary.

Those of you who might be surprised that I'd support someone with questionable character should get over it. When it comes to my friends and associates, I'm quite concerned with such matters; when it comes to politics, my concern is with how the candidate will vote once elected.

I found it rather astonishing that after her primary victory, Karl Rove dumped all over Ms. O'Donnell. It seems to me that if Mr. Rove regarded the Delaware election as so important, he should have gone there and campaigned for Mr. Castle. To wait until after the votes were counted to attack the duly elected Republican candidate strikes me as inexplicable, not to mention reprehensible. My theory is that when it comes to recognizing the power of the Tea Party movement, the only folks who are more disturbed than the Democrats are those former Republican king makers who cower at the thought they might be losing power and influence to the amateurs.

After Bill Maher ran a segment from one of his 1999 "Politically Incorrect" shows, on which young Ms. O'Donnell admitted she had once dated a kid who was into witchcraft, she was asked about her involvement with the occult. I thought her response was spot-on and funny, to boot. She pointed out she had been in high school at the time, and suggested that most people did stupid stuff in their teens. Then she added that if she were really into witchcraft, Karl Rove would probably be supporting her.

It strikes me that Rove, who enjoys being referred to as The Architect because he helped George Bush win two elections, can hardly claim to possess impeccable conservative credentials. For not only did Bush set Obama a bad example when it came to squandering tax dollars, but he and The Architect helped pave the way for Democratic victories in 2006 and 2008.

That reminds me that Obama and his cronies keep referring to

“the last decade” in their sorry attempt to blame the Republicans for the present state of the nation. The truth, however, is that the GOP only ran things for the first six of those 10 years. Once the liberals took control of Congress in 2006, it was Dodd, Frank and Obama, along with their good friends at Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, who brought about the housing meltdown and the ensuing financial collapse. Since 2008, it’s been the Obama administration that has sent the national deficit soaring through the stratosphere.

Speaking of the silly season, it would be difficult to imagine anything goofier than giving Jew-hater Helen Thomas a journalism award, but that is exactly what the folks at the Council of American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) have decided to do. It’s not often that an award tells you as much about those bestowing it as those receiving it. In fact, the only comparable occasions that spring to mind were when the Motion Picture Academy gave Oscars to Al Gore and Michael Moore; when the Norwegians gave the Nobel Peace Prize to Yasser Arafat, Jimmy Carter and Barack Obama; and when an L.A. jury presented O.J. Simpson with a Not Guilty verdict.

Finally, though, for sheer zaniness, nothing quite compares to Jimmy Carter telling Leslie Stahl on “60 Minutes” that he had a successful administration, and only hopes that Barack Obama has an equally successful one.

Well, frankly, the way it’s been going so far these past two years, I guess I hope so, too.

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