



Climate change is a threat

Thank you so much for your willingness to print the facts about the seriousness of impending climate change (Earth at risk, April 21.)

The head-in-the-sand attitude of many, including U.S. Rep. Joe Pitts, is depressing, especially in view of the many indications of serious climate issues on our planet, such as the increasing number of records broken for hot days and increasing number of droughts around the world.

Your candor is much appreciated.

Barbara May, Manor Township

A way to honor Titanic victims

For those who could not attend the "Last Dinner on the Titanic," you missed a fabulous event with marvelous food provided by the Accomac Inn and absolutely divine music played by a five-piece orchestra dubbed for the evening the White Star Orchestra.

The event was sponsored by the Columbia Downtown Development Corp., which provided patrons with the name of a guest who traveled on the Titanic. People were encouraged to look up information about who they were representing along with current events that were taking place at that time so they could "further embellish the authenticity of the evening."

Those who attended wore either period pieces or formal wear. Eight of the original 10 courses were served that evening, allowing people to

sample the decadence and grandeur of the period. To be able to attend such an event on the exact evening 100 years later was both awe-inspiring and humbling.

Those who were lost in this tragic event were remembered the following morning at a special memorial service at St. Paul Episcopal Church in Columbia. My heartfelt thanks to those who worked so hard to make this event such a success -- it was an unforgettable experience!

Beth Runkle, Columbia

Those communists in Congress

Though many of my right-wing friends are smarting over the sudden political decline of Rick Santorum, they can surely take heart at the emergence of Florida Congressman Allen West as their heroic new Joe McCarthy.

I am referring, of course, to West's recent pronouncement that he has identified either 78 or 81 Democratic legislators who are card-carrying members of the Communist Party.

West, relatively unknown until Sarah Palin recently suggested that Mitt Romney select him as his running mate, could not name names nor did he brandish a sheaf of paper, as Sen. McCarthy once had done supposedly identifying Communists working in the State Department. He also did not reveal which of the cell members might be Trotskyites or Leninists nor the persuasions of those three "unknowns." (Maybe they were Unitarians?)

My guess is that these comrades had really outed themselves by their advocacy of such things as social justice, clean environment and

economic opportunities across class lines.
Surely, this has proven that there are reds
among the blues.

Having performed this service to America, it is
my hope that West will now launch an
investigation into those congressional solons
who may secretly be wearing the armbands of
the Fascist Party. I would advise him to watch
out for those advocating programs benefiting
and empowering only the wealthy minority,
unleashing machinery for unfettered ideological
propaganda, catering to the military-industrial
complex or restricting civil liberties at home
while empire-building abroad.

He could begin the search by looking at the
colleagues on his side of the aisle ... or by
looking into the mirror.

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