LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Biden blames Putin for his own failures

New flash! All Americans are mindless and have no ability to remember what life was like one year ago.

At least that is what the Biden administration hoped would happen. The best thing to happen to the Biden administration was Putin invading Ukraine, a horrible and tragic event for all the people of Ukraine and the world.

world.

It takes the heat off him, and he now uses the name of Putin to place blame on all their horrible decisions. It's Putin inflation, Putin gas prices, Putin border sham, Putin violence and homelessness in every major city.

It was Putin's idea (not Mayor Eric Adams') to make all kids under age 4 in New York City wear masks when athletes and actors get a free pass as if they can't contract or spread covid.

Meanwhile, it's Putin who has allowed immigrants to enter this country, unvaccinated, unmasked and shipped to every state in the dead of night, taking their deadly fentanyl with them.

It must have been Putin who gave undocumented immigrants a phone you paid for. Who's paying for yours?

It's Putin who made us energy dependent and begging terrorist nations for oil.

Putin also threw around over \$6 trillion of money we most likely borrowed from China to spend on what? My grocery bill was double what it usually is, not to mention gas. Thanks, Putin!

He's one very busy guy, ruining our country and his at the same time.

Jen Psaki can spin a story better than a front load washing machine. The End.

Denise Crisci Altamont

Wednesday, April 27th

11:30am-2pm

Still waiting for the right to respond

I write to expose the lies, cowardice and hypocrisy of

the right, but I never get a response. Nonetheless, here I go again.

Republicans are persecuting pregnant women and transgender children while cowering in abject fear of incurring the wrath of Donald Trump. What incredibly brave people these gutless wonders are!

Liz Cheney has more courage than all of you macho men in the GOP. Speaking of macho men, when will Sean Hannity undergo waterboarding? Nineteen years and counting. Republicans are outraged by Putin's invasion of Ukraine and the killing of innocent civilians. George W. Bush did exactly the same thing in Iraq. Where was the righteous Republican outrage then?

Do any of you conservatives out there have an answer? Not a chance.

Paul Sator Gloversville

Preserve historic Amsterdam area

Amsterdam brownfields can be turned into emeralds and sapphires on the necklace of the Chucanunda Creek in the heart of Amsterdam.

An April 13 article in The Recorder ("Brownfield redevelopment targeted at summit") told of 902 acres in Amsterdam included in a state and federal program aimed at cleaning up these brownfields.

Many of these brownfields are directly along the historic and environmentally valuable North Chucanunda Creek.

The 3-acre Five Corners site and the 5-acre Old Paper Mill site could be joined to the beautiful new Flat Rock Park to make a large jewel on this Chucanunda necklace.

Let us all encourage our leaders to make the North Chucanunda Creek Trail a priority and preserve and protect it.

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John Naple Amsterdam

IRS must get more efficient or send bill

For some time, one of my mantras has been "bureaucracies kill," although I admire civil servants for their honesty and dedication.

The latest example: Finding no Johnstown institution providing complete IRS forms, I wrote to their appointed address seeking the booklet with a chart of what's owed on income and Schedule D and related forms.

Back in the mail came 8814 (Parent's Election to Report Child's Interest and Dividends) and 4962 (Tax on Lump-Sum Distributions for those born before January 2, 1936.)

I had no idea what those were for. The booklet never came.

That left me two weeks to dig up those documents or face penalties, interest or just jail.

I am shocked at the inefficiency of the IRS. If they want us to pay, they should provide us with the material, or just send us a bill, since they already know.

David Childs Johnstown

No more delays in help for St. Clare's

Gov. Kathy Hochul remarked about the New York state budget for 2022-2023.

In highlighting many of the positive points, she stated, "This budget will put more money in people's pockets and it would lift those who have been hardest hit."

I have a serious concern regarding 1,100-plus former St. Clare's health care workers who had their pension eliminated or reduced in 2018.

With the influx of federal money and higher-than-expected tax revenues, let's be proud, caring New Yorkers and restore their pension now.

After four years of this fiasco, it is not the time for the church/state to point fingers.

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This is the time to correct the horrible way the 1,100-plus retirees have been treated. They, along with family and friends, will be listening and sharing on social media for a strong voice of resolve.

The Seneca nation recently paid New York \$532 million. Can we spare \$55 million to do what is right and just?

Lorraine Eaton Schoharie

Don't celebrate Confederate traitors

The governor of Mississippi is proclaiming "Confederate Heritage Month." Imagine celebrating the behavior of traitors that killed brave Americans who fought to abolish the enslavement of people and keep our country united.

Yet this is what Gov. Tate Reeves thinks is OK.

I would rather Mr. Reeves celebrate those brave Americans who traveled thousands of miles to save our country (the Union soldiers).

Yet, Reeves thinks it is alright to proclaim a celebration of ideas that tried to bring our great nation down while trying to preserve a system of racial enslavement.

Our former president thought it was OK to support a group of people that wanted to keep a statue in place in Virginia of a slave owner who led these traitors (Robert E. Lee). In my opinion, there is nothing to celebrate about "Confederate Heritage."

I am sure that Union soldiers that fought in the war would agree.

We have politicians that believe it OK to praise and support these treasonous ideals of the 1860s.

Next, we could have a celebration of the "brave" Japanese fliers that attacked Pearl Harbor, or the rioters of

the Jan 6, 2021, insurrection that attempted to pervert our election.

Of course these are ludicrous ideas, but so is "Confederate Heritage." When is it enough?

When do we say to our Republican political leaders you need to step up and speak out against this behavior by "political hacks" like Reeves and Trump? That we need not celebrate "Confederate" ideals, but rather condemn them.

Jim Novotny Sr. Gloversville

With summer comes threat of skin cancer

With spring here and summer fast approaching, May is skin cancer prevention awareness month. But being aware is not enough. I want to share my story as a skin cancer survivor. I need to help spread the word.

Many don't realize skin cancer is the most common cancer in the United States. Melanoma is the deadliest type and is mostly caused by ultraviolet (UV) rays. UV rays come from the sun or indoor tanning devices.

Nearly 4,000 New York-

ers get melanoma each year. Good news, about 90% of melanomas can be prevented.

I consider myself one of the lucky ones, to have overcome and survived cancer. I love the community here in Amsterdam, especially being a Mohawks Host Family Coordinator since 2015. I consider the role of securing/housing players exciting but also an opportunity to raise awareness for athletes, like Mohawk players, to encourage sun safety practices when on the field.

Use broad-spectrum sunscreen with a 15 SPF or higher. Apply 15 minutes before going outdoors and again after swimming or sweating. Wear a wide-brimmed hat, long-sleeved shirt and pants when possible. Wear sunglasses that block UVA/UVB rays. Avoid direct sun from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A wonderful resource in our community is the Cancer Prevention in Action (CPiA) program of Fulton, Montgomery & Schenectady Counties that works to raise awareness about skin cancer and the dangers of indoor tanning.

For more information on CPiA visit www.takeactionagainstcancer.com

Paula Hawkins Amsterdam

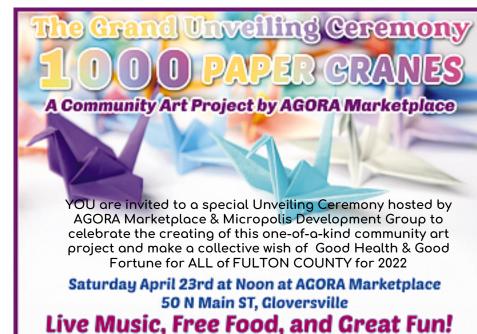


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