"For the times they are a-changin'..."
—Bob Dylan
From Target to Tourist: Building Forgiveness

A special operations officer during the Vietnam War, John Brownrigg tells the moving story of his return to Vietnam to dedicate a compassion house. Compassion houses are built and funded by veterans for victims of the war. This particular house was for a widow who lost two sons to the effects of Agent Orange. Brownrigg shares how this return closed old wounds and opened his mind, enabling him to learn more about the culture of Vietnam.

Community Policing: New Programs and Changing Ideas

Police departments around the country are rediscovering community policing. Sgt. Matthew Dearing and Lt. Ryan Macherone of the Schenectady Police Department, along with Dennis Green, assistant director, Washington Irving Adult and Continuing Education, Schenectady School District, discuss innovative programs and new ideas for a more effective policing program in Schenectady.

1942: A Year of Infamy

Seventy-five years ago, Manila was captured by Japanese military forces, German U-boats had sunk 609 ships off the coast of the United States and the Nazis held a conference to decide the “final solution to the Jewish problem.” German General Irwin Rommel, known as “The Desert Fox,” captured Benghazi, Libya. The Imperial Japanese army and navy were on the verge of capturing Rangoon, Burma and Singapore. This was just January. Anthropologist and historian David Van Aken, assistant professor from Hudson Valley Community College, recounts the important events as America entered World War II.

“Tangled Up in” Worms

Through his companies BioSoil Farm and VermaGro Products, local entrepreneur Chad Currin invents and manufactures organic fertilizers from garbage that would otherwise go to the landfill. Currin brings some of the farm workers—worms—to share their amazing story. Additionally, he will share how the worm farm led to an accident that uncovered the key to recycling Styrofoam. Through funny stories, interesting anecdotes, amazing creatures and a few surprises, Currin describes how he turns trash into cash with help from his worms.
Velan Studios: Building Games at the Tip of the Spear

Velan Studios is the latest business venture by the brothers Guha and Karthik Bala. Their newest startup centers on creating innovative and entertaining game experiences that stoke the imagination. The Bala brothers discuss their twenty-five year journey as leaders who push the frontiers of gaming.

Climate Change and Climate Justice in New York

The impacts of climate change are felt throughout the world. New York is working to reduce greenhouse gas emissions resulting from burning fossil fuels. Communities are developing their own resilience plans to mitigate the impact created by worsening heat waves, storms and floods. Eleanor Stein, J.D., LL.M in Climate Change Law, Albany Law School, presents our state’s initiatives to address climate change.
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