

This Week

Magic & Cyber Security Program Host: Theo Clarke

This Thursday's program features Jay Weiss, one of the most multi-talented human beings I have ever met. Weiss's life trajectory to his dual careers of master magician and master of cyber security can be described in two words: *Central Casting*. His interest in magic began in Israel where his parents had sent him as a reward for achieving his Bar Mitzvah. His roommate in Israel was into magic. Then Weiss saw a magic trick in Haifa that blew him away. The seed was planted.

Back in Connecticut, while wandering through a shopping mall, he spotted a sign advertising magic classes. He paid for them by cashing bonds he had received for his Bar Mitzvah, one bond at a time. He was a natural. A friend brought him to California to perform for local entertainers. He performed in Beverly Hills. He met performers of all kinds, belly dancers, comedians, musicians, etc. He formed an entertainment company. By the mid-70s he had developed the largest data base of entertainers in the world.

In the mid-80s the internet world was just emerging. He bought parts at a swap meet in Pomona and built his own server for his entertainment business. He did

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Honesty Now . . .

Taken from an article by Richard M. Romney, Scouting Magazine, September 2006

If parents stretch the truth or commit harmless acts of dishonesty, their children are likely to do the same. Here are ways – besides setting a good example – to encourage children not to lie or otherwise be dishonest.

In our home, we call it the Pinocchio Principle: "If you lie, your nose will grow." Of course, that caution comes from a fairy tale about a puppet, but it is a revealing assessment of what begins when we enter into deceit: ***Someway, sooner or later, the lie will become as plain as the nose on your face.***

Some parents would be happy if their child's nose provided such an accurate indication of untruth. But remember that often what a child is doing is patterned after behavior observed in a parent. If your child knows that sometimes you stretch things a little, it is likely that somewhere along the way, he or she may do the same.

"I don't like to see parents lie to their children, even if the lies are harmless," says Laurence Steinberg, PhD, in his book *The Ten Basic Principles of Good Parenting* (Simon and Schuster, New York, 2004). "It

sends the message that it's OK to fib when you need to."

A Case in Point

"I had just finished telling my 9-year-old that she needed to be honest," one mother lamented. "Then the phone rang, and I said, 'Tell them I'm not home.' My daughter looked straight at me and said, 'Mother, I have to tell the truth.'"

"If you're honest, even in the little things, they pick up on that," says Cynthia Bourne of Salt Lake City, Utah, who raised three children as a single mother after her husband died and has raised two more with her second husband, Hal. "Just a little thing like saying to a sales clerk, 'You gave me too much change,' and returning the extra money, sets an example that you always try

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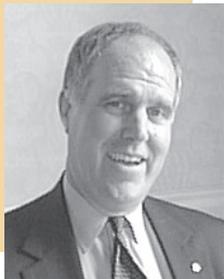
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Program Review

The Metropolitan Water District Supplying Southern California's Water



It is no news that California has experienced drought conditions for the past five years.

Fortunately, during these past six months, the area has had extensive rainfall, which has eased the drought conditions in much

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John Clougherty

of the state, particularly Northern California. In spite of all the rain, Southern California is not out of the woods ... yet. The task of managing southern California's water resources falls to the Metropolitan Water District (MWD). Last Thursday, John Clougherty and Bob Hayward, spoke to us about the District and its history.

The MWD is a regional wholesaler and



Bob Hayward

the largest supplier of treated water in the United States. It was created by an action of the California state legislature in 1928. The goal was to construct and operate the Colorado River Aqueduct. The MWD is a cooperative of 14 cities and 11 municipal water districts. It provides water to over 19 million people in a service area of over

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March

Water & Sanitation

Program Chair, Theo Clarke

March 23 - Jay Weiss, Internet Security & a bit of Magic
March 30 - Amy Hale, Unlocking Jupiter's Secrets

April

Mom & Child Health

Program Chair, David Smth

April 06 - To be Announced

Congratulations



Birthdays



03/08 - Jeri Cunningham
03/14 - Steve Cunningham
03/15 - Trish Robinson
03/15 - David Smith



Anniversaries



03/01 - Tom & Etta McCurry
03/13 - Steve & Sunny Wu Kerekes
Dennis & Noriko Suzuki Mehringer

Rain Forecast for Saturday, March 25 changes the Date of the Christmas Tree Lane Irrigation Augmentation Project *Five to Seven Volunteers now Needed on Saturday, April 8*



As of this morning (Monday, March 20) rain is forecast for this Saturday, March

25. This rain forecast has caused Christmas Tree Lane to reconsider the scheduling their *Irrigation Augmentation Project*. Until this afternoon about 4:15p, the Project had been scheduled for this Saturday, March 25. The date has now been moved two weeks hence – **Saturday, April 8.**

As before, volunteers are asked to arrive on Santa Rosa between Calaveras on the north and Alameda on the south at 8a and work until about 12n. Lunch will be provided. Water will be available from 8a, and either donuts or bagels will be available soon thereafter. Coffee may also be available.

We will be digging a trench with a power trenching tool. Pipe will be laid in the trench with ¼-inch irrigation tubing running inside the pipe. The tubing will surface at various intervals to bring water to the dry wells that

have already been built.

It would be wise to bring your own work gloves, so they fit and are comfortable. You can feel free to bring a shovel, dirt will be put back into the trenches to cover the pipes. It is always a good idea to mark the shovels and gloves that you bring. If you forget your gloves we do have some.

If we finish working on the median in time, we will be doing similar work inside the Theosophical Society grounds.

See you on Saturday, April 8. ○

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5200 square miles. It serves parts of Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura counties. The MWD obtains its water from Lake Havasu on the California-Arizona border. It also imports water supplies from northern California by means of the California Aqueduct. It operates five water treatment plants and 16 hydroelectric facilities. These treatment plants are among the largest in the country.

The MWD has a number of reservoirs throughout the southland to store and preserve fresh water in times of drought and in the case of emergencies such as earthquake or floods. There are three major reservoirs maintained by the MWD. Lake

Matthews in southwest Riverside County, Lake Skinner located south of Hemet in Riverside County, and Diamond Valley Lake is the other major reservoir serviced by the MWD. Lake Castaic— located north of Los Angeles – is the next largest reservoir, and is maintained by the California Department of Water Resources.

The MWD operates five treatment plants which are located in Yorba Linda, Granada Hills, Riverside, Winchester and La Verne. These five plants filter water for over 17 million residents of southern California. Every day extensive and comprehensive tests are performed on water samples for the detection of bacteria, viruses, parasites,

toxins, and chemical contaminants.

Members of the MWD include the Cities of Burbank, Los Angeles, Glendale, and Pasadena. Water for the Altadena area is supplied mainly by the Lincoln Avenue Water Company, a mutual water company. Lincoln is a member of the Foothill Municipal Water District. The Foothill District is a member of the MWD, and is composed of smaller water companies and cooperatives who service communities such as La Canada, La Crescenta, Tujunga and Altadena.

Water has played a significant role in the founding and development of southern California. It was fascinating to learn more about this important topic. Boyd Hudson ○

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to be honest.”

A Second Chance to Tell the Truth

I asked my son Taylor what helped him learn to be honest, and he said, “Breaking that window.” I remember it well. He was about 10 years old and had been assigned to gather apples that had fallen off the tree in our front yard. But instead, he was throwing the apples into tall grass in the side yard, where he thought they’d never be found.

One apple slipped as he threw it and sailed straight through the next-door neighbor’s garage window. It took a day before Taylor summoned the courage to talk to us, and at first he tried to blame the broken window on

a mysterious kid wearing a black backpack who had been wandering down the street.

“That’s interesting,” my wife said. “Why was he wearing a backpack when school’s out of session?” A few more questions and we were pretty certain things didn’t add up.

“Let’s start over,” I said. “Why don’t we go look at the window together?” Rather than accusing him of lying, we gave him a second chance to tell the truth. Pretty soon we knew exactly what he had done. Together we looked at the damage and decided what we could do to fix it.

But we didn’t let him off the hook by allowing him to say things like, “The win-

repairs. Together, we purchased glass and glazing compound, then spent an afternoon digging out the broken glass and putting in a new pane.

Taylor agreed to earn money to pay me back, and he still remembers the hours we spent fixing the window together. The important thing is that today, just seeing the neighbor’s window reminds us both that we

took responsibility and solved the problem.

Useful Patterns for Parents

There’s a similar episode in the children’s book *The Berenstain Bears and the Truth* (Random House, New York, 1983) by Stan and Jan Berenstain.

The bear cubs break a rule by playing soccer in the house, and an errant kick knocks a lamp off a table, breaking it. Instead of accepting responsibility, they blame the accident on

a bird – a purple bird – with yellow feet – and green wing tips – and funny-looking red feathers sticking out of its head.

“As most lies do,” the book continues, “the purple bird whopper got bigger and

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dow got broken.” We helped him to see it was better to state it honestly: “I broke the window.”

“The hardest part,” Taylor recalls, “was when you made me apologize.” But the neighbor gave permission to make the

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bigger and bigger." Papa Bear asks them to repeat the story, but they can't keep their facts straight. He asks simple questions, and each time the answers are different.

Then Mama Bear says, "What I'm sad about is the thought that maybe, just maybe, my cubs, whom I've always trusted, aren't telling me the truth." She points out that trust, once broken, is more difficult to fix than a shattered lamp.

It is just a children's story, but it shows some patterns that may be helpful for parents.

Don't growl. Ask what happened. Keep asking simple questions. Express your own sadness and disappointment. Provide every opportunity for the child to tell the truth. Help the child accept responsibility.

Mara Alford of Huntsville, Ala., says her 11-year-old son, Jason, taught her an important lesson about honesty. "We were talking about how, when we're dishonest, we not only hurt others, but we also lose self-respect. He said that the easiest time to keep from telling a lie is when it's small."

"Sometimes people try to make you think it's OK to lie just a little bit, but that's where you have to draw the line," Jason explains. "It's easy to stop when the lies are little. It gets harder and harder if the lies go on."

Helping a Child

face the Consequences

Jim Fay and Charles Fay, Ph.D., go after the same concept in their book *Love and Logic Magic: When Kids Leave You Speechless* (Love and Logic Press, Golden, Colo., 2001). They suggest that an extremely important part of helping children to be honest is to not rescue them from the consequences of their actions.

Show both love and sadness when a poor choice is made, and it will help the child to *own* the pain of his or her poor decision. It will also help him to not make excuses, like blaming teachers, coaches, or even parents.

"Early on, convey to your child that being responsible for doing the right thing and being accountable for the consequences of mistakes are not optional," say William Sears, MD; Martha Sears, RN; and Elizabeth Pantley in *The Successful Child: What Parents Can Do to Help Kids Turn Out Well* (Little, Brown and Co., Boston, 2002).

"Refuse to accept irresponsible excuses," they advise. "A 4-year-old knocks over a vase of flowers and when asked about it says, 'The cat did it!' Of course, Mom knows better, but she also knows that blaming the cat is easy while admitting that 'I wasn't supposed to be running in the house' is hard.

"A wise parent in this situation doesn't get into an argument about who knocked

over the vase. Instead, she reminds the rambunctious 4-year-old that this is why there are rules about running in the house and then helps him find a rag to wipe up the mess."

And what about teens? In their book, *Ten Secrets Wise Parents Know: Tried and True Things You Can Do to Raise Faithful, Confident, Responsible Children* (Deseret Book Co., Salt Lake City, 2004), Brent L. Top and Bruce A. Chadwick write about a father who employed humor to get his teenage boys to tell the truth about where they were going by asking: "What if a good-looking girl calls for you? How will I know where to forward the call?" With that, the sons would laughingly reveal their plans for the evening."

Top and Chadwick also advocate the principle of "trust but verify."

"We can trust that our children – whatever their ages – are truthful with us regarding their friends, activities, behavior, school performance, money acquisitions and expenditures, and a host of tougher issues. But we need to know where to go to verify what they tell us.

"Sometimes," the authors say, "a funny look or a blank stare [from a teen] should send up a red flag."

Or perhaps it would be an indication that someone's nose is starting to grow. ○

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computer stuff on the side while doing his magic. However, he noted that being in the entertainment business was very stressful. Being an internet technology (IT) guy was much less so. His computer and IT capabilities blossomed. He made the transition to IT at the time of the Y2K panic in 2000, the best time to get into the business. He kept his magic talents under wraps for five

years until he had become a master IT guy.

Now Jay is an IT guy's IT guy. He is the founder of *Computer HMO*. He has traveled across the US and Canada teaching IT people and small business people about the uses of the latest technology. He was sent overseas by Intel and Microsoft to teach classes to Microsoft staff, and brought by invitation to top IT companies in Singapore,

Kuala Lumpur, Manila and Hong Kong. He has been featured in Computer magazines and written articles on Cisco and Intel as well as technology.

Today he says the most important thing for him is passing on information to educate people on what needs to be done to best use and live with technology. Don't miss this program. ○

BOB LUCAS MEMORIAL BRANCH

Extended Hours During Phase I Renovation

If you've been at either of Altadena Library District's branches recently, you have likely seen the poster to the right outlining the upcoming Phase I Renovation at the district's main building. As exciting as this much-needed renovation is, we will be putting some temporary measures into effect, including extended hours at the Bob Lucas Branch and limited options for item drop-off and hold pick-ups at the main library, to diminish any inconvenience caused by the library's brief closure.

During the renovation books can be returned at the Branch Library on the corner of Lincoln and Ventura or in the drop boxes located on Mariposa at the Main Library. Also during the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, a staff member will be stationed at the South Entrance of the Main library to answer questions, renew books, retrieve your items on Hold and assist with any questions you may have about your account. A small selection of new books, movies, audio books and music will be available to browse. ANY LATE FEES incurred during this period will be forgiven.



Extended Bob Lucas Branch Hours
2659 Lincoln Avenue, Altadena

Monday through Thursday
10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday through Saturday
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday
12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Altadena Library District's Main Library will be closed from Monday, March 13th to the end of April 2017 for the Phase I Renovation.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR FUTURE SECOND SATURDAYS

Louis Van Taylor Quintet



Saturday, April 8, 2017
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

The Michael Haggins Band



Saturday, May 13, 2017
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Stay tuned for the next season of Second Saturdays with Upstream in October and the Tone Brothers in November!

Second Saturday CONCERTS



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Blues, Folk, Rock, Soul and Gospel
January 14, 2017

Splish Splash Band

Rock, Jazz and Blues
February 11

DeRumba

Spanish Guitar to the beat
of the Gypsy Rumba
March 11

Louis Van Taylor Quintet

Jazz
April 8

Michael Haggins Band

Funk and Smooth Jazz
May 13

The Satisfaction Band

Dance music Top 40, Latin Rock,
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