



# TROOP 314 NEWS

## February 2015 AD

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<http://www.troop314ocbsa.scoutlander.com>

BSA Troop 314 - Orange Frontier District  
Westminster, (Midway City) California

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### Scoutmaster's Corner

Dear Troop 314,

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Haha, that was just a little test to see if anyone really reads this column. If you got this far, congratulations; you just read an excerpt from "de Finibus Bonorum et Malorum" (The Extremes of Good and Evil) by Cicero, written in 45 BC.

Anyway, I just wanted to mention that we have two more great upcoming opportunities to impress, entice, and recruit more Webelos to join our little troop

On February 17, we will have Webelos II's (and hopefully also Webelos I's) visiting our meeting, so we are planning to do a little cooking over a fire (hot dogs and popcorn).

Then in June, we're going to help them run a water rocket event. The exact date and



location are still to be announced. Since we have already hosted an event like this, it should be pretty easy, and we can concentrate on showing the boys a good time. And both Mr. P and I are mulling over ideas for a better launch system, and higher-flying rockets.

These events are great news, because obviously no troop can survive without bringing in new members. We've had a couple of lean years in this department, which is why we have gotten down to 2 patrols. But I believe we can build the troop back up. We started this effort with Noel J's Belt Loop Day last year, and also with the water rocket event.

We now have a great liason with the Pack 314 Webelos, our Den Chief Christian D, and we have these upcoming events. Let's make the most of them.

***Yours in Scouting, Richard Marubayashi,  
Scoutmaster, Troop 314***



## SPL's Corner

Dear Troop 314,

This last month, January, went better than I had expected, although it still can very much be improved.



I now know that interactive-based skills is not a great idea because scouts tend to lose focus on the activity and learn little. The skills taught during meetings from now on should focus more on trying to teach the other scouts something, like the useful Boy Scout skills taught for rank advancement. Also, games should be better planned out, not just thought of on the spot. And if possible, related to the current theme, which for the next two months is cooking. It's probably going to be hard to think of a game for cooking, but you should try your best.

Dishwashing at American Legion Post 555 on February 6 went well. Ian M., Christian D., and myself, were the helpers that night. They served Linguine with Shrimp and Italian Sausage with Rice. Although we stayed later then we would have liked, we got the job done, and they were very appreciative of our service. Post 555 sponsors our Troop, so we like to give back to them whenever possible. Make sure you know what month you are signed up to help out.

Since most boys either already has or do not want the complete the fishing merit badge, we will no longer be having sessions during troop meetings. If you wish to continue doing this merit badge, you are going to have to do it someplace else, and on your own time.

If there is a particular merit badge you think that the Troop would be interested in pursuing, please feel free to suggest it to either me or our Scoutmaster, Mr. M.

***Jon F. - Senior Patrol Leader***

## From the Chairman

I announced at the Executive Meeting and at the JLC that I am moving the monthly Parent's Meeting to second Tuesday of the month to better align outcome of JLC with the Parents Meeting.



The Senior Patrol Leader can attend a portion to pitch for support of activities that the JLC has planned. We will also cover Treasurer's report, upcoming activities, and policy questions as the first Monday Exec Meeting attendance has waned effectively eliminating a quorum, and become more of a planning meeting for the JLC.

I encourage parents to approach me directly if have questions prior to the meeting.

***YIS, Mr. Hilton Committee Chair***



## January Noel's J. Eagle Service Project: Shelves for Cypress High School Band



**The Project Crew for Day 1.**





**Sanding...**



**And Sanding...**



**Project Day 2 begins.**



**Apparently, Arrow and Green lantern helped out.**



**Redwood and Plywood shelf decks ready to go.**







The assembly crew, Eagle Advisor and Boss.



Installed!



Day 3 – Installation of Shelves.



## Rob P. Eagle Service Project Appreciation Letter

In January Robert P. received a letter of appreciation from the Buena Park Library District for his Service Project building six benches for front of library. A big Thank You! to all the people who helped make this project idea a reality.



Library Board of Directors Appreciation Letter



Mr. M. and Robert





## Order of the Arrow Wiatava Lodge (#39) Santee Chapter News



OA Santee Chapter Meeting - Chapter Meetings are held on every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00pm at Holy Cross Lutheran Church

**Steven Y. – OA Representative**

<http://www.ocbsa.org/resources/order-of-the-arrow/>



Rob and Mrs. H., Eagle Advisor

## Troop 314 Historian Report

In January 2015, there was no troop outing except Noel's Eagle Project on January 3rd from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM and January 10th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. His project was to build 2 shelves for his high school band class. Congratulations to Noel for his success and achievement!



**Viet Tran, Troop Historian**

## 2 ¢ From the Treasurer: Dues, Due again!

Dues will be \$160 again this year. We are behind schedule, so if possible, please pay in next couple months!

Typically, we ask Scouts to use \$40 from their own fundraising – so that part of dues can come from Scout account.

Please submit a "REQUEST FOR USE OF FAMILY ACCOUNT FUNDS" form. Thanks

- **Treasurer, Sandra Bloch**

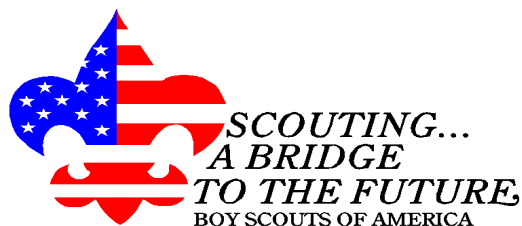


## Troop 314 Scribe Junior Leadership Committee (JLC) Minutes for February 2015 AD



No Submission to Newsletter at time of publication.

- **Mitchell L., Troop Scribe**





# Gold camp 2015

## June 19th (Sold Out!)

### Now only June 26<sup>th</sup> weekend.



The best camp adventure ever! Over 3100 prospectors have attended since 2005 East Fork San Gabriel River - Camp Williams Enjoy 2 nights camping on the San Gabriel River (Friday and Saturday Night). Cost

per person for the 2015 camp is 52.50 / person 5 years old and up.

- Camp in a Private Campground (with showers and flush toilets)
- Group gold panning lessons conducted by local Prospecting Club members, learn to do it right the first time!
- Your very own gold pan, sucker tweezers, and vial to keep all the gold you find. There will be some who will find real gold\*
- A rip roaring campfire Saturday night complete with ghost stories!
- Gunfights & hilarious skits throughout the day
- Friday night movie!
- A history talk about the historic San Gabriel Valley and the East Fork Gold Rush!
- The greatest miners meal ever (Saturday Dinner), including BBQ chicken and ribs, salad, mac and cheese, baked beans, corn, homemade corn bread, dutch oven cobbler, cake, lemonade or a miners brew\*\*.
- An official Placer Pete's Gold Camp Patch
- All the river fun you can have!
- Fishing (local fishing laws apply)
- Characters in Period Costumes reliving the great Gold Rush of Southern California
- Photo Opportunities with Placer Pete and the Characters of Eldoradoville!
- You can participate in opportunity drawing to win a real gold nugget (worth about \$70-\$100)

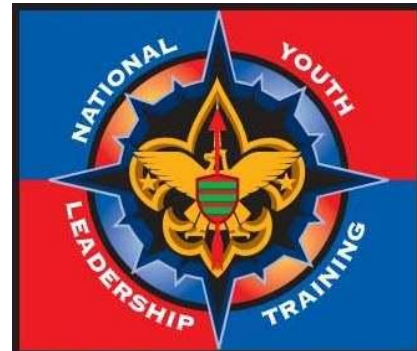
\*We can't guarantee that everyone will find gold - but we will guarantee that some lucky campers will find gold at this camp

[WWW.placerpetesgoldcamp.com](http://WWW.placerpetesgoldcamp.com)

If you are interested in attending the 2015 camp please send an email to [scukanecbsa@hotmail.com](mailto:scukanecbsa@hotmail.com)



## NYLT Participant Registration is Open



We're on track for another stellar NYLT program for 2015. The leadership skills participants gain during NYLT last a life time. Our course fills up quickly and to serve our participants, NYLT has a maximum capacity of 120 participants. Please sign up early to ensure your youth has a spot!

**ALL NEW! NYLT website:** <http://nylt.ocbsa.org/>

Updated forms and processes for staff and participants are in place. Payments are processed through the BSA Council using Camp Master.

June 7th Mandatory Down Hill meeting at the BSA council office from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. to kick-off the leadership training and inspection to be on-course.

June 28th –July 3rd NYLT course located at Lost Valley. June 28th check in at 9:30 a.m. in Temecula; caravan to Lost Valley between 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. July 3rd, all parents and their families are invited to the graduation ceremony. Additional details are on the website.

**Troop 314 will pay for first two Scouts to attend NYLT this year!**



# Troop 314 Leadership

- Senior Patrol Leader: Jon F.
- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader: Alex. B.
- Blue Phoenix Patrol Leader: Christian D.
- Blue Phoenix Asst. Patrol Leader: Diego M.
- Autobots Patrol Leader: Elijah B.
- Autobots Asst. Patrol Leader: Robert P.
- Scribe: Mitchell Le.
- Webmaster – Open.
- Troop Guide - Open
- Quartermaster: Owen M.
- Librarian: Martin L. and Gabe B.
- OA Representative: - Open
- Chaplain's Aide: Austin Hallman
- Historian: Viet T.
- Den Chief - Christian D.

## Open Position in Leadership

- Troop Guide



*"It's the spirit within, not the veneer without, that makes a man."*

- Sir  
Robert  
Baden-  
Powell



## Patrol Advisors

Patrol Advisors help the Patrol Leader guide the patrol and improve their leadership skills.



The patrol leader should check with their advisor to plan patrol meetings and activities. If possible, the advisor should be present at patrol breakouts during the meeting to help plans go smoothly, and to oversee menus and other scout planning events.

### Blue Phoenix Patrol

– Mr. Bess / Mrs. Hight

### AUTOBOTS

- Mr. Hallman / Mr. Feiffer

## Meeting Night Patrols

Skill Patrol Leaders remember when you are planning the skills for the meeting, make sure that two levels of Skills should be worked out and that they are appropriate to the Troop Program Features Theme. It is best that everyone is (and can be) involved. When possible – see if a competition or game & competition can be made out of your skills.



The patrol that has flag ceremony /setup / cleanup should show up by 6:45pm (earlier if it's a court of honor). It's the patrol leader's responsibility to make sure they do. ***This means picking up the phone to confirm communication received and understood.*** Email or text are OK, but are not a substitute for direct bi-directional **voice** communication – a confirmed Phone message – read back of said phone message might be good idea too.

No one in the patrol should leave until everything is cleaned up and put away, or the patrol leader releases them.

Dutch Oven Cooking is only done during specified meetings. For example, Hot dogs and cooking are usually done when we have Webelos visit.

# The Outdoor Code

***As an American,  
I will do my best to -***

***Be clean in my outdoor manners.***

***Be careful with fire.***

***Be considerate in the outdoors.  
and***

***Be conservation minded***

## Scout Oath

***On my honor, I will do my best  
To do my duty to God and my  
country and to obey the Scout Law;***

***To help other people at all times;***

***To keep myself physically strong,  
mentally awake and morally  
straight.***

## Troop 314 is Camping Green

Personal Mess kits are used on 99.889 % of Troop campouts – If in doubt, buy one and bring yours!



# TROOP WEBSITE:

The Troop 314 website, URL is:

<http://www.troop314ocbsa.scoutlander.com>

FYI a Google search of “BSA Troop 314” gets you this link:

Boy Scout Troop 314 (Midway City, California) Homepage

[www.troop314ocbsa.scoutlander.com/](http://www.troop314ocbsa.scoutlander.com/)

You have found the home page of. Troop 314 of. Midway City, California. Sponsored by. American Legion Albert E. Schwab Post 555. 14582 Beach Blvd.

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*“The real way to gain  
happiness is to give it to  
others.”*

- Sir Robert Baden-Powell

TRUSTWORTHY  
loyal HELPFUL  
friendly  
KIND  
cheerful  
thrifty  
brave  
clean  
reverent



# The Troop can help you do something you always wanted to do!

**Scouts – You have the Power to make some serious fun happen!**

Just talk to Mr. Fieffer to get the ball rolling on one of these great activities, and while you are at it - step up to be Scout in Charge.

The Troop Committee will hook you up with the parents and resources to make it happen!

## Activities:

**Archery**

**Deep Sea Fishing** - boat Trip

**Ocean fishing** – Pier trip / Surf.

**Beach party**

**Annual Homework Burn**

**Bonfire (June)**

**Bowling**

**Go Cart Racing (Family)**

**Hiking Trip**

**Backpacking** - Hike in camp in wilderness of Orange County or our mountain backcountry

**Snow Day –** Grassy Hollow

Visitors Center – Out of Wrightwood.

**Ski / Snowboard Trip**

**Lazer Tag (Family)**

**Air Soft Games (Family)**

**Paint Ball (Family)**

**Shooting Range** Could be a family or scout event depending what guns we want to shoot.

**BLM land / Calico Ghost Town**

**- Desert Shoot –** High powered Rifles / Pistols / and Shotgun skeet shooting (Family event)

**Rock climbing** - Indoor Rock walls or natural climbs all work as we have 4 BSA Climb Instructors in this troop and our own climb gear/rope!



**Angel's Baseball Game**

**Gold Prospecting**

**Swim –** Pool Time or a Summer Laguna Beach Trip

**Scuba Instruction**

**Snorkeling / Beach Trip**

**White water rafting**

**Canoe River Trip**

**Annual Mistletoe Trip**

**Annual Homework Burn! June** at Bolsa Chica

State beach

**Kayaking**

**Picnic / BBQ**



***Bring on the Adventure!***

***Mr. Fieffer, Activities Chair***



# The Buddy System

The buddy system is an important part of Scouting that provides safety and support for the Scouts. The policy of the Boy Scouts of America is for boys to be active but in groups of no smaller than two!



## Get Out Your Calendars and mark these dates!

## TROOP 314 EVENTS FOR February 2015:

**2nd Executive Council Meeting  
(All Parents welcome)  
Post 555 at 7PM to 8:45**

**3rd<sup>th</sup> JLC Junior Leadership  
Council (JLC) Meeting  
AL Post 555 at 6:30 PM.**

**6<sup>th</sup> First Friday Dinner at Post 555  
Scout support at 6PM – scouts  
have signed up.**

**7<sup>th</sup> Climb Instructor Training at  
Joshua Tree. Recertification for  
Level 2 Instructors.**

We do this so we can continue to allow Scouts to climb the tower, - but as long as we are certified,

we want to also take the boys out to various natural rock climbing locations to experience "real rock". This is a High Adventure activity, so I hope you guys take advantage of it as much as possible.

**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday 2PM Introduction to  
Leadership Skills for Troops  
(ISLT) Bolsa Chica Park (near  
Eastwood Elementary School).**

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/ILST%20FINALS%202011%20-%20Item%20Number%20511-016.pdf>

**10<sup>Th</sup> Regular Troop 314 Meeting  
American Legion Post 555  
Starting at 7PM**

**Set up, Flag and Oath - Everyone**

**Blue Phoenix – Skill  
Theme for next two months:  
Cooking Chaos / Freaky Food**

**Autobots – Game**

➤ **Parents Break Out meeting -  
Mr. Hilton Presiding.**

**12<sup>th</sup> Orange  
Frontier District  
Scouters'  
Roundtable  
7 PM at  
LDS Church 4000  
Orange Ave., Anaheim (2nd  
Thursday of each month)**





**14<sup>th</sup> Tentative date for Service Project at food bank. Watch of announcement at meeting.**

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

**50-mile bike ride for the Cycling Merit Badge.**

**Led by Mr. M, the Scouts currently planning to do this ride are Michael and Mitchell, but all are welcome to join.**

**17<sup>th</sup> Tuesday this is a Regular Troop 314 Meeting**

**American Legion Post 555**

**Starting EARLY at 6:30**

**Get in at 6:15 for set up!**

**Set up, Flag and Oath - Everyone**

**Webelos Visit Night – Cooking hot dogs over fire in half barrels for everyone. (Setup is needed early) – Mrs. H. Bringing the food.**

**19<sup>th</sup> Regular Order of Arrow Meeting Third Tuesday (7:00pm at Holy Cross Lutheran Church)**

**21<sup>st</sup> – Saturday Scouts Ski / Snowboard at Mountain High**

**Deadline for reservations was 8-Feb.**

**\$49 Scouts Day Package Special**

**- Elijah B. Scout in Charge**

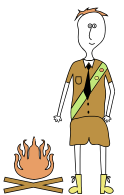
**<http://www.mthigh.com/tickets-passes/scouts-day>**

**24<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – This is a Regular Troop 314 Meeting American Legion Post 555 Starting at 7PM**

**Blue Phoenix – Skill  
Autobots – Game**

**28<sup>th</sup> Saturday Troop 314 has a campout and day hike at Mount Baldey.**

**The Troop is hiking and enjoying a wilderness camp out – far from civilization. Should be a most excellent event.**



**See Noel J., Life Scout in Charge for Details**

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**As ever, Webelos Scouts and Parents are welcome to attend any meeting night as our guests!**



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# Troop 314 Meeting Notes

- **First meeting Month is now Parents Meeting.**
- **The Second Tuesday is usual time for Scoutmaster Conferences.**
- **The Third Tuesday meeting includes Board of Reviews for Rank Advancement.**
- **Fourth Tuesday could be for Patrol meetings if can get the Scoutmaster to come early or close late.**
- **No meetings are usually held on 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. These are saved for Fundraisers e.g.: Dinners.**

**Court of Honors** are held 4 times a year, every three months – usually the last Scout meeting of month (except December).

In **March** and **September** Scouts are honored for their rank advancements with a candle lighting ceremony and parents are given pins. This tends to be a long ceremony, so no dinners.

In **June** and **December**, our COH does not have candles and rank advancement pins for parents, but we add a potluck dinner in June – (Optional potluck in Dec. but usually kept simple due to constraints on time and sanity).

# UPCOMING EVENTS!

**March 2nd Exec Council Meeting at American Legion Post 55**

**March 3rd Junior Leadership Council Meeting at 6:30 at American Legion Post 555**

**March 6<sup>th</sup> Post 555 First Friday Dinner – (Scout support)**  
**Scouts signed up** Michael, Gabe & Alex come at 6PM in your class As to make good impression – switch to class Bs if doing dirty work like washing dishes.

**March 21<sup>st</sup> Saturday Camporee Skills Campout.** El Dorado Park / Video Games after per Mrs. H.

**March 24<sup>th</sup> Troop Court of Honor**

**March 28<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Camporee Golden Spoon Cook off Challenge Prep Day.** For those on the cooking team – see Mrs. H for details

**April 17<sup>th</sup> CAMP O REE (17<sup>th</sup> is Friday evening), 18th and 19<sup>th</sup>** The theme for Camporee is **“Respecting Our Roots”**. (Do with that what you will!)  
**BUILDING THE TOWER** so we will need **ALL HANDS** in early on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> if possible to complete construction. Sunset is 7:26 PM so we can do this.



**May 9<sup>th</sup> Saturday Scout-O-Rama**  
Troop will be Cooking our Famous  
Dutch oven Donuts!

Oak Canyon Park  
(5305 Santiago Canyon Drive,  
Silverado, CA 92676) \$5 parking.

**May 23<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Flag Planting at  
Westminster Memorial Park.**

**May 25<sup>th</sup> Monday: Memorial Day  
Westminster Memorial Park.**

**TBD: Scout Service Project days  
for March 14<sup>th</sup> (tentative) / April:  
Working on Food bank packouts.**

**TBD Troop Recruitment:  
Webelos Activity Pin Day**

**TBD Summer Camp 2015 ?  
One idea is: Camp Chawanakee**

<http://www.seqbsa.org/camp%20chawanakee.htm>

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*Accept the things to which  
fate binds you, and love the  
people with whom fate brings  
you together, but do so with  
all your heart.*

*- Marcus Aurelius*

## Tour and Activity Plans – Online

Council will no longer readily accept emailed, faxed or walked in Tour and Activity Plans. They want them on line. Sign into [MyScouting.org](http://MyScouting.org).

Online, you no longer have to collect signatures. Complete the plan and certify that any missing requirements will be completed before the trip begins. When you submit, an email will be sent to your council, chartered organization, committee chair, and designated emergency contact.

**Q. When do I need to file a Tour Activity Plan?**

**A. When any of the following apply:**

- Trips of 500 miles or more
- Trips outside of Orange Co. Council borders.
- Trips to any national high-adventure base, National Scout Jamboree, National Order of the Arrow Conference, or regionally sponsored event
- When conducting any the following activities:
  - Aquatics activities (swimming, boating, floating, scuba, etc.)
  - Climbing and rappelling
  - Orientation flights (process flying plan)
  - Shooting sports
  - Any activities involving motorized vehicles as part of the program (snowmobiles, boating, etc.)
  - Any overnight camping

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## Hall Use at American Legion Post 555

If you would like to have an event at the Post – from a training day, a car wash or an Eagle Court of Honor, please e-mail Mrs. Daly early! At [dalyracing@verizon.net](mailto:dalyracing@verizon.net) to confirm the hall is available and to make reservations.

Mrs. Daly is our troop Chartered Organization Rep. She is also a member of the Women's Auxiliary of Post 555. Her phone is (714) 892-8508 for any follow up that is needed.



# Scout Law

**A Scout is:**

***trustworthy,  
loyal,  
helpful,  
friendly,  
courteous,  
kind,  
obedient,  
cheerful,  
thrifty,  
brave,  
clean,  
and reverent.***



**Chaplain's Aide's  
Inspiration of the  
month:**



Luke 17:15

***And one of them, when he saw that he  
was healed, returned, and with a loud  
voice glorified God.***

**Austin H. - Chaplin's Aid**

***People's minds are changed  
through observation and not  
through argument.***

**- Will Rogers**



**JOKES, JOKES, JOKES  
Have you heard these?**

(caution: not for the sensitive)

What did the Valentine's day card say to the stamp?

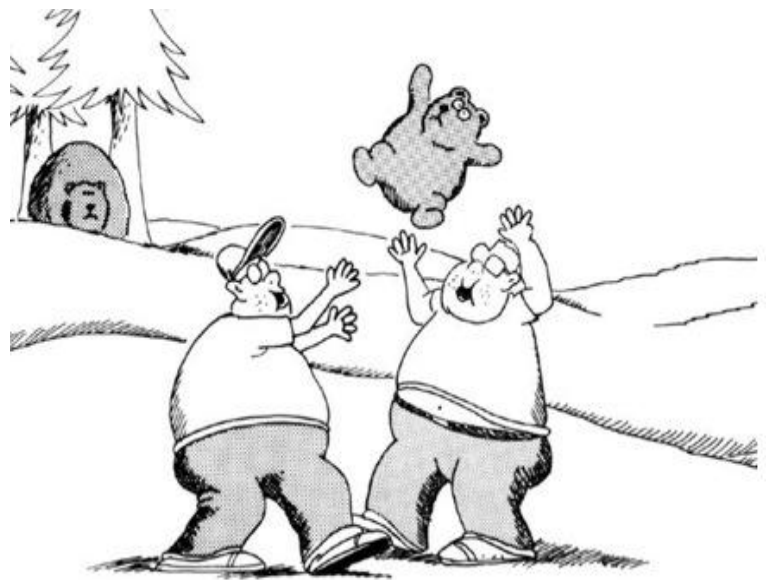
Stick with me and you'll go places

What would George Washington do if he was alive today?

Scream and Scratch the top of his coffin.

What do an eagle and mole have in common?

They both live underground...except for the eagle.



And no one ever heard from the Anderson brothers again.





# **TROOP 314**

## **TOWER ABOVE THE REST!**

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Send me a note at [T314news@live.com](mailto:T314news@live.com) -Thanks, Mr. Pearson

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