



Podcast: Pi Day Celebration

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(sound of inmate reciting first few digits of pi)

Inmate: *Three point one four one five...*

Narrator:

Those are some of the infinite digits of the mathematical concept known as pi. Inmates inside the Monroe Correctional Complex held a contest to see who could recite the most digits of pi.

It was part of a Pi Day celebration on March 14. The date, abbreviated three-one-four, is also the first three digits of pi. The inmates, who are part of the Prison Mathematics Project, use math to better themselves with critical thinking, logic, and sharing knowledge. As the inmates proved, memorizing pi is not easy.

(sound of inmate making a mistake reciting the numbers of pi)

Inmate:

Nine, two, six, five, three, five...and I forget the rest. Now that's it. Thank You.

(laughter)

Narrator:

Inmate Derrick Wilson astonished the crowd after memorizing pi to 461 decimal places.

Inmate:

Eight, one, nine, three, two...six, one, one, seven nine...three...one, zero, five, one, one, eight...five four eight...zero, seven, four, four, six...two, three, seven, nine, nine

(cheers and applause)

Narrator:

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