



The Prudence Wave

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Intriguing Islander: Deborah Henault

By Julianna, PISF 10th grader

This month's intriguing islander is none other than my very own mother, Debra Henault! I'll tell you right now, she is *pretty* interesting (even if she makes me do the dishes). Let's kick this off with an endearing childhood story. *The year is 1969, and a 5 year old Debra Henault is making her way into a special screening of Bambi in a Foxboro movie theater. As the lights dim, she squirms with excitement. Then, disaster strikes. (Anyone who's anyone has seen Bambi, and we all know it starts on a very depressing note.) After the demise of Bambi's mother, my mom is inconsolable. Continuing to wail (far after the appropriate time allotted, I might add) she and her family were escorted out of the theater, and were never seen again.*

Okay, the 'never seen again' thing was completely fabricated, but it *did* make the story end on a much more dramatic note. The sad thing is that the entire ordeal repeated itself when the same theater showed the movie Dumbo a couple of weeks later.

While these stories are hysterical, Debra did other things as a child aside from watching Disney movies with heavy plots. Take school, for example.

As a child, Debra started out her school years attending J.W. Martin, an experiential elementary school in North Attleboro Massachusetts. She continued her education in her home town until moving to South Hadley in 5th grade. From there, she attended several different middle and high schools. While she did go to her fair share of different schools, one in particular was her all-

time favorite. You see, because my Mom is such a smart cookie, she finished off high school with a bang! For her senior year, she attended Hampshire College. In fact, she loved that school so much that she spent her college years there too!

The only bad thing about Hampshire, you ask? Debra's only complaint was that she had to wear shoes. Now that's what I call a true islander!

Speaking of the island, my mom started coming here way before I was born! After she was through with all her schooling, Debra was introduced to the island through friends, and was soon a regular visitor. However, because Debra worked as an addiction therapist at the VA medical Center (with a seriously busy work schedule) she only saw Prudence on the weekends. Fortunately, that all changed when she –unfortunately– developed a wicked back injury. Suddenly, my mom had a lot more free time. So, she and her family (myself included) used that time to move to Prudence Island, where she has now been a year-round resident for four years.

When asked what the most difficult thing about living on island was, she responded with something I think all islanders can relate to, and that's "Being prepared". Besides her extreme boat anxiety, I'd say it's the only thing about island life that she actually struggles with.

So there you have it, I did tell you she was very interesting, didn't I?



Amelia Earhart

By Raya Young, PISF 4th grader

Breaking news! New clues may bring us closer to knowing what happened to Amelia Earhart. Amelia Earhart was twenty three years old when she took her first ride on an airplane. After that she became a famous female pilot. She has many accomplishments: she flew across the Atlantic Ocean in 1928. She flew from Hawaii all the way to California all by herself. Sadly, she disappeared on her worldwide trip. She was heading toward Howland Island when people lost her signal. Don't be sad, one day I will find her! There are many theories about what may have happened to her.

You may have heard on the news or read it in a newspaper that Ric Gillespie might have found a piece of Amelia Earhart's airplane, The Lockheed Electra, but many people think it isn't a piece of her plane. He thinks that Amelia and her captain Fred Noonan crashed on a tiny island Nikumaroro where he thinks they survived the crash and died of hunger.

Army Sargent Thomas said he saw Amelia's plane in Saipan. He thinks they landed there by accident and may have been executed as spies.

Many people think that after looking for Howland and not finding it they landed on Mili Atoll and were captured.

There's a man named Bill Snavely who now thinks that Amelia and Fred took off for a top secret landing strip, but crashed near Buka because their engine caught on fire.

Sadly, the official conclusion is that she died and crashed at sea, but one day we will find out what happened to her.

She has been inspiring women all over the country. She once said, "Women, like men, should try to do the impossible, and when they fail, their failures should be a challenge to others."



St. Patrick's Day Meal**By Gianna, PISF 3rd grader**

I'm Gianna and this time, I'm back with ...

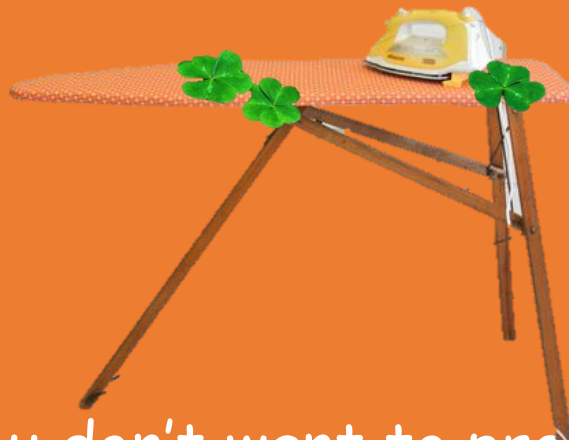
a famous Irish recipe for you. You are in for a party! Let's go.

My Mom was born in Scotland and makes this traditional dish a lot. Today what we will be making is Corned beef and Cabbage. First you need to get a six quart Dutch oven. Get your corned beef then put it in the pot with pepper corns, garlic powder, onions, bay leaves, and salt. Fill the pot with water to cover everything with one inch of water above it. Bring it to a boil and cook it for 20 minutes. Then put it on a lower heat and let it simmer for 2 to 3 hours, until the meat can be pulled apart with a fork! Once the meat is done cooking, you should add cabbage, potatoes, and carrots. Push them down into the liquid. Now let it sit for fifteen minutes, or until the potatoes are tender. Take all of the oil off of the top. Now stick your butter and parsley in there. Move your pan off of the stove, take the meat out, and let it sit for fifteen minutes. By the way, put your veggies in a bowl and keep them warm. Cut your beef on the side, and now your meal is ready to be served. I hope you enjoy your dish.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!!

Julianna's Joke of the Month

Q: Why should you never iron a 4-leaf clover?



A: Because you don't want to press your luck!

The Leprechaun

By Nevaeh, PISF 7th grader

St. Patrick's Day is an Irish holiday that takes place on March 17th. It is a semi-religious and cultural holiday in honor of the death of the patron saint of Ireland, Saint Patrick. When most people hear St. Patrick's Day, the first three things to pop into their heads are Ireland, the color green, and the infamous Leprechaun.

I've taken somewhat of an interest in the Leprechaun, finding the red haired creature intriguing, and humorous. What most people know about the Leprechaun is that he is Irish, and funny, due to the highly inappropriate version of him in the comedic, horror film series. I decided to get myself in the spirit of the holiday, and educate myself on the mythological creature, legendary in Ireland.

This is what I learned, and have decided to share with you, to try and get you in the St. Patrick's Day spirit.

1. Leprechauns are actually fairies. Though, Leprechauns are not the little Tinker Bell fairies that you see in the movies—they are lustful, cruel creatures with the ability to make you happy and content one day, and / or kill you the next, if displeased.
2. Leprechauns are wizened, bearded old men, usually dressed in green (although, the early folklore says that Leprechauns were clad in red). They also wear buckled shoes, and often a leather apron. Leprechauns can be seen with a pointed cap, or hat, and often smoking a pipe.
3. Leprechauns normally haunt cellars.
4. The name, Leprechaun, is derived from the Latin word, "Luchorpán," meaning small body. While others beg to differ that it has been derived from the Irish term "leath bhrogan," meaning shoemaker. This controversy has sparked many debates, and led to the publishing of books on the subject.
5. Leprechauns are often highly associated with riches and/or gold; in the Irish folklore, but their main vocation is anything but glamorous—they are humble cobblers, and shoemakers.
6. Each Leprechaun is said to have his own pot of gold, which more often than not is found at the end of a rainbow.
7. In ancient Irish legends, people lucky enough to find a Leprechaun and capture him, (in some stories, to steal his magical coin or amulet) can barter his freedom for his treasure.
8. Leprechauns grant a total of three wishes. Be careful though, it is told that dealing with a Leprechaun can be quite tricky; the Leprechaun is a roguish, trickster figure, who cannot be trusted and takes his own pleasure in deceiving the barterer whenever possible.
9. You would know that he is near when you hear the tip-tapping of his tiny, cobbler hammer, driving nails into shoes as an announcement that he is on his way to visit you, or already here.
10. A poem announcing the arrival of the Leprechaun can be heard, whispered by the figure himself. It goes:

"Lay your ear close to the hill.
Do you not catch the tiny clamour,
Busy click of an elfin hammer,
Voice of the Leprechaun singing shrill
As he merrily plies his trade?"

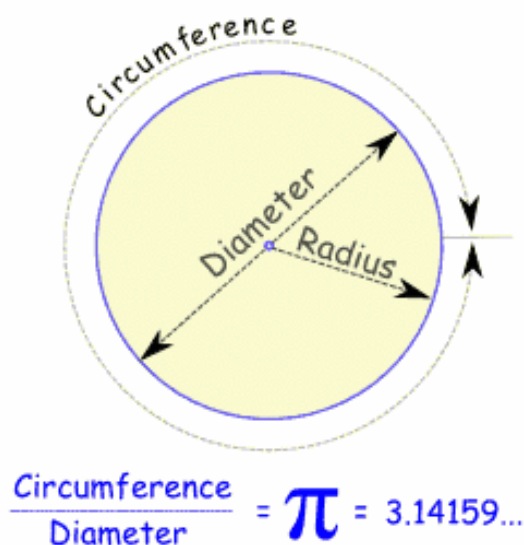
As you can see, the Leprechaun is more interesting than he is depicted in the movie series. He is quite rude, and a naughty, trickster of a fellow. Happy Saint Patrick's Day!

Π Pi ΠBy Clare, PISF 12th grader

Pi is more than just the initials for Prudence Island and the sixteenth letter in the Greek alphabet. It's also a very important and famous mathematical constant. Pi is the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter. A circle's diameter is its distance from its edge to its edge where it goes through its center. The circumference is the distance around the circle. With every circle of every size, Pi will always be the same because it is a constant number.

Pi is useful when solving many geometry equations. For example, finding the area of a circle ($A=\pi r^2$) or the volume of a cylinder ($V=\pi r^2 h$).

Pi is also infinite and patternless. While only 39 digits past the decimal are necessary to accurately calculate the spherical volume of the entirety of the universe, humans have calculated over one trillion digits.



It has been acknowledged for centuries that circles are generally a bit more than three times their diameter around. It's even mentioned in the Old Testament of the Bible. When the mathematician Archimedes came around sometime around 200 BC, he discovered that Pi was about 22/7. In 1706 William Jones first used the Greek letter π as the symbol for Pi. The Swiss mathematician Leonhard Euler made this symbol popular in 1737 when he began using it.

Pi Day is celebrated yearly on March 14th, or 3.14. This year will be especially significant because of the fact that the year 2015 makes it the accurate 3.1415. If you want to get really into the spirit you can take a moment at 9:26 AM or PM at precisely 53 seconds.

Also don't forget to be celebrating our own Linda Mosher's birthday, fittingly on Pi day for a math teacher.

Journal of the Month

Write a cinquain about South America

Butterfly
Pride, Delicate
Fluttering, Flying, Landing
I love them lots
Monarch

By Aribella

Andes
Jagged, Rough
Climbing, Hiking, Trekking
Up among the clouds
Mountains

By Clare

Monkey
Brown, Hairy
Swinging, Throwing, Sleeping
A very cute animal
Ape

By Gianna

Piranha
Scary, Vicious
Swimming, Biting, Killing
They are very feisty
Fish

By Marina

Jungle
Big, Pretty
Swinging, Flying, Crawling
A very magical place
Amazon

By Raya



South America Geography Quiz:

Check your knowledge of South America. Turn to the last page to see the answers.

1. What two countries are the only landlocked countries in South America?
2. Is the Caribbean part of North or South America?
3. Lake Titicaca, the largest lake in South America, is located in which countries?
4. Which country controls the Falkland Islands?
5. What is the average temperature in Chile in February?
6. All of the countries in South America are independent except one. Which one is still a territory?
7. What is the longest river in South America? How long is it?
8. What is the capitol of Venezuela?
9. How many countries are in South America? Can you name them all?
10. Who conquered the Aztecs?



SNOW

By Aribella, PISF 2nd grader

Do you want to know how to measure snow is in your yard? Well now you can! You will need a ruler and a calculator. Now measure the snow in three different places because of snowdrifts. Add them all up and divide them by three. In school a few days ago we did it too, and we got about three and a half inches just that day! Now you can measure snow at your house.



Counting Birds

By Aribella, PISF 2nd grader

In February I worked on the Great Backyard Bird Count for the Audubon Society. I counted 30 species of birds in just three days. 183 birds altogether! Mom, Eliza, and I went for a ride in the truck. I got to use the binoculars and the bird books. I saw two rare birds for this area: Barrows Goldeneyes. We saw lots of other birds. It was fun.



Book Review: Six Years

By Marina, PISF 12th grader

If you like mystery books, I think that *Six Years* by Harlan Coben would be a good choice to read. I liked it so much that I couldn't put it down until I finished it. This book is about a guy who watches the love of his life, Natalie, marry another man. On her wedding day, Natalie made Jake promise her that he would leave her and her new husband, Todd, alone. Jake agrees and moves on with his life. Six years later, Jake comes across Todd's obituary and finds himself going to his funeral. When he gets there, Jake notices something is not right; Todd's wife is not Natalie. Soon after, Jake makes it his obligation to find Natalie. This book had me thinking so hard the whole time. In almost every chapter there was something new revealed and each one was a shocker. I wish I didn't know what happens so I could re-read it. This could easily be my new favorite book.

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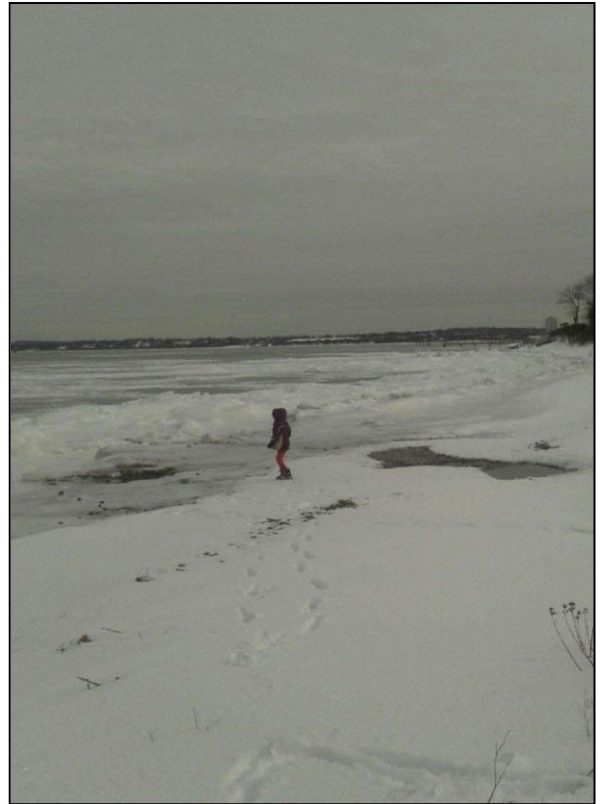
Wish List

Paint brushes
Markers
Glue sticks
Pencil erasers

If you would like to donate any of these items, please contact Steph Jenness at theprudencewave@aol.com

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South America Geography Quiz

Answers:

1. Bolivia, Paraguay
2. North America
3. Peru, Bolivia
4. United Kingdom
5. 67 degrees
6. French Guiana
7. Amazon River 4,150 miles
8. Caracas
9. Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, Guyana, Suriname, French Guiana, Brazil, Peru, Bolivia, Paraguay, Uruguay, Argentina, Chili
10. Hernando Cortez



This bell used to be in the Prudence Island Lighthouse. It now resides at the Bristol Coast Guard Station.

