

Fuel the Brain

Use the visual clues in the puzzles to figure out what it

Wacky Wordies

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5. _____	6. _____	7. _____	8. _____
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9. _____	10. _____	11. _____	12. _____

1. One thing after another. 2. Go for it. 3. Repeat after me. 4. Mixed signals. 5. Sick in bed. 6. Two left feet. 7. Long underwear. 8. Editor-in-chief. 9. Pacing back and forth. 10. Built to last. 11. Garden variety. 12. Crumble under pressure.

Concentration

Puzzle #1	Puzzle #2
Puzzle #3	Puzzle #4

Puzzle #1: Prof's in the pudding
Puzzle #2: 2 Dolly Parton
Puzzle #3: Excuse my French
Puzzle #4: As poor as a church mouse



April is the fourth month of the year in the Gregorian calendar. It was originally the second month of the Roman calendar, before the addition of January and February. No one knows for sure how April got its name. Some say it comes from the Latin *aperire*, meaning “to open,” alluding to the opening of buds in springtime. Others say April was named after Aphrodite or the goddess Eostre. Whatever the case, the onset of April means that spring has arrived.

Upcoming Events

Piano Concert
W/ Charlie and Luke
Thursday, 4/3-3:30pm

FIU Lifelong Learning Institute
Voices of Today: Women in Writing
By: Lauren Radick - Monday, 4/7—2pm

Newcomers Lunch
Tuesday, 4/8 -12pm

Passover Seder

W/ Gaston B. & Zipora S.
Sunday 4/12—4pm

Passover Summary, Songs and Activities

W/ Orlie B.

Sunday, 4/13—3pm

Resident Council Meeting

Monday, 4/14-2pm

FIU Lifelong Learning Institute

Notes of Legacy: Revisiting Fanny and Felix Mendelssohn

By: Anette Issacs - Monday, 4/21 -2pm

Short Story Circle w/ Marilyn and Glenda

Monday, 4/28-2pm

Town Hall Meeting

w/ Executive Director and Department Heads

Tuesday 4/29—2pm

Regular Events

Social Hour w/ Live Entertainment
Every Day at 4pm

Tai Chi with Rafael

Every Sunday at 10:30am

Sculpture Class with Norberto

Saturday 5 & 19 at 10:30am

Art and You (Art Class)

Tuesdays & Saturdays at 1:30pm

Hot Topics with FAYANNE

Every Thursday at 2pm

Shabbat Shalom w/ Eliezra & Eugene

Fridays at 5:45pm (New time) -Dining Room

Errands: Friday at 2pm

Chair Yoga with Janet

Every Saturday at 10am

April's Wednesdays Outings

4/2: Festival Flea Market

4/9: Shop & Lunch: Dania Pointe Shops

4/16: Let's do lunch at: Mr. Chef

4/23: Play and Lunch: Hard Rock Café / Casino

4/30: Let's do lunch at: Eddie Hills

Celebrating April

Stress Awareness Month
Jazz Appreciation Month
Adopt a Greyhound Month

April Fools' Day

April 1

Find a Rainbow Day

April 3

Passover Begins

at Sundown

April 12

Palm Sunday

April 13

**International Moment
of Laughter Day**

April 14

Tax Day (U.S.)

April 15

Easter Sunday

April 20

Earth Day

April 22



Your Community Staff

Felix Johnson

Executive Director

Jodi-Ann Coombs

Director of Administration

Barry Ger

Director of Sales & Marketing

Dorinda Caamano

Director of Resident Care

Philip Siino

Director of Food Service

Brenda Siino

Director of Activities
& Transportation

Rita Collazo

Director of Resident Relations

Milourine Orange

Dining Room Manager

Michael Pena

Director of Maintenance
& Housekeeping



From the Executive Director



Dear Residents and Families,

Happy spring...April is here, and the weather will continue to get nicer and nicer! We are continuing to prepare for the upcoming hurricane season, stocked up on fresh food, water, and supplies just in-case we need them. Our preparations also include training and drills for all the staff, all three shifts, and notifications/reminders will be going out to you and your designated family members next month.

Over the past few months, we have had a few new move-ins to our community. We will have our monthly "Meet & Greet" for them. I'm sure they will be greeted with an overwhelming amount of kindness and support like you always do! We have had the suggestion of us handing out name tags for you to put on to make the process of knowing everyone's name a bit easier. We will purchase them soon and have them at the front desk and in the Activity Office if you wish to participate in wearing a name tag, totally your choice.

Thank you for the invite last month to the Resident Counsel meeting, it was my pleasure to explain the upgrades that we have activated with the pendant system. Staff now have an enhanced location on where you are in the building when you press your pendant. Remember, we hope that you will only press the pendant for serious issues that can't wait, including any medical issues or concerns. All non-serious issues or concerns should be passed on to the front desk so they can put in a work order to correct.

I look forward to seeing you all soon at our daily activities!

Sincerely,

Felix Johnson,
Executive Director

From the Director of Activities



Dear Residents and Family Members,

Spring is in full bloom and we are in full swing! This month we observe Passover. Passover is a time to remember and to celebrate freedom. In observance, Gaston and Ziporah will lead a Passover Seder, followed by a lovely dinner. Also in April, Easter is celebrated; join us for a fun Easter social and a special dinner on Easter Sunday.

Please join in on the FIU Lifelong Learning lectures (see calendar for dates and times) as they are a wonderful opportunity to engage in special topics. There are also some great outings planned- please sign up to attend if you are interested. Finally, dance right into the Havana night: you do not want to miss the Havana Birthday Bash. See you there!

Respectfully,

Brenda Siino

Month in Review



The Passover Story



Found in the Torah, the Passover story tells of the Israelites' slavery, deliverance, and escape ("the Exodus") from Egypt.

The story begins with Joseph, son of Jacob, who was sold into slavery by his brothers and arrived in Egypt as a poor, powerless servant. Joseph's wisdom and ability to interpret dreams soon brought him power and status, though, and he became the Egyptian king's trusted advisor. His entire family joined him in Egypt, as did many of the rest of the Israelites. There they prospered and multiplied for many generations.

But a new king ("pharaoh") came to power in Egypt – one who did not remember how helpful Joseph had been. The Israelites' numbers had greatly increased over many years, and the new Pharaoh was suspicious of them, fearing they would someday rise up against him. So he treated them harshly, forcing them to work as slaves in terrible conditions. Nevertheless, the Israelites survived and continued to multiply.

Dismayed by their fortitude, Pharaoh took harsher action, declaring that all sons born to Israelite women should be killed at birth. The courageous Israelite midwives, Shifrah and Puah, defied this decree, but the infant boys were still in great danger.

When an Israelite woman, Yocheved, had a baby boy, she feared for his life. She placed him in a basket and set him floating in the Nile River, near where people came to bathe. As Yocheved's daughter, Miriam, watched from a distance, Pharaoh's daughter came to the river and found the baby in the basket. She took him, named him Moses ("drawn from the water"), and raised him as her own.

Growing up in the palace, Moses knew very little of the life he might have led. As he grew, however, he became aware of the plight of his people. One day, seeing an Egyptian taskmaster beating an Israelite slave, Moses killed the taskmaster.

Realizing what he had done, Moses fled to the land of Midian, where he married a Midianite woman, Tziporah, and became a shepherd.

Tending his flock one day, Moses came upon an amazing sight – a bush that was burning, but not consumed. God spoke to Moses there, telling him that Moses and his brother, Aaron, would free the Israelites from slavery. Moses was unsure anyone would listen to him, but God promised support and powerful signs, so Moses left Midian and returned to Egypt.

Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and demanded Pharaoh free the Jews ("Let my people go," Moses tells Pharaoh in Exodus 5:1). But Pharaoh, skeptical that Moses spoke on behalf of God, refused. In retaliation, Pharaoh forced the Israelites to work even harder and beat them mercilessly.

God then told Moses that, as proof of God's power, the Egyptians would suffer a series of plagues until Pharaoh agreed to let the Jews go:

- ◆ Turning the water of the Nile to blood
- ◆ Frogs
- ◆ Lice
- ◆ Wild beasts
- ◆ Cattle disease



- ◆ Boils
- ◆ Hail
- ◆ Locusts
- ◆ Darkness
- ◆ Slaying of the Egyptian firstborn



During the last plague, God killed the firstborn of each Egyptian family, but "passed over" (thus "Passover") the houses of the Israelites (who had marked their doors with lamb's blood), leaving their children unharmed. With this plague Pharaoh finally relented, and let the Israelites go. They hurriedly packed and left Egypt, without enough time for their bread to rise (hence the holiday's prohibition on eating leavened, or risen, grain products, and the custom of eating *matzah*).

Pharaoh immediately regretted his decision, and his army chased the Israelites to the Red (actually "Reed") Sea. With the sea ahead of them, and Pharaoh's army closing in behind, the Jews appeared to be doomed. At that very moment, though, God told Moses to stretch his staff over the sea, and, in perhaps the greatest miracle in all of Jewish tradition, the waters parted, allowing the Jews to cross on dry land.

Just as they reached the far shore of the sea, the waters closed, drowning Pharaoh and his soldiers. Moses, Miriam, and all the Israelites sang songs of praise to God for their deliverance, including *Mi Chamochah*, which appears in our modern liturgy, and the Israelites began their journey in the desert.

April Happenings

Happy Birthday to:

- Jeannette K. April 1
- Ermgard S. April 3
- Leon F. April 6
- Lawrence D. April 8
- Nancy D. April 13
- Katherine F. April 14
- Marilyn G. April 23



What's Lucky?

- Lucky Color: Teal and Pink
- Lucky Animal: Goat
- Lucky Letter: *H and J*
- Lucky Day: Thursday
- Lucky Plant: Tulip

Flower: Daisy Birthstone: Diamond Tree: Walnut

April Zodiacs

- Aries (The Ram)
April 1–19
- Taurus (The Bull)
April 20–30

WELCOME To the Plaza Family

- Blanca C.
- Peter D.
- Leon F.
- David G.
- Dorothy G.
- Roberta NG
- Laurence NG
- Stewart P.
- Virginia W.



"Louie Louie" Lives On



Some call "Louie Louie" the most popular party song of all time. Others call it the most incomprehensible. Try your best to decipher the lyrics on April 11, International Louie Louie Day, in honor of composer Richard Berry's birthdate in 1935. It was the music group the Kingsmen who made "Louie Louie" a hit in 1963. A year later, the FBI opened an investigation into the song's mysterious lyrics. One concerned listener believed the song contained obscene language. After months of analysis, the FBI concluded the song was unintelligible. Today we know that it is a simple song about a seafaring man pining for his love.

In the Good Old Days of April

Fifty-five years ago, in April 1969, the medium annual income was approximately \$9,400 in the United States. Average cost of a new house was about \$28,000. Minimum wage was \$1.60 per hour. A loaf of bread was 23¢, a dozen eggs were 62¢, and postage stamps were 6¢ each. A new car cost about \$2,000. But best of all, gasoline was 32¢ per gallon—even cheaper than a gallon of milk, which was \$1.10.



What are the origins of April Fools' Day?

The story goes back to the 1500s in France when the Julian calendar (established by Julius Caesar) was replaced with the Gregorian calendar (introduced by Pope Gregory XIII and still used in most parts of the world). In the old Julian calendar, the new year began on April 1, but with the new Gregorian calendar, the new year was set to begin on January 1. News did not always travel fast in those days so not everyone got the word that the start of the New Year changed to January 1. They kept celebrating it on April 1, and they were widely mocked as April Fools.