October Horoscopes and Birthdays

In astrology, those born between October 1–22 balance the scales of Libra. Libras epitomize balance, often striving to minimize conflict and seek compromise. They achieve this with their charming personalities. Those born between October 23–31 are Scorpios of Scorpio. Scorpios are passionate and assertive yet are known to keep cool and calm. This composure makes them strong leaders and loyal friends.

Walter Matthau – October 1, 1920
Bud Abbot – October 2, 1895
Ray Croc – October 5, 1902
Chevy Chase – October 8, 1943
John Lennon – October 9, 1940
Molly Pitcher – October 13, 1754
Penny Marshall – October 15, 1943
Evel Knievel – October 17, 1938
Bela Lugosi – October 20, 1882
Pablo Picasso – October 25, 1881
Mahalia Jackson – October 26, 1911
Teddy Roosevelt – October 27, 1858
Henry Winkler – October 30, 1945

The Big History of Small Toys

Few toys light up a child’s face like a dollhouse, with its rooms full of miniature furniture and house wares. This October, Dollhouse and Miniature Month, we look at the evolution of dollhouses from ostentatious displays of wealth to classrooms of domestic chores, from children’s toys to adult hobbies.

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Attitudes about childhood and play evolved during the 19th century, and so the importance of toys was elevated, and dollhouses became playthings. With the advent of mass production, dollhouses were made on a massive scale, reducing costs and widening availability. A growing middle class hungered for the toys. Dollhouses have even returned as an adult pastime, allowing grownups to live out design and architecture fantasies in pricey,