



# WINDSOR GARDENS

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## Languages of the World

United Nations Day is Oct. 24, recognizing the international organization's founding in 1945. Observe this day of unity and peace by learning a few phrases in one of the UN's official languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

## Remember When: Magic Slate

This simple drawing toy may seem like child's play compared to today's electronic tablets. But the Magic Slate Paper Saver entertained bored kids for decades—and even had a double life helping diplomats communicate in secret! Made of cardboard, each Magic Slate had a section of dark-colored wax covered by a plastic sheet. Children used an attached plastic stylus to draw or write on the sheet, which stuck to the wax and allowed the markings to show. Lifting the sheet up magically erased the contents, providing endless hours of fun and creativity. The slates also had a chance to serve their country when U.S. Embassy workers in Moscow discovered their offices were bugged. The easily erasable, untraceable tablets allowed the workers to discuss confidential information undetected.

## Wash Germs Away

Your hands become covered with germs every time you push an elevator button, open a door or flip a light switch—which is why washing your hands is the best way to keep from getting sick. Scrub with soap and hot water for 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if you can't get to a sink.

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### A Note From Ariel

#### Wild World: Opossum

Whether you find them strangely cute or a little spooky, opossums (also called "possums") are fascinating critters. They're the only marsupial species native to North America, and like raccoons, they've become a common fixture in residential areas. When afraid, the animals are known for "playing possum," or pretending to be dead by collapsing and staying in a trance until the threat is gone. More commonly, an opossum will bare its toothy grin and hiss to scare away enemies. Their resistance to many diseases is another defense mechanism, as is their immunity from certain snakebites—a discovery that's led to research into the development of synthetic antivenom medicines.

#### Popcorn Pick: 'The Tingler'

Director William Castle wanted to make sure moviegoers got a good scare and even jump in their seats when they watched his 1959 campy horror classic "The Tingler." He cast Vincent Price to star as a scientist who discovers that fear is a living parasite that grows on people's backbones, creating that spine-tingling sensation when frightened. When a "tingler" escapes from his lab and into a crowded movie theater, Price's character addresses the viewers, advising them to not panic. To heighten the frantic scene, Castle had various theater seats rigged with vibrating devices to give unsuspecting audience members a live jolt from "the tingler."

## Thanks for the Meow-mories

As characters in literature, movies, commercials and more, cats entertain us with their adorable antics and cunning charisma. Purr-use this list of fictional felines:

<b>Debut Year</b>	<b>Cat</b>	<b>Bio</b>
1865	Cheshire Cat	This grinning cat is a fixture in Lewis Carroll's "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" series.
1919	Felix	One of the original cartoon cats, starring in films and comic strips, Felix is a cultural icon.
1933	Chessie	She invited passengers to "sleep like a kitten" on Chesapeake & Ohio Railway trains.
1945	Sylvester	Suffering succotash! This Looney Tunes character would like to make Tweety Bird his lunch.
1968	Morris	This orange tabby is the face of 9Lives cat food.
1978	Garfield	Lover of lasagna, hater of Mondays ... this star of the funny pages is just like us!
1993	Binx	This talking black cat helps defeat a trio of witchy sisters in "Hocus Pocus."
2010	Pusheen	Purr-fectly plump, this sweet gray cartoon cat has left pawprints all over the internet, usually in GIF form!

"Then & Now"

## "This Month In History" OCTOBER

**1900:** The U.S. Navy commissions its first modern submarine, the USS Holland, named for its designer, John Philip Holland.

**1907:** One of the world's landmark hotels, the Plaza opens in New York City.

**1915:** Woodrow Wilson becomes the first U.S. president to attend a World Series game.

**1929:** The New York Stock Exchange crashes on what will later be known as "Black Tuesday."

**1935:** Considered one of the first great American operas, George Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess" premieres on Broadway.

**1947:** Air Force pilot Chuck Yeager flies an experimental plane and becomes the first person to break the sound barrier.

**1950:** Charles Schulz's "Peanuts" comic strip debuts in several newspapers.

**1962:** The Beach Boys release their debut album, "Surfin' Safari."

**1972:** Called the "Match of the Century," American Bobby Fischer wins the World Chess Championship by defeating Boris Spassky of the Soviet Union.

**1986:** The International Olympic Committee announces it will change its 70-year tradition and hold the Summer and Winter Games in different years.

**1998:** Comedian Richard Pryor receives the first Mark Twain Prize for American Humor.

**2007:** Alex Rodriguez signs a record 10-year, \$275 million contract with the New York Yankees. It was the richest deal in pro sports at the time.

**2016:** Singer-songwriter Bob Dylan is awarded the Nobel Prize for literature. He was the first songwriter to win the prestigious award.