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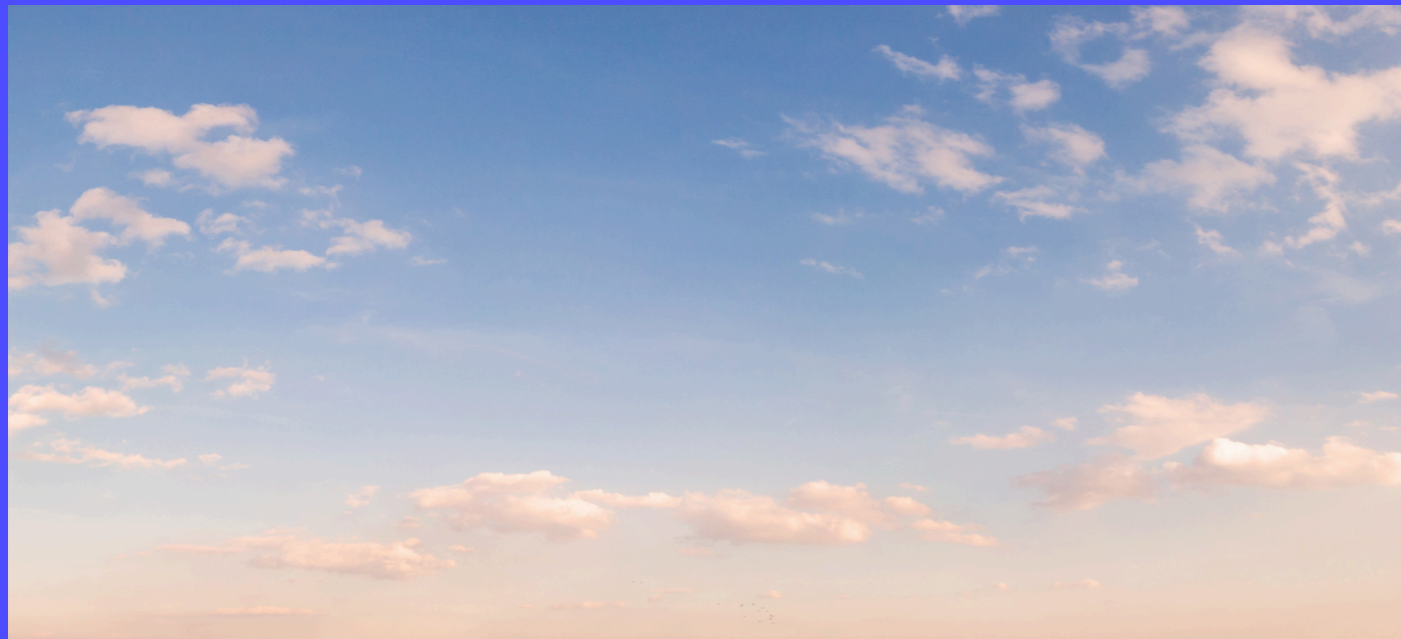
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LETTER FROM THE VOLUNTEERS

We hope this letter finds you well amidst the scorching heat of July! As volunteers at The Valley Voice, we wanted to take a moment to connect with you and express our gratitude for your unwavering support and enthusiasm.

First and foremost, we extend our heartfelt thanks to all the amazing individuals who have submitted their work as guest contributors. Your creativity and passion have truly enriched our publication, and we are grateful for the diverse perspectives and ideas you have shared. It's your dedication that keeps our magazine thriving!

With summer in full swing, we understand the importance of keeping cool during these hot days. Whether you're lounging by the pool, sipping refreshing beverages, or seeking shade under a leafy tree, we hope you find moments of respite from the heat. Don't forget to take care of yourselves and stay hydrated as you enjoy the sunny days!

Speaking of appreciation, we want to extend a special thank you to our incredible readers. Your continued support, feedback, and engagement mean the world to us. Your enthusiasm for our content inspires us to strive for excellence and bring you captivating articles, stories, and reviews in each edition of The Valley Voice.

As we embrace the spirit of community and

inclusivity, we invite you all to keep sharing your unique voices with us. We eagerly encourage submissions from all walks of life, as your perspectives and experiences are what make our magazine vibrant and meaningful. So, if you have a story to tell, an opinion to share, or an idea to explore, we wholeheartedly invite you to write an article or submit an editorial. Together, we can continue to create a platform that truly reflects the diversity of our readership.

We would also like to remind you that the submission deadline for the next edition is fast approaching. August 2, 2023, is the date to mark on your calendars. So seize this opportunity and let your voice be heard. We are eager to read your insightful contributions and share them with our ever-growing community of readers.

Once again, we extend our deepest gratitude to each and every one of you. Your support and participation are what make The Valley Voice a success, and we are honored to have you as part of our community. Let's continue this journey together, celebrating the power of words and the joy of sharing stories.

Wishing you a wonderful summer filled with cool breezes, refreshing moments, and captivating reads.

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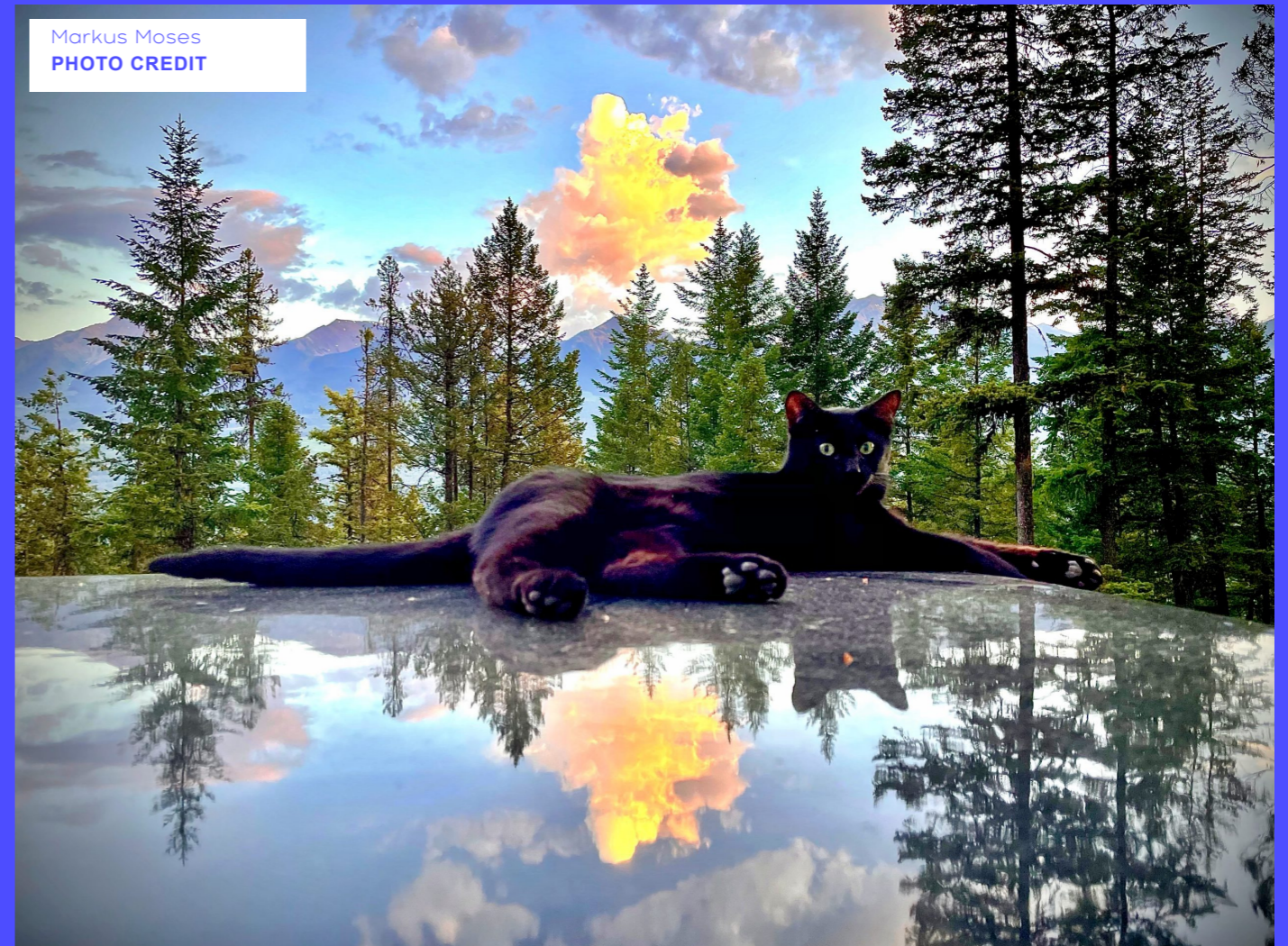


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Whether you're channeling the heart-pounding adrenaline rushes of the extreme Red Bull athlete or simply seeking leisurely serene drifts down the river on a weekend paddle, immerse yourself in a world on the water where fun and adventure know no limits!

A Fun-Filled Journey Down the River. Picture yourself gliding down a serene river, surrounded by breathtaking landscapes, as you navigate the waters with skill and finesse. Welcome to the world of kayaking! This thrilling water sport has a rich history, offering an exhilarating experience to beginners and extreme sports enthusiasts alike. Let's embark on an adventure through the captivating evolution of kayaking and explore why it's a blast for everyone involved!

Ancient Origins and Adventurous Pioneers. Kayaking traces its roots back thousands of years to the Arctic regions, where the Inuit and Aleut relied on kayaks for transportation and hunting. Kayak, translated most commonly to "man-boat" or "hunter's boat." In the early 20th century,

kayaking gained popularity as a recreational activity. Adventurous pioneers began exploring rivers, lakes, and coastlines, realizing the sport's potential for adrenaline-pumping excitement and sheer joy.

Fun for the Floating Down the River Beginner. For beginners, kayaking offers an incredible opportunity to connect with nature while experiencing the thrill of navigating calm waters. Imagine peacefully floating downstream, absorbing the serenity and marveling at the surrounding wildlife. Kayaks are stable, maneuverable, and easy to control, making them ideal for newcomers to water sports. With basic paddling techniques and guidance, beginners can enjoy gentle floats, discovering hidden gems along the river's edge and forming lifelong memories.

Intermediate Adventure Seekers.

As paddlers gain confidence and skill, they naturally seek new challenges. Intermediate kayakers can take on slightly more turbulent rivers, adding an element of excitement to their journeys. Negotiating mild rapids and small drops unleashes a rush of adrenaline and a sense of accomplishment. The intermediate level allows for exploring diverse landscapes, from scenic valleys to lush forests, and encountering playful waves that add a delightful splash to the adventure.

Extreme Sports Athletes and the Thrill of the Rapids.

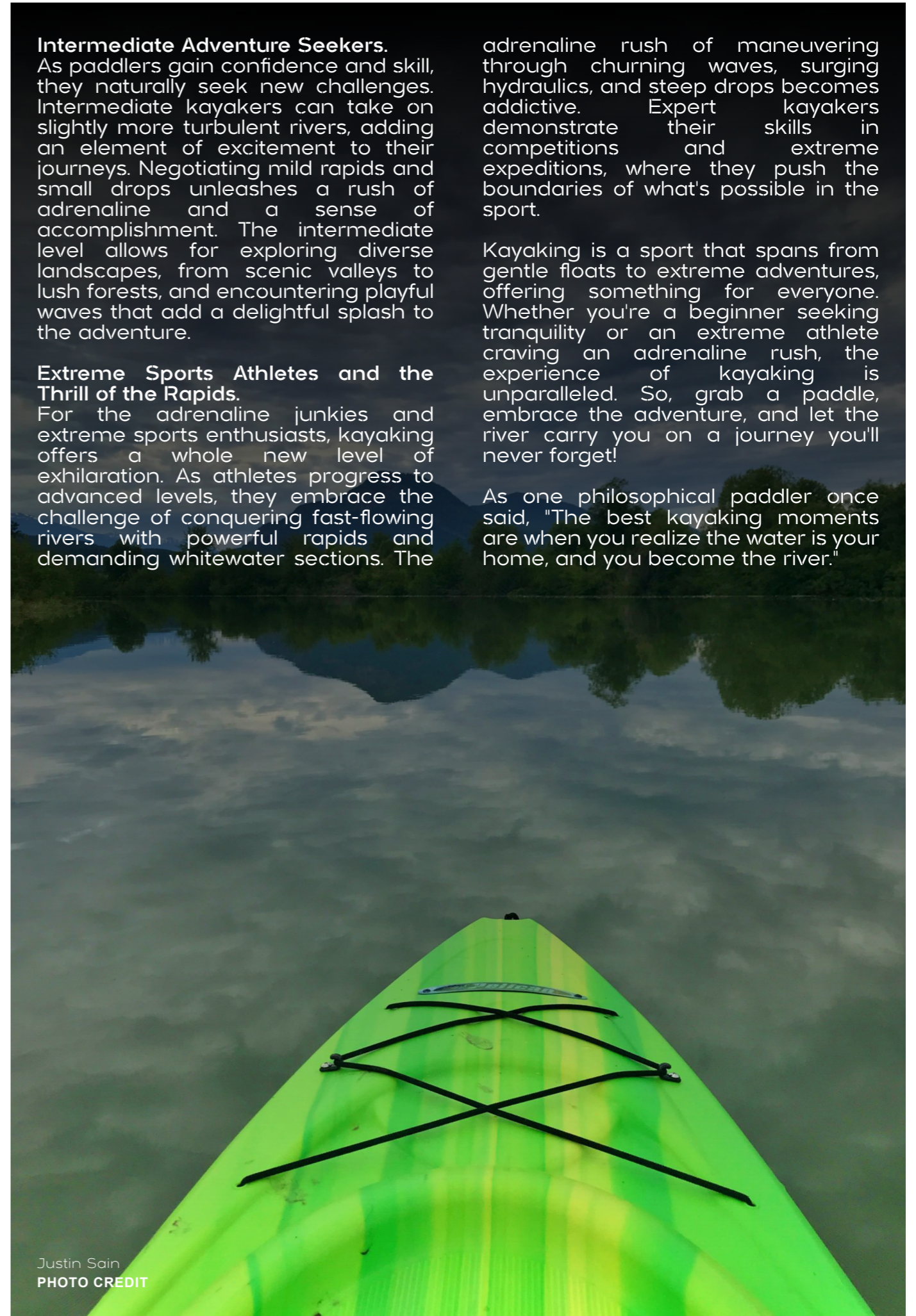
For the adrenaline junkies and extreme sports enthusiasts, kayaking offers a whole new level of exhilaration. As athletes progress to advanced levels, they embrace the challenge of conquering fast-flowing rivers with powerful rapids and demanding whitewater sections. The

adrenaline rush of maneuvering through churning waves, surging hydraulics, and steep drops becomes addictive. Expert kayakers demonstrate their skills in competitions and extreme expeditions, where they push the boundaries of what's possible in the sport.

Kayaking is a sport that spans from gentle floats to extreme adventures, offering something for everyone. Whether you're a beginner seeking tranquility or an extreme athlete craving an adrenaline rush, the experience of kayaking is unparalleled. So, grab a paddle, embrace the adventure, and let the river carry you on a journey you'll never forget!

As one philosophical paddler once said, "The best kayaking moments are when you realize the water is your home, and you become the river."

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Letter to the Editor

PART 2 CLIMATE FRIENDLY HOME: PATIOS, DRIVEWAYS AND LANDSCAPING

Considering a new driveway, patio or walkway? GO PERMEABLE, cool it off and help our water!

Are you replacing your driveway, sidewalk or patio? Choose surfaces that don't get so hot and help stormwater and fish at the same time! So many green options are available when replacing impenetrable surfaces such as asphalt and cement.

What's wrong with asphalt? Four things: One: It absorbs a lot of heat which then also heats up the surrounding area. Two: It can buckle in the heat. Three: It releases oils and directs other pollutants to storm sewers which mostly flow to Joseph Creek (in Cranbrook), Mark Creek and Cow Creek (in Kimberley), both of which flow into the St. Mary's River, which harms our water quality and fish. Four: It prevents the penetration of rainwater so in extreme rain events it causes stormwater to collect in low lying areas and in storm sewers which get overloaded and can cause manholes to pop. This is very

dangerous to drivers, cyclists and pedestrians. With no way for the water to seep into the ground, the overflow adds volume to creeks, which go over their banks, and can result in homes being flooded.

Using water permeable surfaces, like bricks, gravel, and permeable pavement allows water to filter into the ground, replenishing the aquifers and water table rather than being channeled into streams without the filtering effect of going through the ground. Permeable surfaces allow the soil to filter the water of many toxins helping protect water quality. There are so many important reasons to choose permeable surfaces.

In the past, there was less knowledge and less asphalt and concrete, but now we know better. Choose permeable surfaces when replacing patios, driveways and pathways.

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SAILOR MOON: A NOSTALGIC REMINDER OF LOVE AND JUSTICE

Do you remember the days of rushing to the bathroom during commercial breaks, flipping through a handful of channels as a 90s kid? Among the many shows that captured our hearts was the beloved anime series, Sailor Moon. If you're in need of a refresher, let's take a trip down memory lane.

Originating as a manga series, Sailor Moon quickly made its way onto Japanese television screens as a captivating 90s anime. The story revolves around Usagi Tsukino, known as Serena Tsukino in the original English dub. She's an ordinary teenage girl who discovers an extraordinary destiny as the Guardian of Love and Justice, transforming into the iconic Sailor Moon. Guided by her loyal feline companion, Luna, she embarks on a mission to protect her loved ones and the world from the clutches of evil.

Sailor Moon's journey is not one she undertakes alone. Alongside her, a group of diverse and empowered young women join forces as fellow Sailor Guardians. Each character embodies a celestial body and possesses unique powers, contributing their strengths to the battle against the forces of darkness. Together, they form an unbreakable bond of friendship, inspiring viewers with their unity and determination.

As the story unfolds, Sailor Moon and her companions face a myriad of challenges, from fending off menacing villains to unraveling the mysteries of their own identities. Their battles are not only physical but also deeply rooted in themes of love, self-discovery, and the pursuit of justice. This blend of action, romance, and coming-of-age narratives captivated audiences of all ages and made Sailor Moon a cultural phenomenon.

The series not only entertained but also touched on important social issues, empowering its predominantly young female fan-base. It showcased strong, multidimensional heroines who defied stereotypes and fought for what they believed in. Sailor Moon became an empowering symbol for young girls, demonstrating the power of unity, compassion, and inner strength.

While we may have grown up since those days of channel surfing and bathroom breaks, the impact of Sailor Moon remains imprinted on our memories. It serves as a reminder of the power of friendship, the pursuit of justice, and the enduring legacy of a beloved anime series.

Whether you're reliving those cherished episodes or discovering Sailor Moon for the first time, let the transformation into the world of Sailor Moon ignite your sense of adventure, inspire your heart, and remind you of the enduring magic of love and justice.

LUNA FIZZ: A SWEET SAILOR MOON COCKTAIL RECIPE WITH GIN & YUZU SAKE

Ingredients

1. 1 half lemon juice from fresh lemon
2. 1.5 oz Yuzu Sake
3. 1.25 oz Empress Gin
4. 1 oz Fever Tree Lime & Yuzu Tonic Water
5. 1 dash lavender bitters
6. Dash of brew glitter (optional)
7. Cotton Candy to top
8. Moon cake topper (optional)

Instructions

1. Mix Yuzu Sake, lemon juice and ice into a cocktail shaker.
2. Shake well.
3. Add ice cubes to a glass and strain the shaker mixture into your glass.
4. Add the Empress Gin (to make it turn pink!)
5. Pour in tonic water (amount as desired to your taste preferences) and gently stir.
6. Add 1 dash of lavender bitters.
7. Top glass with cotton candy, careful to not get it wet.
8. Add the moon cake topper for flair and serve.

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1/4 teaspoon sugar (to dissolve)

Flareon Shot:

1 ounce Fire Water (Hot Cinnamon Schnapps)
1/2 ounce Bacardi 151
1 pinch of cinnamon

Directions:

For all shots except Flareon and Glaceon, simply mix the ingredients in a shot glass. For Flareon, layer the Bacardi 151 on top and ignite it for a flaming effect. Sprinkle a pinch of cinnamon over the flame for added flair. For Glaceon, carefully layer the Ice 101 peppermint schnapps on top of the Irish cream. Enjoy responsibly!

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1 ounce Hpnotiq
1/2 ounce Gin
1/8 ounce Grenadine

Umbreon Shot:

1 ounce Kraken Black Spiced Rum
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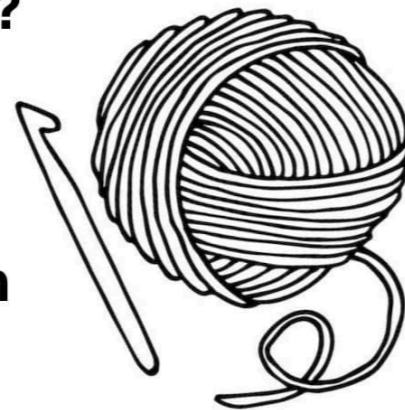
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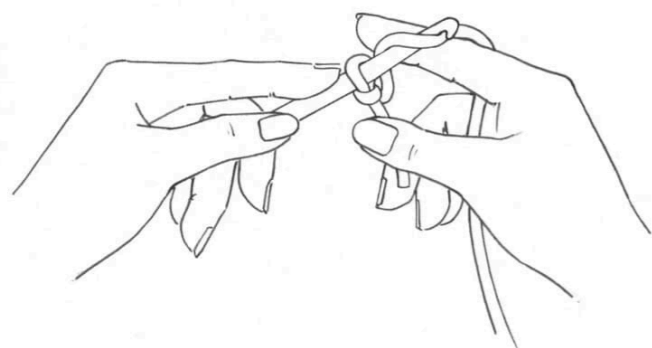
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10 Unique Ways to Have the Summer Garden of Your Dreams

As the summer season rolls in, it's the perfect time to transform your garden into a vibrant oasis that reflects your personal style and provides a serene retreat. Whether you have a small balcony or a spacious backyard, there are countless ways to create a unique and enchanting summer garden. In this blog, we will explore ten innovative ideas that will help you design the garden of your dreams and make the most of the sunny days ahead.

Vertical Gardening:

Maximize your space by incorporating vertical gardening techniques. Install trellises, hanging planters, or vertical garden walls to grow climbing plants, herbs, and even small vegetables. Not only will it enhance the aesthetic appeal of your garden, but it will also give you the opportunity to grow a wider variety of plants.

Fairy Lights and Lanterns:

Bring a magical ambiance to your summer evenings with the soft glow of fairy lights and lanterns. String them along fences, drape them over tree branches, or hang them in your pergola to create a cozy and enchanting atmosphere. These lights will add a touch of whimsy and make your garden an inviting space to relax or entertain.

Water Features:

Introduce the soothing sound of water into your garden with a water feature. Whether it's a small tabletop fountain, a pond with a fountain, or a cascading waterfall, the tranquil sound and sight of water will create a serene atmosphere. Water features also attract birds and other wildlife, making your garden a lively and captivating space.

Herb Spiral:

Build an herb spiral in your garden to add a unique and functional element. This spiral-shaped garden bed allows you to grow a variety of herbs, each with its preferred growing conditions. By stacking different levels, you create microclimates that cater to the specific needs of various herbs, ensuring optimal growth and easy access for harvesting.

Colorful Containers:

Inject vibrant pops of color into your garden by using colorful containers for your plants. Choose pots in different sizes, shapes, and hues to create a visually appealing display. Experiment with various plant combinations to create stunning arrangements that add personality and charm to your garden.

Hanging Baskets:

Utilize the vertical space in your garden by hanging baskets filled with cascading flowers or trailing vines. These hanging baskets will add depth and texture to your garden while maximizing the use of available space. Hang them from tree branches, porch ceilings, or pergolas to create an eye-catching visual display.

Seating Nooks:

Create cozy seating nooks throughout your garden to encourage relaxation and contemplation. Place a bench under a shady tree, create a comfortable seating area on your patio, or hang a hammock between two sturdy trees. These inviting spots will entice you to spend more time outdoors, soaking in the beauty and tranquility of your garden.

Edible Landscaping:

Combine beauty and functionality by incorporating edible plants into your garden design. Instead of confining your edibles to a separate vegetable patch, integrate them seamlessly with your ornamental plants. Mix colorful Swiss chard with flowering perennials, plant a border of blueberry bushes, or grow a vertical herb garden as a focal point.

Garden Art and Sculptures:

Add an element of surprise and intrigue to your garden by incorporating art and sculptures. Install sculptures that complement your garden's style and theme, or create your own unique pieces using recycled materials. These artistic touches will add personality and create conversation starters within your garden.

Butterfly and Bee Haven:

Designate an area in your garden specifically for attracting butterflies and bees, essential pollinators that contribute to a thriving ecosystem. Plant nectar-rich flowers such as lavender, coneflowers, and bee balm to create a colorful and inviting habitat. Provide shallow water sources and sheltered spots for these delicate creatures to rest and bask in the sun.

With these ten unique ideas, you can transform your summer garden into a dreamy oasis that reflects your style and brings joy to your outdoor space. Whether it's through vertical gardening, captivating lighting, or the integration of art and wildlife-friendly elements, let your creativity bloom and make this summer a memorable one. Get inspired, experiment with different techniques, and watch as your garden flourishes into a haven of beauty and tranquility.



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- There are a limited number of spots available and they are in a First Come First Served basis

Branch Piles Stacking Guidelines:

- ✓ Curbside stacking; cut-ends facing the road. Ensure the piles are accessible, and not tied
- ✓ Only put out tree branches; no root balls, no yard waste, no bark chips and no construction materials of any type, etc.
- ✓ Organized piles make for smoother and faster work
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THE BEAR ETERNAL

Submitted by: Anonymous Local Writer

In the golden haze of a summer's day,
Amidst the meadows where wildflowers sway,
A creature emerges with gentle might,
A symbol of strength, a majestic sight.

The bear, oh bear, with its mighty frame,
Treads through the forest without a name,
Its fur of brown, a shaggy crown,
Guardian of the woods, renowned.

In the sun's warm embrace, it roams,
Amongst the towering trees, it finds its homes,
A ruler of nature, a silent king,
A graceful dancer, a gentle being.

Beneath the summer sky's cerulean hue,
The bear ambles, serene and true,
Through babbling brooks and fields of green,
A symbol of wilderness, fierce and serene.

With every step, a melody it weaves,
Amongst the rustling leaves, its song conceives,
A symphony of nature, harmonious and grand,
As the bear explores its enchanted land.

In hushed whispers, it tells ancient tales,
Of starlit nights and moonlit trails,
Of secrets hidden in the forest's core,
Of a world untouched, forevermore.

Oh bear, oh bear, how you inspire,
With your gentle strength, never to tire,
In the summer's embrace, you embody grace,
A symbol of wilderness, an eternal embrace.

So let us cherish this creature grand,
Protect its home, its wild, sacred land,
For in its presence, we find solace and peace,
A reminder of nature's everlasting release.

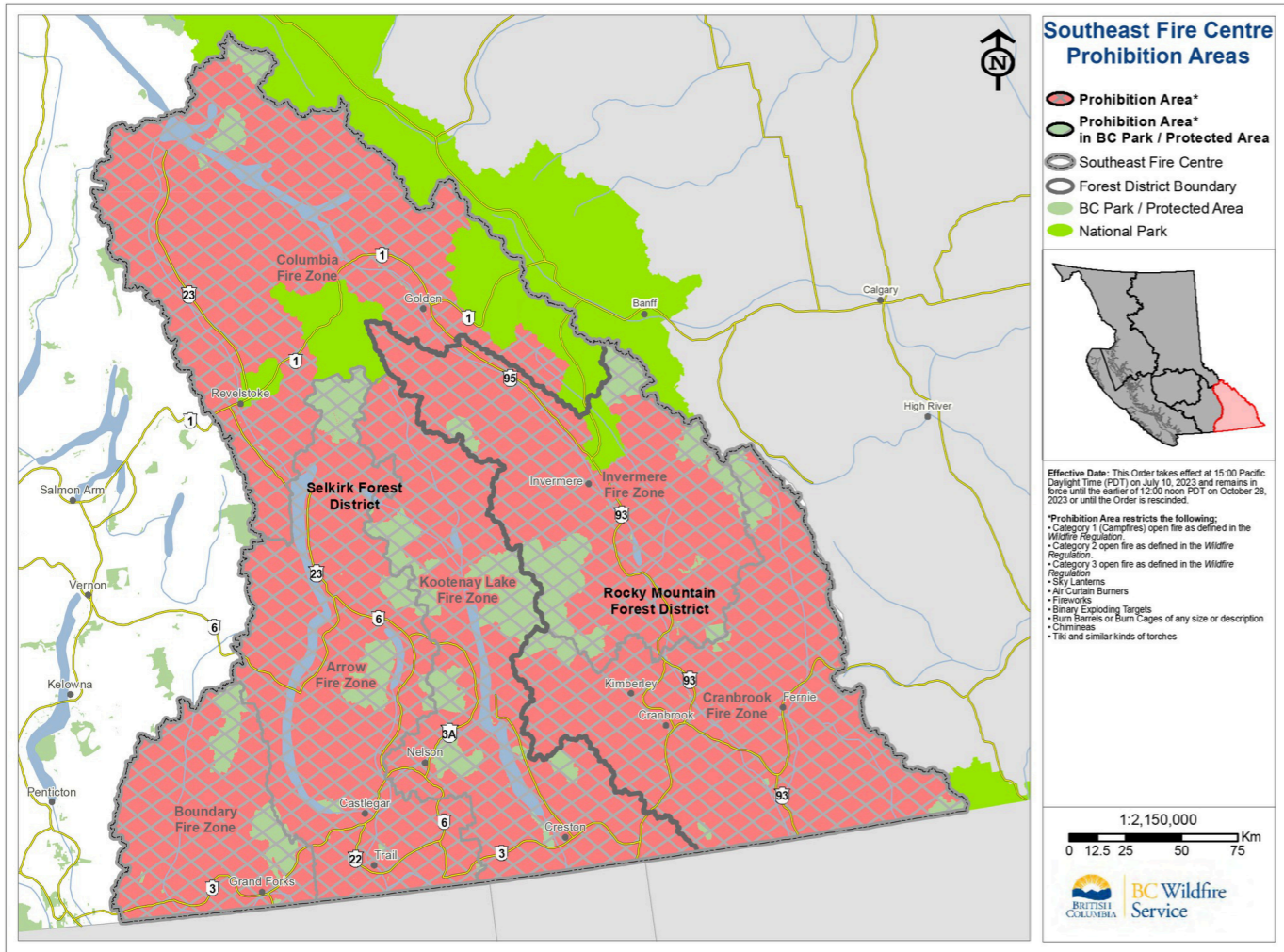
In the realm of summer's golden glow,
The bear wanders, its spirit aglow,
A guardian, a symbol, in nature's symphony,
A gentle reminder of all that is free.



THE GRIZZLY

Henry Howard, Earl of Surrey (1517 – January 19, 1547) was an English aristocrat, and one of the founders of English Renaissance poetry.

**The soote season, that bud and bloom forth brings,
With green hath clad the hill and eke the vale;
The nightingale with feathers new she sings,
The turtle to her make hath told her tale.
Summer is come, for every spray now springs,
The hart hath hung his old head on the pale,
The buck in brake his winter coat he flings,
The fishes float with new repaired scale,
The adder all her slough away she slings,
The swift swallow pursueth the flyës smale,
The busy bee her honey now she mings—
Winter is worn that was the flowers' bale.
And thus I see, among these pleasant things
Each care decays, and yet my sorrow springs.**



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Gamer's Corner

Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba - The Hinokami Chronicles: A Thrilling Journey into the World of Demon Slaying



The world of anime and manga has witnessed a phenomenal rise in popularity, captivating audiences with its unique storytelling and vibrant characters.

Among the recent successes is "Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba," a breathtaking tale of bravery, friendship, and the relentless pursuit of justice. Now, fans can rejoice as the epic saga continues in the highly anticipated video game adaptation, "Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba - The Hinokami Chronicles." This feature article delves into the immersive experience of the game and explores its impact on both fans and newcomers to the franchise.

A Faithful Adaptation:

"The Hinokami Chronicles" faithfully recreates the intense world of "Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba," offering players a chance to step into the shoes of their favorite characters. Developed by CyberConnect2 and published by Aniplex, the game beautifully captures the stunning visuals, intricate combat, and emotional depth that have made the series a global sensation.

An Immersive Journey:

The game takes players on a thrilling journey through key story arcs of the anime and manga, allowing them to relive iconic moments and experience the epic battles firsthand. From the intense encounters with bloodthirsty demons to the heartfelt bonds forged between the Demon Slayers, "The Hinokami Chronicles" immerses players in the rich tapestry of the "Demon Slayer" universe.

Combat and Gameplay:

The game's combat system combines fast-paced action with strategic decision-making. Players can choose from a roster of beloved characters, each with their unique abilities and fighting styles. Mastering the intricate swordplay and unleashing powerful Demon Slayer techniques is essential for overcoming formidable adversaries. Whether it's the relentless Tanjiro Kamado or the fierce demon slayer Kyojuro Rengoku, players can dive into exhilarating battles and experience the intensity of the Demon Slayer Corps firsthand.

Beyond the Main Storyline:

In addition to the main story, "The Hinokami Chronicles" offers a range of engaging gameplay modes to keep players entertained. From challenging boss battles and character-focused side quests to competitive online

battles, there's something for everyone. The game also features a comprehensive gallery mode, allowing fans to unlock artwork, music, and additional content, further enriching their "Demon Slayer" experience.

Impact on Fans and Newcomers:

For fans of the anime and manga, "The Hinokami Chronicles" is a dream come true. It provides an interactive platform to relive cherished moments, witness breathtaking animations, and deepen their connection to the beloved characters. The game's release has also attracted new players, curious to explore the world of "Demon Slayer" and discover the appeal that has captivated millions worldwide.

"Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba - The Hinokami Chronicles" stands as a testament to the enduring popularity of the franchise. It offers an immersive and exhilarating gaming experience, enabling both longtime fans and newcomers to engage with the captivating world of Demon Slayers and demons. With its stunning visuals, compelling storytelling, and dynamic gameplay, the game successfully brings the beloved characters and their epic battles to life, ensuring that the legacy of "Demon Slayer" continues to thrive across various mediums.



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Winnie the Pooh: Blood and Honey - An Unsettling Journey into Ethical Boundaries



The beloved children's cartoon character, Winnie the Pooh, has been an iconic symbol of friendship, innocence, and simple joys for generations.

However, in a recent cinematic twist, the classic tale has been re-imagined as a horror movie in "Winnie the Pooh: Blood and Honey." This bold departure from the original content has sparked a heated debate regarding the ethical implications of transforming a cherished children's cartoon into a darker, adult-oriented genre.

A Dark Twist on Childhood Innocence: "Winnie the Pooh: Blood and Honey"

takes viewers on a haunting journey through the Hundred Acre Wood, where the once lovable characters become grotesque, bloodthirsty creatures. The serene setting transforms into a nightmarish landscape, filled with suspense, gore, and psychological horror. This drastic departure from the lighthearted tone of the original cartoon has left many fans perplexed and questioning the ethics behind such a transformation.



Ethics of Transforming a Kids' Cartoon:

The primary question that arises is whether it was ethical to turn a beloved children's cartoon into a horror movie. Advocates argue that artistic freedom allows for reinterpretation and exploration of different genres, offering fresh perspectives on well-known characters. They argue that the target audience for the horror version may be adult fans who grew up with the original content, craving a nostalgic experience with a darker twist.

However, critics raise valid concerns about the potential psychological impact on younger audiences. They argue that children, especially those who are familiar with the cheerful and innocent Pooh stories, may find the transition to a horror genre distressing and inappropriate. The fundamental purpose of children's entertainment is to provide a safe and educational experience, and "Winnie the Pooh: Blood and Honey" seems to deviate from that intention.

Navigating the Boundaries:

Artistic freedom often pushes boundaries, challenging societal norms and expectations. Filmmakers and artists are known for exploring unconventional ideas and reinventing familiar characters or stories. However, when it comes to beloved

children's content, there is a responsibility to consider the impact on the target audience. Striking a balance between artistic expression and ethical boundaries becomes crucial in such cases.

Filmmakers should carefully evaluate the potential consequences of their creative choices. While adult-oriented re-imaginings may cater to a niche audience, they should ensure that the integrity and emotional well-being of younger viewers are not compromised. This can be achieved by providing clear age restrictions, proper labeling, and effective marketing strategies to avoid confusion and accidental exposure to inappropriate content.

The transformation of Winnie the Pooh from a children's cartoon to a horror movie in "Winnie the Pooh: Blood and Honey" has ignited a spirited discussion about the ethical implications of such a creative departure. While artistic freedom is an essential aspect of film-making, it must be balanced with a responsibility to the target audience. Ultimately, it is crucial for creators to be mindful of the potential psychological impact on young viewers and take appropriate measures to ensure that childhood innocence is not unnecessarily compromised.

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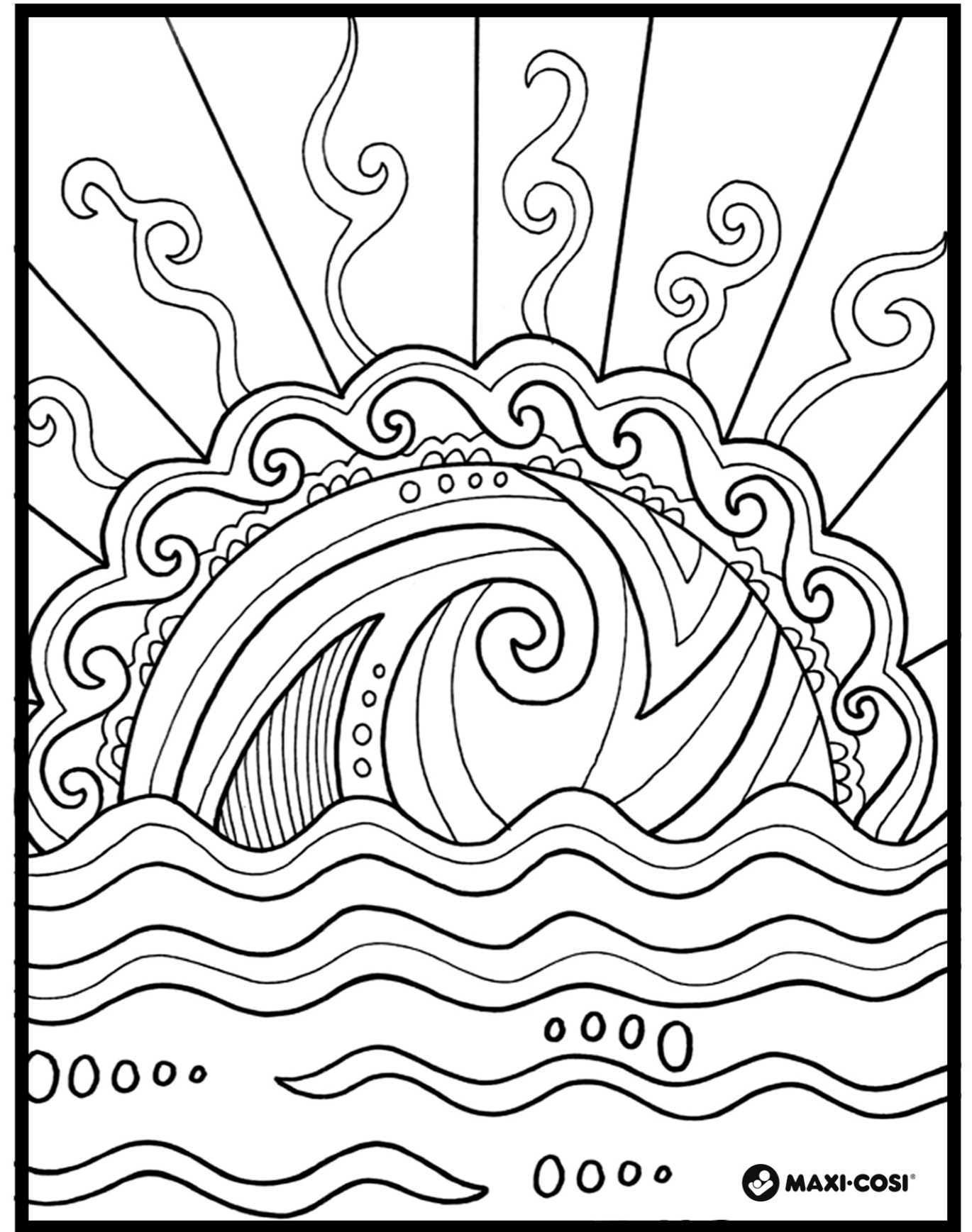
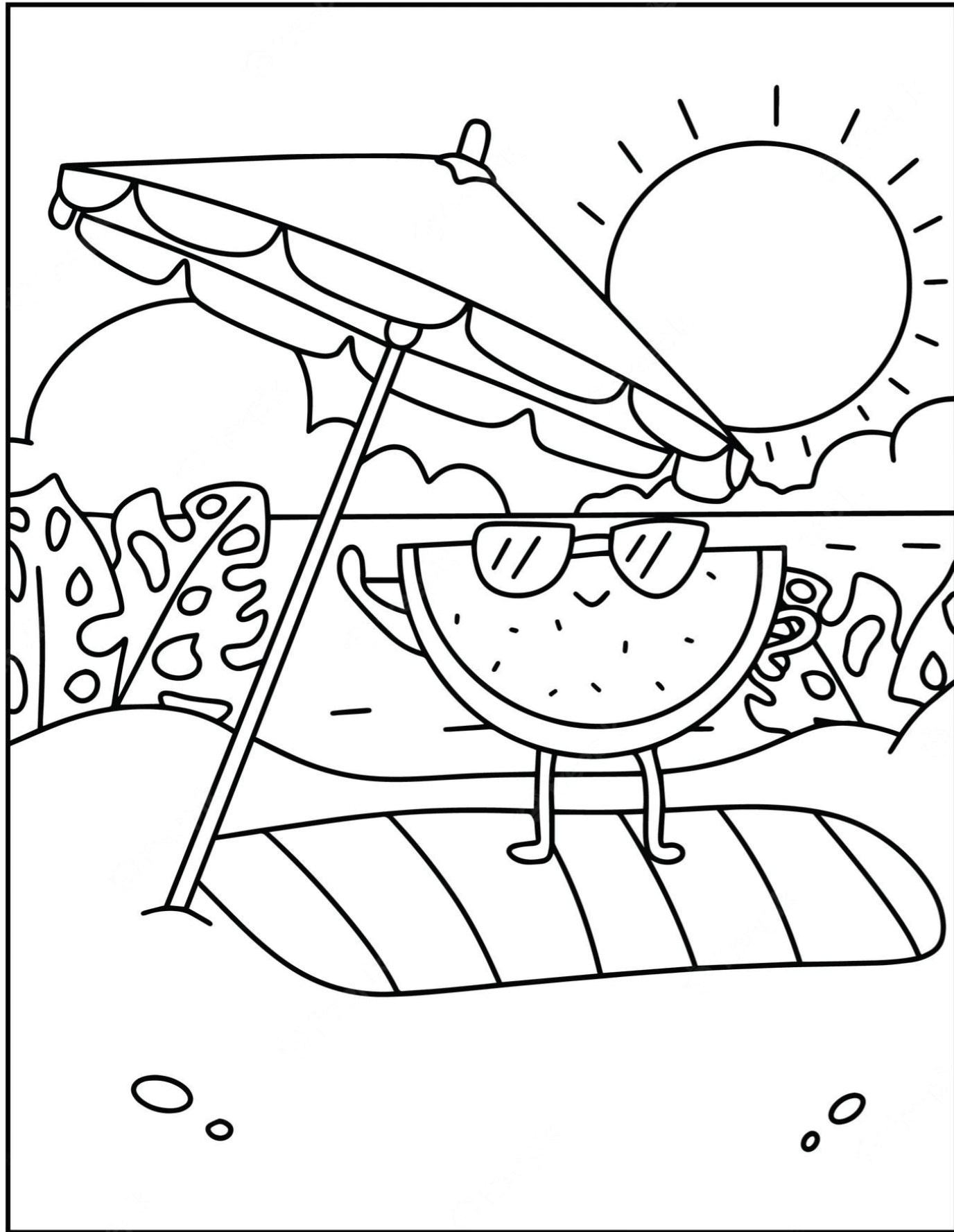
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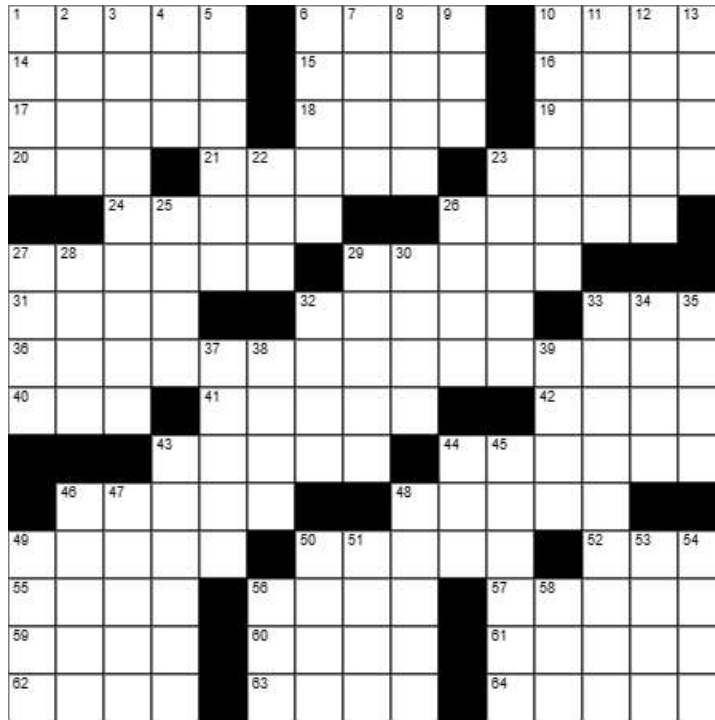
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Across

1- Stub; 6- No ___!; 10- Cumberbund;
 14- Threepio's buddy; 15- Yours and mine;
 16- Pop singer Brickell; 17- Minor, in law;
 18- Actress Olin; 19- Annoyed; 20- Catch on; 21- Digression;
 23- Ventured; 24- Rate; 26- Measured with a watch;
 27- Loud uproar; 29- El Greco's birthplace; 31- Filmmaker Riefenstahl;
 32- Vigilant; 33- CIO's partner; 36- Informally;
 40- Language ending; 41- Give it ___!; 42- Hwys.;
 43- Suppose; 44- Evening party; 46- Easy ___;
 48- Trunk; 49- Chipped in; 50- Analyze a sentence;
 52- Open mesh fabric; 55- Haunted house sound;
 56- Honolulu's island; 57- Buy alternative;
 59- End in ___ (draw); 60- Up and ___!; 61- Immerse;
 62- German Mister; 63- Office fill-in; 64- Politico Kefauver;



Down

1- Enervates; 2- Corner; 3- Vocal expression;
 4- Paris pronoun; 5- Edible tuber; 6- Salk's conquest;
 7- Regretted; 8- Caen's river; 9- Youth org.; 10- Opening word;
 11- Idolize; 12- Brought into being; 13- Attention;
 22- Round Table title; 23- Same here; 25- French friend;
 26- Actress Hatcher; 27- Hint; 28- Contact, e.g.;
 29- Shut; 30- 1996 Tony-winning musical; 32- Solemn assent;
 33- Person engaged in spaceflight; 34- Run away;
 35- Dissolve, as cells; 37- Fleet; 38- Cleveland's lake;
 39- "Trinity" author; 43- Kitchen utensil; 44- Mayday!
 45- Ultimatum words; 46- Make ___ of (write down);
 47- Flight segment; 48- Outdo; 49- Eastern nanny;
 50- Cracker topper; 51- Attention getter; 53- Being, to Brutus;
 54- Driving aids; 56- Muesli bit; 58- Greek goddess of the dawn;

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