

**COMMUNITY REPORT**  
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**A** week-long celebration of Bahrain's hip-hop scene is taking the kingdom by storm this week, commemorating more than 20 years since the movement began in the country, with music, dance and art.

Bringing together hip-hop lovers from across the GCC and even as far as Malaysia and London, the *Foundation Jam* kicked off last Saturday and will cap off tomorrow, June 12, with a final breakdancing face-off at Funland Centre near Marina Beach.

"We had done an underground jam a while ago and decided to do a bigger event this time at the place where it all started for me and others in the community," *Foundation Jam* organiser and graffiti artist Aref 'Ayfu' Ghuloom told *GulfWeekly*.

"Back in 2004, when my mum used to drop me here on the weekends, I began to get interested in break dancing, coming from a love for hip-hop, and growing to include graffiti as well.

"I met other dancers, DJs and MCs here and since the community that has its roots here is still alive, we decided to bring it back."

Hip-hop is a global cultural movement that emerged in the Bronx, New York City, the US in the early 1970s. At its core is the use of turntables to mix records and create music, which has become the backbone of the culture.

An important element of the movement is breakdancing, also known as B-boying or B-girling, combining acrobatics, athleticism, and stylised footwork executed in a circle called a cypher.

Graffiti is the visual expression of hip-hop culture, transforming urban environments into canvases using spray paint, graffiti markers and aerosol.

In Bahrain and the Arab World, hip-hop has adapted to local culture by lending and borrowing terms from local slang, as well as influencing fashion trends over the years.

Graffiti also has been culturally adapted, with one example being artists



**VIBRANT:** Bahrain's hip-hop art culture movement combines global and local elements



**WORKING:** Bahraini graffiti artist Isa Mansoor Saleh works on his piece



**BREAK:** A dancer busts a move in a previous battle

## Celebrating the culture

like Ayfu spray-painting on Persian rugs to create unique, movable pieces of art.

"Hip-hop brought us together and gave us this energy and way to express ourselves creatively," Ayfu added.

"From graffiti walls to cypher circles, this is about building the scene and

pushing hip-hop culture forward across the GCC.

"For the past few days, graffiti artists have been bringing walls to life with raw creativity and style, and we are going to end this week with a B-boy competition today, June 11, followed by the finals tomorrow, June 12."

Eight of the best break dancers from today's faceoff at 4pm will proceed to tomorrow's finals at 8pm.

"The event features a Seven to Smoke breaking battle, where the strongest breakers go head-to-head in nonstop rounds to prove who runs the floor," organisers added.

A 'Seven to Smoke' is a



**SPRAY:** One of the pieces now on display at Funland



**DESIGN:** A graffiti artist starting to paint her piece after laying out the design

fast-paced, 'king of the hill'-style tournament format, where the goal is to be the first competitor to reach a total of seven wins (points) against other participants.

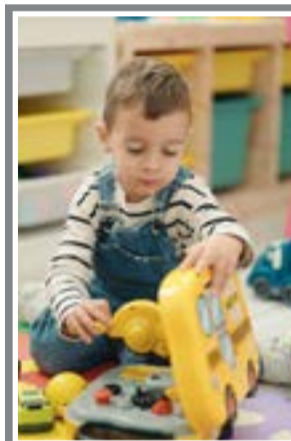
"We want to bring the community together - we have people from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman, the UAE, even Malaysia and London," Ayfu added.

"By having all these creative minds in the same space, we want to show that hip-hop is life!"

For more details, follow @the.foundation.bh on Instagram.



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# THE ART OF TIME



DESIGN: Through the summer camp, young participants will experience the joy of creating something personal, artistic and lasting

**YOUNG** artisans are invited to benefit from the Watchmaking Summer Camp 2026 staged by Qannati Objet d'Art, a French-Bahraini luxury maison, specialising in customisable artistic timepieces.

The educational programme is designed to introduce children to the world of watchmaking through imagination, design, materials and hands-on assembly, and will be organised at Qannati Lab in Seef District.

Those aged seven to 14 years can attend the course, which features six classes spanning two hours each. Participants will discover the parts of a watch, explore different materials, design and personalise their own creation, and assemble a watch they can wear.

At the end of the camp, each child will take part in a graduation ceremony, where they will present their watch and receive an Honorary Graduation Certificate.

The programme reflects Qannati's philosophy of transforming personal stories and creative choices into objects of meaning. Through the summer camp, young participants are invited not only to learn about watchmaking, but to experience the joy of creating something personal, artistic and lasting.

"At Qannati, we believe creation begins with curiosity," Qannati Objet d'Art founder Mahmood Qannati said.

"This summer camp is an invitation for young minds to discover the beauty of watchmaking, to understand how



INNOVATIVE: Mr Qannati

design and craft come together, and to create a piece that carries their own imagination," he added.

Registrations are now open, with limited seats available for a fee of BD200.

Those interested in the camp can call 66799933 to get the registration link, or follow @qannati on Instagram. More details about the classes will be shared by email upon registration confirmation.

## SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

- July Camp 1: July 5 to 16
- July Camp 2: July 19 to 30
- August Camp 1: August 2 to 13
- August Camp 2: August 16 to 27



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WELLNESS REPORT  
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**L**OCAL experts have highlighted the many benefits of active play, encouraging parents, schools and the community at large to create more opportunities for recreation, coinciding with International Day of Play today.

The Child and Family Foundation Centre founder and psychologist Dr Mariam Alammadi noted that play helps children develop important life skills, which help them in the long run.

"Play is not simply a way for children to pass the time; it is how they learn about themselves, others, and the world around them," the psychologist told *GulfWeekly*.

"Through play, children develop creativity, problem-solving skills, emotional resilience, and healthy social relationships. Protecting time and space for play is an investment in children's mental health, wellbeing, and future success," she added.

The expert emphasised the need for parents, schools and the community to work in tandem to ensure young minds are nourished with healthy doses of playtime.

International Day of Play is a time to celebrate the power of play, raising awareness about how central play is to every child's development and well-being. The global observance encourages coming together to ensure that every child is able to fulfil its right to play. This year's theme: 'Protect play, protect childhood' serves as a reminder for all of us – governments, businesses, schools and families – that happy and healthy childhoods are built on play.

"Parents must make time for play and connection as part of the daily routine. Due to Bahrain's weather, it can be difficult for children to access outdoor play for much of the year. However, increasing the availability of free indoor play spaces would provide children and families with more opportunities for play, social interaction, and healthy development," Dr Mariam added.

Earlier this month, Al Qaryah Park located in the Northern Governorate was inaugurated. Spread across 3,400sqm, it features a main children's play and football pitch, among other facilities, nodding to the kingdom's efforts to build recreational spaces and public infrastructure.

The Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture Ministry has pledged to continue



EXPERT: Dr Mariam



COUNSELLOR: Prithi

developing parks and public facilities, expanding tree-planting projects and increasing green spaces to support environmental sustainability and meet the needs of citizens and residents.

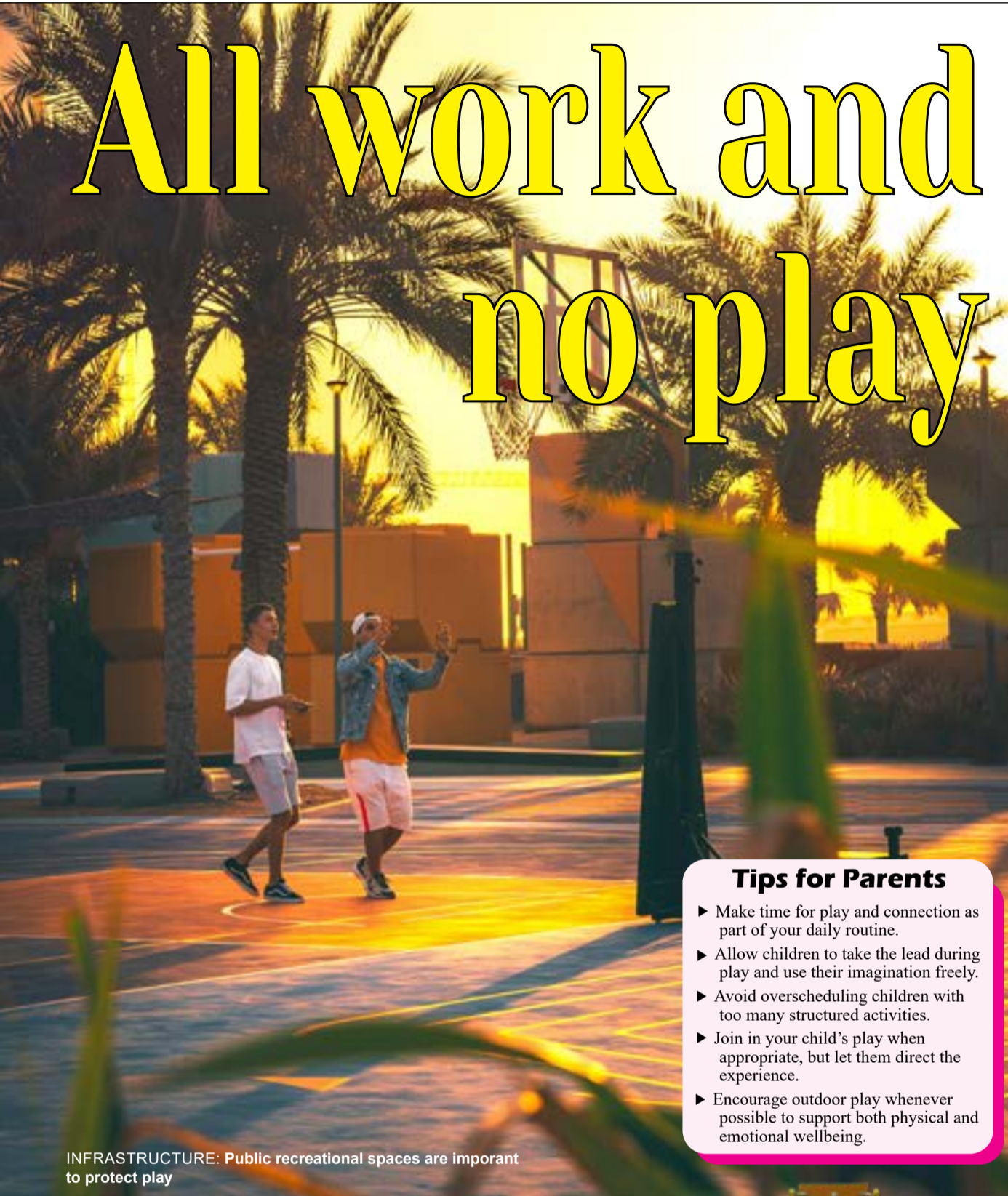
While it is important for families to ensure playtime, it is worth noting that children spend a considerable amount of their time at school, which makes it important to weave recreation and physical activity into academic schedules too.

"When children start playing with others they learn to make friends, become confident, discover their strengths and have a sense of belonging. It also helps to reduce stress and anxiety," Sacred Heart School student counsellor Prithi Braganza said.

The uncertainty of the recent regional conflict led to a notable increase in stress and anxiety in the community. Additionally, increased screen time due to schools shifting online added to the emotional distress.

Multiple studies indicate that the average teenager spends more than seven hours a day watching television and tablets, and those under two are exposed to at least an hour of screen time each day. These figures are bound to rise during times of emergency.

Screen time also adds up during the holidays. With the summer break starting next month, parents must be prepared. "In today's world, where social media plays a big part in the lives of children, it is important to provide opportunities to come back to the playgrounds. Schools can play an important part in nurturing play among children by giving them opportunities to grow and develop in a healthy



INFRASTRUCTURE: Public recreational spaces are important to protect play



SENSORY: It is important to weave recreation and physical activity into academic schedules environment. "At Sacred Heart School, we have a variety of competitions organised throughout the year. Additionally, students are encouraged to participate in inter-school competitions, and after-school coaching and training are provided to those who wish to further develop their skills. Through active recess, sports and games, movement breaks in the classroom, and inclusive play opportunities, we ensure that every child feels valued and included," Prithi added.

# All work and no play

## Tips for Parents

- ▶ Make time for play and connection as part of your daily routine.
- ▶ Allow children to take the lead during play and use their imagination freely.
- ▶ Avoid overscheduling children with too many structured activities.
- ▶ Join in your child's play when appropriate, but let them direct the experience.
- ▶ Encourage outdoor play whenever possible to support both physical and emotional wellbeing.

## Tips for Schools

- Ensure children have opportunities for free play every day, not just structured activities.
- Remember that play is not simply a reward after academic work.
- Create safe, inclusive environments where all children feel welcome to participate.
- Encourage activities that promote communication, cooperation, creativity and problem solving.
- Protect break times and opportunities for movement, exploration and social interaction.

## Tips for the Community

- ❖ Provide safe, accessible parks and recreational spaces for children and families.
- ❖ Increase the availability of free indoor play spaces.
- ❖ Support community initiatives that encourage children to play, explore and connect with others.
- ❖ Promote inclusive play opportunities for children of all abilities and backgrounds.

# Never grow up!

**R**ENOWNED artist Pablo Picasso once said, 'Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up'. Sadly, many of us tend to put 'fun' on the backburner to cater to impending responsibilities as adulthood takes over. Our routines are reduced to work and household chores with a cheat meal in front of a screen over the weekend, at best.

Experts, however, recommend incorporating regular recreational and physical activities into our schedules no matter what our age because play benefits adults in many ways. Several reports indicate that grownups who engage in playful activities tend to cope better with stress, experience more positive emotions, show greater resilience when facing challenges and report higher levels of life satisfaction.

"When I play football after a long day at work, I feel energetic the next day after having a good sleep from the night before," Bahraini media professional Hadi Galal said.

"It promotes my focus and concentration on tasks whether work-related or not. Additionally, playing football helped me create a bigger social circle in Bahrain," added the 37-year-old from Juffair.

Indian expatriate and chartered accountant Vinod Rathi has always enjoyed watching cricket but actively took it up as an escape from the demands of professional life. "Playing has improved my stamina, energy levels and overall well-being, while also reducing stress and enhancing focus. It has helped build resilience under pressure."

"Equally valuable are the friendships and sense of camaraderie that come with the game," noted the 37-year-old from Sanabis, who has been involved in the local Abraj Premier League and the GCC Cricket Cup.

While outdoor play enhances

mood and provides exercise, indoor activities like board games also qualify as 'play' and have been a source of family entertainment for millennia. Rolling dice with friends or throwing darts with colleagues can offer respite from the routine.

The kingdom is also home to a vibrant board games and tabletop roleplaying games (TTRPGs) community.

TTRPGs in particular have brought together groups of friends who get together to role-play fantasy and science fiction adventures usually only seen in TV shows and movies.

"I have been playing tabletop role-playing games since 1999," 46-year-old investment broker Nasser Al Alawi, who lives in Gufool, told *GulfWeekly*.

"We grew up in the era of sword and sorcery cartoons like He-Man or Conan, while reading fantasy novels, so in TTRPGs, you get to actually be that character and play out the adventure, feeding your inner child."

"People of all ages are involved in the community, some of whom have been there for 20 or 30 years!"

"The beauty of it is a lot of them get to escape the world and go through an adventure where they get to control and shape the world around them, leaving chance to dice."

"There are also a lot of real-life skills people hone, like confidence - myself included - I was able to conquer my own stage fright by just pretending I was a character from one of our adventures."

The arts and crafts are an avenue for 'play' too as experienced by Bahrain's beloved 3-D artist couple from Seef District Limnesh Augustine and Jincy Babu.

"Our work feels like a playground and keeps our inner child alive as it demands imagination without boundaries," art educator Jincy, 33, explained.

## BRAIN-BUSTERS

**Q**uizmaster and Radio Bahrain host Shannon Crockett, who has been entertaining people across the island with his brain-teasing quiz night sessions, has offered to put *GulfWeekly* readers' general knowledge to the test. Join in the fun every Thursday with Shannon's seven brain-busters.

- 1) Which city will host the first game of the 2026 World Cup?
- 2) For the first time in the World Cup's history, what will happen to the ball before every match in 2026?
- 3) How many countries will be playing in the World Cup for the first time?
- 4) Which nation went unbeaten in a record 16 qualifiers to reach the FIFA World Cup 2026?
- 5) Which were the last two countries to qualify for the World Cup?
- 6) What is the country with the smallest population competing



in this World Cup?  
7) Which Middle Eastern country will make its World Cup 2026 debut?

1. Mexico City
2. The ball will need to be charged
3. Four
4. South Korea
5. Iraq & Democratic Republic of the Congo
6. Curaçao
7. Jordan

## ANSWERS

# FIFA WORLD CUP

## FIFA World Cup 2026

**JUNE 11 - JULY 19**

The United States, Mexico and Canada host the 23rd FIFA World Cup – the first tournament to be jointly staged by three nations and expanded to 48 teams – amid rising global tensions

**SPORTING ECONOMY:** Total prize fund for global showpiece is poised to rise substantially from Qatar 2022, despite fierce criticism of ticket prices across North America

Year	2014	2018	2022	2026
Champions share:	\$358m	\$400m	\$440m	\$871m

2026 breakdown: Each qualified team will receive baseline of \$2.5m to cover preparation costs

Rank	1st-4th	5th-8th	9th-16th	17th-32nd	33rd-48th
Champions	\$50m	\$33m	\$29m	\$27m	\$19m
Final					\$15m
3rd place					\$11m
4th place					\$10m

**COMPETITIVE EDGE:** Expansion to 48-team format poses intriguing challenge to traditional powerhouses

**Performances of confederations:**

Confederation	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Top 8	Top 16
Europe	12	17	18	15	105	99
South America	10	5	3	5	35	37
North America			1		5	15
Africa				1	4	11
Asia				1	2	9
Oceania						1

Tournament expanded to 24 teams in 1982, increasing to 32 in 1998

### Vinicius Júnior

**Brazil**

Aiming to inspire Seleção to first title since 2002, under supremo Carlo Ancelotti (inset)




adidas Trionda 2026 Official World Cup match ball



### Venues



**CANADA: WORLD CUP RECORD** W0 D0 L5

- Vancouver: BC Place, Capacity: 54,000
- Seattle: Lumen Field, 69,000
- San Francisco: Levi's Stadium, 71,000
- Los Angeles: SoFi Stadium, 70,000
- Guadalajara: Estadio Akron, 48,000
- Mexico City: Estadio Banorfe, 83,000 (Formerly Estadio Azteca)
- Dallas: AT&T Stadium, 94,000
- Kansas City: GEHA Field at Arrowhead Stadium, 73,000
- Houston: NRG Stadium, 72,000
- Atlanta: Mercedes-Benz Stadium, 75,000
- Miami: Hard Rock Stadium, 65,000
- Boston: Gillette Stadium, 65,000
- New York / New Jersey: MetLife Stadium, 82,500
- Philadelphia: Lincoln Financial Field, 69,000
- Toronto: BMO Field, 45,000

**USA** W9 D8 L20

**MEXICO** W17 D15 L28

### Lamine Yamal

**Spain**

Barcelona star set for World Cup debut

**Return of the Vikings:** Erling Haaland (right) topped scoring charts in qualifying, striking 16 goals as Norway reached first World Cup since 1998




### Competition schedule

Top two from each group plus eight best third-placed teams advance

Group	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
A	15	60	25	41
B	30	65	55	19
C	6	8	83	43
D	16	40	27	22

All dates Eastern Time (GMT-4)

11 Mexico	South Africa	South Africa	Mexico City	12 Canada	Bosnia-Herz.	Toronto	13 Brazil	Morocco	NY / NJ	12 USA	Paraguay	Los Angeles
South Korea	Czechia	Czechia	Guadalajara	13 Qatar	Switz.	San Francisco	Haiti	Scotland	Boston	14 Australia	Türkiye	Vancouver
18 Czechia	South Africa	Bosnia-H.	Los Angeles	18 Switzerland	Bosnia-H.	Los Angeles	19 Scotland	Morocco	Boston	19 USA	Australia	Seattle
Mexico	South Korea	Qatar	Vancouver	Canada	Qatar	Vancouver	Brazil	Haiti	Philadelphia	Türkiye	Paraguay	San Francisco
24 Czechia	Mexico	Canada	Vancouver	24 Switzerland	Canada	Vancouver	24 Scotland	Brazil	Miami	25 Türkiye	USA	Los Angeles
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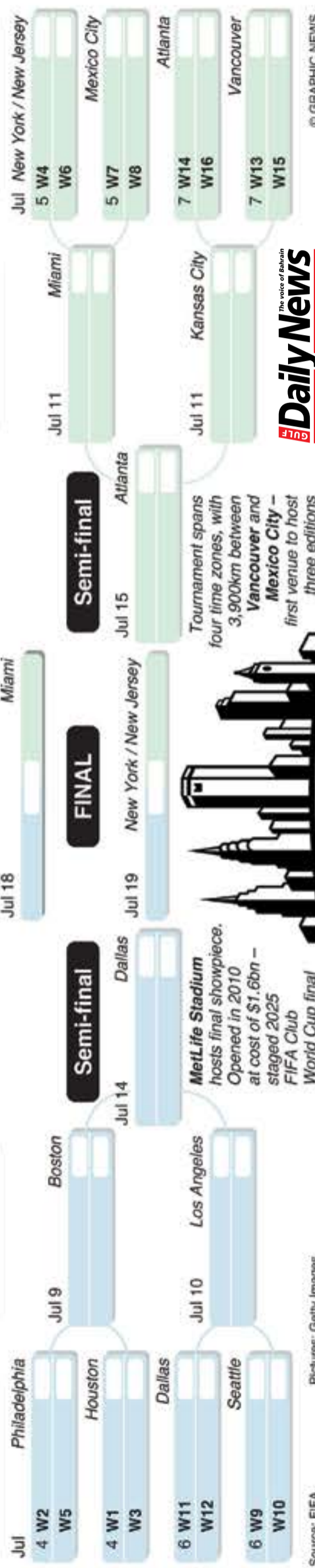
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Côte d'Ivoire	Ecuador	Ecuador	Philadelphia	Sweden	Tunisia	Monterrey	Iran	N. Zealand	Los Angeles	Iran	N. Zealand	Los Angeles	19	29	21	85
20 Germany	Côte d'Ivoire	Côte d'Ivoire	Toronto	20 Netherlands	Japan	Houston	New Zealand	Iran	Los Angeles	21 Belgium	Iran	Los Angeles	21	29	21	85
Ecuador	Curaçao	Curaçao	Kansas City	21 Tunisia	Japan	Monterrey	New Zealand	Egypt	Vancouver	New Zealand	Egypt	Vancouver	26	29	21	85
25 Curaçao	Côte d'Ivoire	Côte d'Ivoire	Philadelphia	25 Japan	Sweden	Dallas	New Zealand	Iran	Seattle	New Zealand	Belgium	Vancouver	26	29	21	85
Ecuador	Germany	Germany	NY / NJ	Tunisia	Netherlands	Kansas City	New Zealand	Belgium	Vancouver	New Zealand	Belgium	Vancouver	26	29	21	85
<b>Qualified</b>																

<b>I</b>	1	14	57	31	<b>J</b>	3	28	24	63	<b>K</b>	5	46	50	13	<b>L</b>	4	11	74	33
16 France	Senegal	Senegal	NY / NJ	16 Argentina	Algeria	Kansas City	17 Portugal	DR Congo	Houston	17 Portugal	DR Congo	Houston	5	46	50	13	17 England	Croatia	Dallas
Iraq	Norway	Norway	Boston	17 Austria	Jordan	San Francisco	Uzbekistan	Colombia	Mexico City	Uzbekistan	Colombia	Mexico City	18	46	50	13	Ghana	Panama	Toronto
22 France	Iraq	Iraq	Philadelphia	22 Argentina	Austria	Dallas	Portugal	Uzbekistan	Houston	23 Portugal	Uzbekistan	Houston	18	46	50	13	England	Ghana	Boston
Norway	Senegal	Senegal	NY / NJ	Jordan	Algeria	San Francisco	Colombia	DR Congo	Guadalajara	Colombia	DR Congo	Guadalajara	23	46	50	13	England	Panama	Toronto
26 Norway	France	France	Boston	27 Algeria	Austria	Kansas City	Colombia	Portugal	Miami	27 Colombia	Portugal	Miami	23	46	50	13	Panama	England	NY / NJ
Senegal	Iraq	Iraq	Toronto	Jordan	Argentina	Dallas	DR Congo	Uzbekistan	Atlanta	DR Congo	Uzbekistan	Atlanta	27	46	50	13	Croatia	Ghana	Philadelphia
<b>Qualified</b>																			

### Round of 32

Jun	1	28	A2	B2	5	30	I1	C-D-F-G-H3	NY / NJ	Jul	9	1	D1	B-E-F-I-J3	S. Francisco
Los Angeles	Los Angeles	Los Angeles	Los Angeles	NY / NJ	NY / NJ	NY / NJ	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	10	1	G1	A-E-H-I-J3	Seattle	
2	29	E1	A-B-C-D-F3	I2	6	30	E2	I2	Seattle	11	2	K2	L2	Toronto	
Boston	Boston	Boston	Boston	Seattle	Seattle	Mexico City	Toronto	Toronto	Toronto	12	2	H1	J2	Los Angeles	
3	29	F1	C2	F2	7	30	A1	C-E-F-H-I3	Mexico City	12	2	H1	J2	Los Angeles	
Monterrey	Monterrey	Monterrey	Houston	Houston	Houston	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	13	2	B1	E-F-G-I-J3	Vancouver	
4	29	C1	F2	F2	8	1	L1	E-H-I-J-K3	Atlanta	14	3	J1	H2	Miami	
Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Atlanta	Atlanta	Kansas City	Kansas City	Kansas City	Kansas City	15	3	K1	D-E-I-J-L3	Kansas City	
Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Atlanta	Atlanta	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	16	3	D2	G2	Dallas	

### Round of 16



# Leisure Scene

What's on guide by  
Julia Cassano



## FUN AND GAMES AT RITZ-CARLTON

**E**XPERIENCE the thrill of the World Cup at The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain, where every match comes alive in an elegant yet lively setting, creating the perfect destination for football enthusiasts.

Guests can gather with fellow supporters to watch the games live across multiple screens while enjoying a selection of light bites inspired by the US, Canada and Mexico.

Scheduled according to match timings, the experience is offered à la carte at La Med's Football Fanzone.

For a more exclusive experience, private match viewings are available at La Table Krug for groups of 10 guests or more.

Adding a burst of colour and flavour to the weekend is Cantina Kahlo's Brunch Fiesta, where guests can enjoy a family-style set



GOAL: Head to the Football fanzone

menu. Featuring authentic dishes made with fresh ingredients and rich traditional flavours, the brunch is priced at BD35 inclusive of soft beverages and BD45 with selected

beverages. It takes place tomorrow and Saturday from 1pm to 4pm.

The restaurant turns up the fun with Taco Tuesdays – an extravaganza offering a variety of flavour-packed options. The

experience is priced at BD25 per person inclusive of two selected beverages, from 7pm to 10pm.

For a taste of authentic Indian cuisine, Nirvana invites guests to enjoy its

traditional thali, featuring a carefully curated selection of expertly prepared dishes on a platter. Complemented by a refreshing glass of lassi, the dining experience is priced at BD24 per person

and is available on Sundays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from noon to 3pm and again from 7pm to 11pm.

For those seeking an elegant afternoon indulgence, the Ritz Gourmet Lounge presents its renowned afternoon tea experience.

Guests can enjoy premium teas alongside freshly baked scones, delicate finger sandwiches, exquisite pastries and classic French treats. Priced at BD34 per set, it is available daily from 3pm to 7pm.

The lounge also offers a massive 1kg croissant, perfect for sharing among six to eight people. Served with two hot beverages and a selection of spreads, the experience is priced at BD35 and available daily from 8am to 10pm, with orders required 24 hours in advance.

For more information or bookings, contact 17580000 or email [rc.bahrz.restaurant.reservations@ritzcarlton.com](mailto:rc.bahrz.restaurant.reservations@ritzcarlton.com).

## GOODNESS OF GRILLS

**F**OUR Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay invites guests to discover an exceptional collection of dining experiences, where world-class cuisine, innovative flavours and unforgettable moments take centre stage.

Fridays are made for indulgence with the hotel's popular Barbecue Brunch, where the art of grilling takes centre stage in a relaxed and vibrant setting. Guests can savour smoky aromas and sizzling favourites, including the local catch of the day featuring seabream, kingfish and prawns, all the while enjoying live entertainment throughout the afternoon.

The experience concludes on a sweet note with an impressive dessert buffet curated by executive pastry chef Imad Boukly. Available every Friday in June from 1pm to 4pm, the brunch is priced at BD35net, inclusive of soft beverages, or BD48net with a selected beverage package.

For a more leisurely afternoon, Bay View Lounge invites guests to discover



SUCCULENT: Delicious meat at the Barbecue Brunch

its Botanical Afternoon Tea, a nature-inspired experience celebrating the season through delicate flavours, vibrant colours and elegant presentation

Available until September 30 from noon to 9pm, the event is priced at BD24net, inclusive of one tea, or BD28net, inclusive of two teas or two mocktails.

At Byblos, the flavours of Lebanon come alive by the water under the expertise of Chef Tony El Khoury. Guests can enjoy a generous selection of hot and cold mezze before sharing a flavourful mixed grill, with every dish rooted in Lebanese tradition and crafted with authenticity.

To end the meal, a golden baked



JUICY: Golden skewers at Byblos

cheese kunafa is served fresh from the oven alongside ice cream, creating the perfect balance of warm and cold flavours. Byblos is open from Tuesday to Sunday, from 5pm until midnight, with an à la carte menu.

The hotel will also mark Global Wellness Day with a dedicated celebration focused on wellbeing, mindfulness and meaningful connection. Taking place on June 13, the event features a daytime programme from noon to 3.30pm and an evening session from 7pm to 9pm. Advance booking is required.

For more information or bookings, contact 17115500.

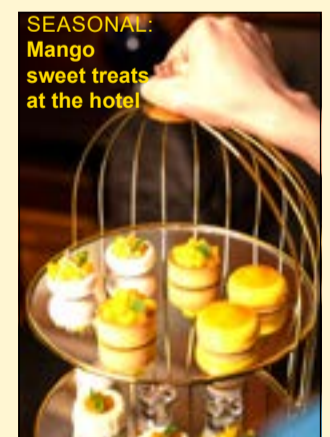
## KICK IT UP A NOTCH!

**F**OOTBALL fans can catch all the action of the FIFA World Cup matches live at InterContinental Bahrain, where games will be screened in a lively atmosphere.

Guests can enjoy a selection of food and beverage offerings while cheering on their favourite teams. Adding to the excitement, visitors will also have the chance to predict the winning team and final score before kick-off during selected matches for an opportunity to win prizes throughout the evening.

Matches will be shown live at Elements Pool and Lounge according to the tournament schedule.

Meanwhile, the hotel is marking its 80th anniversary with a special culinary celebration inspired by eight iconic destinations from



SEASONAL: Mango sweet treats at the hotel

around the world.

The renowned Los Hídalgo Band will add to the festive atmosphere with live entertainment all afternoon.

The celebration takes place on June 26 from noon to 5pm at the Regency Tent and is priced at BD26net with soft beverages or BD33net with unlimited selected beverages. Children under six dine free, while children aged six to 12 receive 50 per cent off. Early

# Leisure Scene

Weekly Entertainment



**TEA TIME:** Scones, sandwiches and delicious drinks at the Ritz Gourmet Lounge



**CHEER:** For your favourite teams

bird offers are available.

Guests looking for a refined weekend dining experience can also enjoy the Legendz SteakHouse Brunch Affair, featuring a selection of signature à la carte creations.

It is available tomorrow and June 19 from noon to 4pm, priced at BD28net with soft beverages or BD38net with unlimited selected beverages. Children under six dine free, while those aged six to 12 receive a 50pc discount.

For Father's Day, Medzo is inviting families to celebrate with a specially curated three-course menu featuring hearty starters, comforting pasta dishes and signature pizzas.

As part of the promotion, fathers dine with the hotel's compliments when accompanied by a minimum of two paying guests, whether adults or children. The offer is available from June 21 to 27 between noon and 10pm and is priced at BD9.900net per guest. Children under six dine free. Those seeking a more relaxed afternoon can visit Noor Lounge for its seasonal Mango Afternoon Tea.

It is available from Thursday to Saturday between 1pm and 5pm and is priced at BD8net per person.

For more information or bookings, contact 17227777 or 36967701.



**SCRUMPTIOUS:** Enjoy the lavish breakfast spread at the hotel

## DINING WITH A VIEW

**M**AKE your way to **CLAW BBQ** at **Hilton Bahrain** to enjoy an authentic **Southern American** dining experience.

Perched on the 44th floor, this vibrant venue is more than just a restaurant – it is a lively social destination where great food, games and entertainment come together.

CLAW BBQ hosts a variety of weekly promotions and themed events.

On Sundays, hospitality professionals can enjoy two hours of unlimited selected beverages from 4pm to midnight for BD12.500, with the option to extend the experience by an additional two hours for BD10.

From Saturday to Thursday, guests can take advantage of Happy Hour until 8pm, with selected beverages available from just BD2.

Mondays are dedicated to the ladies, who can enjoy four complimentary drinks from 8pm to 11pm, along with a sharing platter for BD15. Ladies also receive 30 per cent off all full-priced food and beverages throughout the evening.

Taco Tuesdays bring a fiesta of flavours, featuring unlimited tacos and selected beverages from 6pm to midnight for BD16.

On Wednesdays, guests can enjoy two hours of unlimited selected beverages from 7pm to 9pm for BD12.500.

Fridays are all about the popular brunch experience, served from 12.30pm to 4pm, with Happy Hour continuing until 6pm. Packages start from BD24.

Elsewhere at Hilton



**FLAVOURFUL:** Delicious crab at **CLAW BBQ**

Bahrain, Origin kitchen and Culture serves a lavish breakfast buffet from Sunday to Friday between 6.30am to 10.30am, extending until 11.30am on Saturdays. The buffet is priced at BD13net.

Seafood enthusiasts can indulge in the restaurant's Thursday seafood night from 7pm to 10pm, featuring a selection of fresh catches for BD30, inclusive of soft beverages.

For those looking to enjoy upbeat entertainment, Society Club hosts its popular Afro

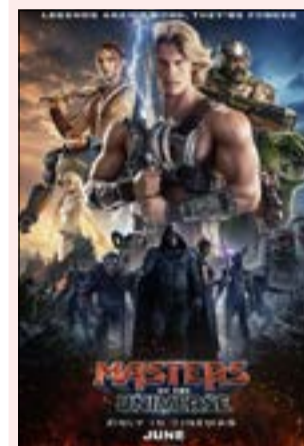
Night every Wednesday from 9pm until 2am, promising an energetic atmosphere and great music.

Lamar Café and Lounge offers an inviting setting for coffee, sweet treats, light bites and more, welcoming guests daily from 7am until midnight, while Cocoluna Lounge offers stunning views and beverages Sunday to Wednesday, 5pm to midnight and Thursday to Saturday noon to midnight.

For more information or bookings, contact 33692013.



**E**NJOY some of the English language films being screened at Cineco Seef this weekend.



**MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE (PG-15)**

A young man on Earth discovers a fabulous secret legacy as the prince of an alien planet and must recover a magic sword and return home to protect his kingdom.

**Actors:** Nicholas Galitzine, Camila Mendes, Alison Brie

**Timings:** 11.30am, 2.30pm, 5.30pm, 8.30pm, 11.30pm

**FUZE (PG-15)**

An unexploded WWII bomb is discovered on a busy construction site in the centre of London. Chaos ensues as the military and police begin a mass evacuation against a ticking clock.

**Actors:** Aaron Taylor-Johnson, Gugu Mbatha-Raw, Sam Worthington

**Timings:** 2pm, 6.45pm, 11.30pm

**OBSESSION (18+)**

After breaking the mysterious 'One-Wish Willow' to win his crush's heart, a hopeless romantic finds himself getting exactly what he asked for but soon discovers that some desires only come true at a dark, sinister price.

**Actors:** Michael Johnston, Inde Navarrette, Cooper Tomlinson

**Timings:** 1.15pm, 8.15pm

**BACKROOMS (15+)**

After a therapist's patient disappears into a dimension beyond reality, she must venture into the unknown to save him.

**Actors:** Chiwetel Ejiofor, Renate Reinsve, Mark Duplass

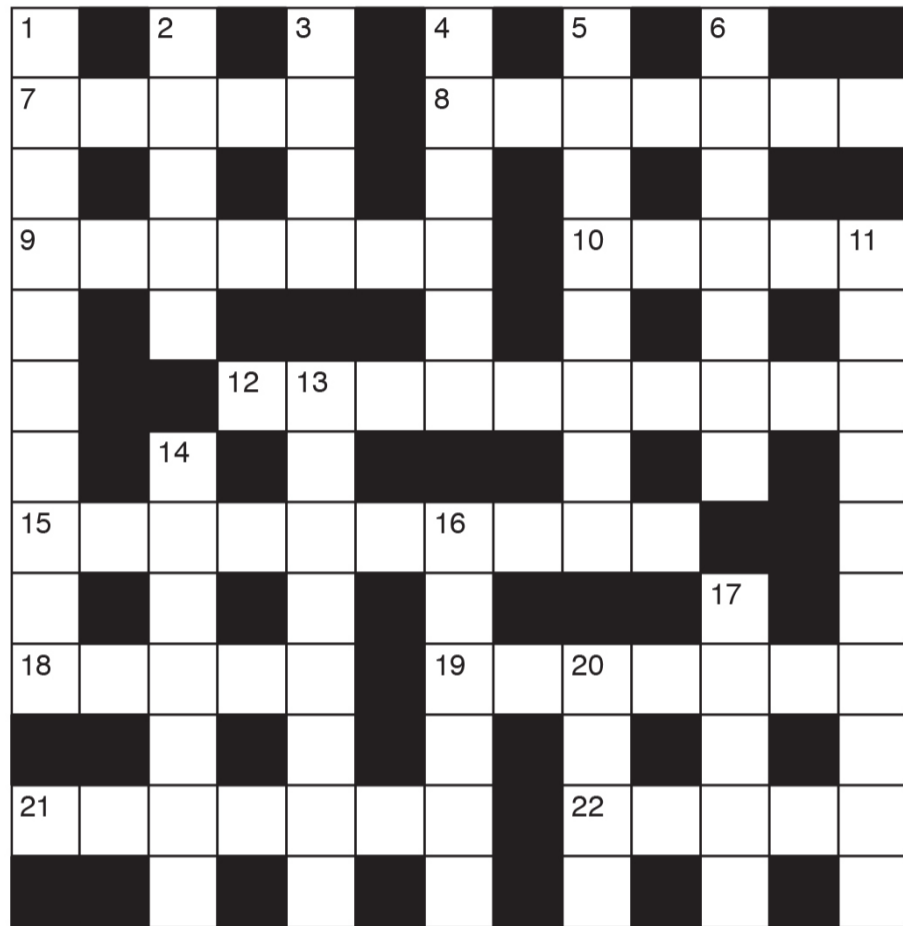
**Timings:** 3.30pm, 10.30pm

# Time Out



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## crossword break



Solutions in next week's issue.

### ACROSS

- 7. Commerce (5)
- 8. Stuffy (7)
- 9. Castigate (7)
- 10. Haste (5)
- 12. Colony (10)
- 15. Pronounce (10)
- 18. Grippers (5)
- 19. Immediate (7)
- 21. Occurrence (7)
- 22. Freight (5)

### DOWN

- 1. Skill in government (10)
- 2. Destruction (5)
- 3. Sea-bird (4)
- 4. Obvious (6)
- 5. Outlook (8)
- 6. Venerable (7)
- 11. Explosion (10)
- 13. Amputation (8)
- 14. Implement (7)
- 16. Dawdle (6)
- 17. Bear (5)
- 20. Bag (4)

### who, what, where, when

**WHO** ... was the 'father' of Buster, the eponymous hero of a British comic?  
**WHAT** ... two streets lie at either end of *Coronation Street* in the television soap of that name?  
**WHERE** ... in Africa is Île Idjwi?  
**WHEN** ... were Alaska and Hawaii admitted to the Union?  
**WHO** ... sailed round the world single-handed in the vessel *Lively Lady*?  
**WHAT** ... was the name of the house where Bob Dylan & The Band recorded *The Basement Tapes*?  
**WHERE** ... in South America is the mountain Pico Cristóbal Colón?  
**WHEN** ... is Burns Night?

### just so

winter  
 autumn  
 summer  
 fowl

DO 12" OR



## darn tough sudoku

So you think you're good enough at Sudoku to crack this baby? Remember, we were the first in the Gulf to bring you this bit of Japanese mayhem...so we don't kid around

Last week's sudoku

3	7	9	2	6	1	8	5	4
2	4	8	7	5	3	1	9	6
6	5	1	4	8	9	3	2	7
7	3	2	5	4	6	9	1	8
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darn tough sudoku

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Sudoku

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### Last Week's Leisure Solutions

#### CROSSWORD BREAK:

**Across:** 1 Happiness; 8 Rue; 9 For instance; 11 Reserve; 12 Erect; 13 Casket; 15 Demean; 17 Prior; 18 Impasse; 20 Alter course; 22 Net; 23 Clergyman.

**Down:** 2 Ado; 3 Inner; 4 Esteem; 5 Sincere; 6 Predecessor; 7 Penitence; 10 Resuscitate; 11 Recipient; 14 Erratic; 16 Fierce; 19 Prong; 21 Sea.

#### JUST SO:

The black hole of Calcutta, The New York Times, A round Trip, The crack of dawn  
**WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN:** Mr. Boddy; He produced the first sketch for the present London Underground map; 17 Bruton Street, Mayfair; 2001; Jonathan Swift; The Walker Brothers; Laos; 1954.

Darn Tough Sudoku

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