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Puzzle of the Day

Today's puzzle is a sudoku puzzle.

7	5		9		3			6
			4	5				3
6	2			9		8		
	1	5				2	3	
		9		1			7	5
3				8	4			
9			6		1		5	7

Puzzle from www.yoogi.com

The solution will be in tommorow's edition.

•The objective is to fill the 9×9 grid with digits so that each column, each row, and each of the nine 3×3 sub-grids that compose the grid (also called "boxes", "blocks", "regions", or "sub-squares") contains all of the digits from 1 to 9. (from Wikipedia)

At least 32 die in Madeira storm

32 people are reported dead and nearly 70 are reported injured on the Portuguese island of Madeira after severe rainstorms triggered floods and mudslides. The worst affected area of the island is the southern coast, including the largest city, Funchal. Some reports place the death toll at 40.

According to an eyewitness, the infrastructure of the area was "decimated" by the flooding; water flooded down streets, leaving debris in its wake and destroying roads and bridges. In some localities, residents were evacuated, and services such as power and telephone lines have been severely disrupted. Emergency services have been hampered by the damage, and rescue crews are still unable to reach some mountainous regions. The storms have left hundreds of people homeless, in addition to the dead and injured.

The government is considering declaring a state of emergency on the island, and local authorities have authorized relief supplies such as temporary housing for the homeless. Prime minister Jose Socrates has issued a statement saying "I am absolutely saddened and shocked with the images [from the scene], [and] with the consequences of this calamity." He is expected to travel to Madeira sometime soon to inspect the damage and co-ordinate relief efforts.

BBC broadcasts first live episode of EastEnders

The BBC have broadcast the first ever live episode of television soap-opera EastEnders, a fictional programme set in London, England. The show, celebrating 25 years since the broadcast of the first episode, was aired on BBC One at 8pm UTC yesterday.

Over 400 camera shots were taken by thirty-six camera operators, instead of the four usually used in episodes. There were also three golf buggies to relocate actors in the midst of sets. The episode had been prepared for a total of nine months. Three days before the episode, 51 cast members took part in a read-through of the script, as well as two complete dress rehearsals. With the exception of a few minor mistakes at the start of the show by Scott Maslen, who plays the role of Jack Branning, the entire episode was broadcast without any significant problems.

The main focus of the plot in the episode was the revelation as to who the murderer of character Archie Mitchell was. The plot, marketed as "*Who Killed Archie?*" had been running consistently in the show for several months and there had been numerous suspects. Towards the end of the programme, character Bradley Branning fell from a roof after being pursued by police officers. At this point, Stacey Slater declared to Max Branning: "I did it. I killed Archie. It was me."

Ten separate possible endings for the episode had been created and rehearsed, and the identity of the killer was not known to actress Lacey Turner, who portrays Stacey, until thirty minutes before the episode broadcast. Character Ian Beale, portrayed by Adam Woodyatt, is the only remaining character that has appeared consistently in the programme since its debut in 1985.

Train accident kills three girls in Central Florida

Three teenage girls were killed in [Florida](#) after they were hit by a train while crossing a narrow bridge. The accident occurred Saturday night at around 1830 local time (2330 UTC) in [Melbourne](#), [Brevard County](#). The names of the girls have not been released, as the next of kin are still to be notified.

A boy had walked ahead, and successfully made his way across the bridge. When the other girls began to cross, they had not noticed a train was coming. Melbourne Police Department spokesman Lieutenant Marc Claycomb said "They were unable to get out of the way in time and they were struck by the train."

Witness John Vallee said he heard the train operated by [Florida East Coast Railway](#) make a sudden stop after the incident. He then came the the bridge and made the discovery, and then called [9-1-1](#).

"It's tragic," Lieutenant Claycomb said. "There's no other way to put it."

Man killed after shop robbery in West Yorkshire, England; murder investigation launched

A man has died after being physically involved in a robbery of his shop in [West Yorkshire](#), [England](#). Four youngsters, described as wearing hooded jumpers and tracksuit trousers, raided the Cowcliffe Convenience Store in the town of [Huddersfield](#) at approximately 2030 [GMT](#) on Saturday.

63-year-old Gurmail Singh sustained head injuries as a result of the robbery. Six witnesses attempted to prevent the youths from exiting the shop but failed, and the teenagers managed to escape with confectionary, cigarettes and money. One witness claimed to see a hammer in posession of one of the offenders, however it is unknown if this was used in the attack.

Singh was taken to Huddersfield Royal Infirmary but died there at approximately 0330 GMT on Sunday. [West Yorkshire Police](#) have now launched an investigation into the death of Gurmail Singh. A post-mortem examination is scheduled to take place on Monday to attempt to discover how the shop-owner was killed. West Yorkshire Police are now appealing for witnesses or anyone who has information in relation to this incident to contact them.

Contact West Yorkshire Police on 0845 6060606 and ask for the Huddersfield help desk if you have any information regarding this incident.

Commons Picture of the Day

Kaipan 57 during 12h Le Brno race. Image credit to Jiří Nedorost
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Quote of the Day

*I honor the man who is willing to sink
Half his present repute for the freedom to think,
And, when he has thought, be his cause strong or weak,
Will risk t'other half for the freedom to speak,
Caring naught for what vengeance the mob has in store,
Let that mob be the upper ten thousand or lower.*
~ [James Russell Lowell](#) ~

Word of the Day

[moniker](#) *n*

A personal name or nickname.