



## Today in History

*August 31, 1997*

▲ **Diana, Princess of Wales, her friend Dodi Fayed and their driver were killed in a high-speed car crash in Paris while being pursued by paparazzi**

**1821:** German scientist Herman von Helmholtz, inventor of the ophthalmoscope used to examine the retina inside the eye, was born

**1887:** Inventor Thomas A. Edison received a patent for his Kinetoscope for produced moving pictures

**1957:** Malaysia gained independence from Britain after 170 years colonial rule

**1980:** After two months of strikes, the Polish government agreed to recognise the Solidarity trade union