

A close-up, sepia-toned portrait of Ayrton Senna, looking directly at the camera with a slight smile.

Today in History

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▲ **Three-time Formula 1 world champion racing driver Ayrton Senna was killed when his car smashed into a concrete wall at the San Marino Grand Prix**

1753: Botanist Carolus Linnaeus first named plants systematically according to their genera and species

1904: Czech composer Antonin Dvorak, best known for his popular *New World Symphony*, died

1989: Pro-democracy protesters in the Czech capital Prague demanded jailed playwright Vaclav Havel be released

2004: The European Union grew to 25 countries with the admission of 10 new members