



Today in History

July 17, 2015

▲ **Formula 1 driver Jules Bianchi died at age 25, nine months after his high speed crash at the 2014 Japanese Grand Prix that left him in a coma**

1821: Spain ceded Florida to the U.S.

1996: The Community of Portuguese Language Countries was founded as an intergovernmental organization for friendship and cooperation

1999: Designer Paco Rabanne fled Paris, fearing the city was about to be destroyed by a falling space station

2014: Malaysian Airlines flight MH17 crashed in war-torn eastern Ukraine, likely shot down by a surface-to-air missile. All 298 people on board died