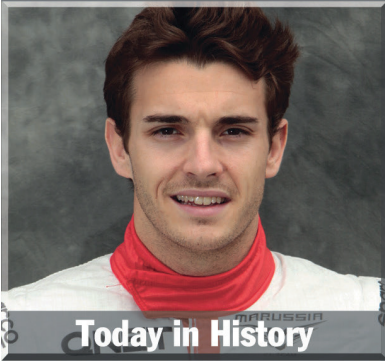


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Today in History

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

1999: Designated as a World Heritage Site, the Eiffel Tower in Paris, fearing it would be destroyed by a terrorist attack

2014: Malaysia Airlines flight MH370 crashed in the Indian Ocean, likely shot down by a Chinese missile. All 239 people on board were killed

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Today in History

July 18, 1936

▲ The Spanish Civil War began with an army revolt against the Republican government, led by General Francisco Franco. The war claimed around 500,000 lives

64: The Great Fire of Rome destroyed two-thirds of the city

1971: The six Trucial States united to form the United Arab Emirates



Today in History

July 19, 1941

▲ British Prime Minister Winston Churchill adopted his "V for Victory" campaign. Use of the V sign began in Belgium and spread rapidly through occupied Europe

1976: The Sagarmatha National Park in Nepal, which includes Mount Everest, was created

1979: Sandinista rebels overthrew the Somoza regime in Nicaragua



Today in History

July 20, 2015

▲ The United States and Cuba restored full diplomatic relations, reopening their embassies and putting aside more than five decades of Cold War hostility

1951: King Abdullah I of Jordan was assassinated by a Palestinian gunman at the Al Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem

1954: An armistice was signed for the end of the Vietnam War, and South Vietnam was established

1974: The Turkish invasion of Cyprus began

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Today in History

July 21, 1796

▲ Scottish poet Robbie Burns, whose work ranges from the well-loved Auld Lang Syne to a poem immortalising the humble haggis, died at the early age of 37

1816: Baron Paul Julius von Reuter, founder of the news agency that bears his name, was born in Germany as Israel Beer Josaphat

2008: Former Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic was arrested in Serbia after 12 years on the run

2008: Russia and China signed a pact demarcating their 4,300km border

2009: Spain's foreign minister visited Gibraltar, the first government official to do so in 300 years

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Today in History

July 22, 2013

▲ Prince George of Cambridge, third in line to the British throne after his grandfather and father, was born. He celebrates his third birthday today

1981: Mehmet Ali Agca was jailed for life for the assassination attempt in Rome on Pope John Paul II

1987: The Soviet Union offered to dismantle all of its short and medium range missiles

1992: Colombian drug lord Pablo Escobar escaped from custody

2011: Anders Behring Breivik, a Norwegian right-wing extremist, killed 77 people in central Oslo and on the island of Utoeya

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Today in History

July 23, 2011

▲ Amy Winehouse, British singer-songwriter best known for her multi-award winning album Back to Black, died from alcohol poisoning at the age of 27

1937: Prolactin, the hormone that promotes milk production in response to suckling, was isolated from the pituitary gland

1974: The regime of the Colonels ended in Greece after seven years

2004: A replica of Mostar's destroyed Ottoman bridge was opened in Bosnia

2015: The discovery of Kepler-452b, the first potentially rocky exoplanet found in the habitable zone of a sun-like star, was announced

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