

Sunday, August 17

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1896:** Gold was first found in a tributary of Canada's Klondike River, precipitating the famous gold rush

1585: Spanish forces captured Antwerp after a 14-month siege

1876: The first performance of the complete cycle of Wagner's *Der Ring des Nibelungen* ended at Weimar

1962: Peter Fechter, 18, was shot by East German guards as he tried to escape across the Berlin Wall

2007: Russian President Vladimir Putin announced that Russia was resuming regular, long-range patrols by nuclear-capable bombers over the world's oceans