



Today in History

August 17, 2004

▲ **Serbia's parliament reinstated the coat of arms and national anthem it used before 1918 when it was an independent kingdom, in place of those of Yugoslavia**

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

1982: The first **Compact Discs (CDs)** were released in Germany

1999: Planet Hollywood, a restaurant chain backed by three high-profile movie stars, filed for bankruptcy

2008: U.S. swimmer **Michael Phelps** won his eighth gold medal in Beijing, setting a new record for the most golds won at a single Olympics