



## Today in History

*August 17, 2015*

▲ **A bomb blast in Bangkok, Thailand, killed 20 people and injured more than 120 others. The bomb exploded at the Erawan Shrine, a popular tourist site**

**1896:** Gold was first found in Canada's Klondike River, precipitating the famous gold rush of 1898

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

**1978:** Three Americans completed the first crossing of the North Atlantic in a hot-air balloon

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