



## Today in History

*August 17, 1962*

▲ **Peter Fechter, 18, was shot by East German guards as he tried to flee across the Berlin Wall. He bled to death in the most notorious case in the history of the wall**

**1877:** American astronomer Asaph Hall discovered the first of the two small moons of Mars

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

**2007:** Russia resumed regular long-range patrols by nuclear-capable bombers after a 15-year hiatus

**2012:** Three members of the Russian punk band Pussy Riot were jailed for performing an anti-Putin song in Moscow's main cathedral