



## Today in History

*May 8, 2008*

▲ Ping-pong diplomacy returned when Hu Jintao, the first Chinese president to visit Japan in a decade, took on a Japanese table tennis champion in Tokyo

**1886:** U.S. pharmacist John Pemberton began selling a carbonated drink, called Coca-Cola, as a health drink

**1947:** Henry Gordon Selfridge, founder of the first department store to open in London, died

**2008:** Myanmar authorities refused to allow in a delivery of vital food aid following Cyclone Nargis

**2013:** Sir Alex Ferguson announced he would step down as Manchester United manager after 26 years