## Wednesday, January 27

## ON THIS DAY



▲ 2008: Former Indonesian president Suharto died from multiple organ failure at age 86

**1880:** Inventor Thomas Edison received a patent for his electric incandescent lamp

1951: Nuclear weapons testing began at the newly-established Nevada Test Site in the western U.S.

1991: Somalian president Mohamed Siad Barre fled after rebels captured Mogadishu and overran his palace

2009: John Updike, regarded as one of America's most prominent contemporary novelists, died from lung cancer