



## Today in History

*February 19, 1878*

▲ **Thomas Edison patented the phonograph, in which a large horn transmitted vibrations to a needle that scribed a recording on to a cylinder rotated by hand**

**1918:** Soviet Russia abolished all private ownership of land, water and natural resources

**1963:** Betty Friedan's *The Feminine Mystique* was published, reviving the feminist movement in the U.S.

**2008:** Cuba's ailing president Fidel Castro resigned after 49 years. He was succeeded by his brother, Raul

**2017:** The private company SpaceX successfully landed a first stage rocket back on Earth for the first time