



## Today in History

*January 27, 1880*

▲ **Thomas Edison patented his electric incandescent lamp, the first practical electric light bulb. Prior to Edison's invention light bulbs lasted only a few hours**

**1822:** Greece proclaimed its independence from Turkey

**1967:** Over 40 nations signed a UN treaty banning the use of weapons of mass destruction in outer space

**1997:** U.S. scientists created the first atom laser. The beam of atoms, instead of light, had been predicted by Albert Einstein 70 years earlier

**2018:** Ingvar Kamprad, founder of the Swedish furniture retailer Ikea, died at age 91