

**Wednesday, March 2**

# *ON THIS DAY*



**▲ 1931: Former Soviet president Mikhail Gorbachev was born; the man whose policies of glasnost and perestroika contributed to the end of the Cold War turns 80 today**

**1836: Texas declared independence from Mexico**

**1946: Ho Chi Minh was elected president of North Vietnam**

**1958: Dr Vivian Fuchs completed the first land crossing of Antarctica**

**2008: Ecuador and Venezuela vowed to defend their territory against incursions by the Colombian military after a cross-border raid killed FARC rebel leader Raul Reyes**