



Today in History

March 2, 1931

▲ **Former Soviet president Mikhail Gorbachev, whose reforming policies of glasnost and perestroika contributed to the end of the Cold War, was born**

1836: Texas declared independence from Mexico

1933: The movie King Kong had its world premiere, featuring special effects culminating in the giant ape atop the Empire State Building

1986: Queen Elizabeth signed a bill formally severing the last constitutional ties between Australia and Britain

2011: Government minister Shahbaz Bhatti, a strong critic of Pakistan's blasphemy laws, was assassinated