

**Saturday, March 18**

# *ON THIS DAY*



▲ **2000:** Democratic Progressive Party candidate Chen Shui-bian won Taiwan's presidential election, ousting the Nationalists for the first time since 1949

**1858:** German engineer Rudolf Diesel, inventor of the engine that bears his name, was born

**1931:** The first electric razors were made by Schick Inc. of Connecticut

**1983:** Umberto II, former king of Italy, died in exile in Switzerland

**2004:** An asteroid 30m in diameter passed within 42,640km of Earth in the closest encounter yet recorded between an asteroid and our planet