



# Today in History

*April 26, 1996*

▲ **The fourth reactor exploded at the Chernobyl power plant in Ukraine, spreading a radioactive cloud over Europe in the world's worst nuclear disaster**

**1452:** Italian Renaissance genius Leonardo da Vinci, painter, engineer, sculptor and architect, was born

**2003:** A water-taxi service in Rome became the first craft to navigate the River Tiber for almost a century

**2008:** Austrian police arrested Josef Fritzl, who kept his daughter in a cellar for 24 years and had 7 children by her

**2010:** Thai troops dispersed protestors who had occupied a Bangkok shopping area for 3 weeks