



## Today in History

*March 11, 2004*

▲ A series of devastating terror attacks on commuter trains in Madrid killed 191 people and injured over 1,500 at the height of the morning rush hour

**222:** Roman Emperor Elagabalus, known for his outrageous sexual behaviour, was assassinated at age 18

**1851:** Verdi's opera **Rigoletto** was first performed in Venice

**1985:** New Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev called for more glasnost, or openness, in Soviet life

**2011:** Japan was struck by a powerful 9.0 magnitude earthquake that created a devastating tsunami which killed around 18,500 people