

Friday, March 4

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1678:** Italian composer Antonio Vivaldi, best known for his *Four Seasons* violin concertos, was born in Venice

1634: Samuel Cole opened the first tavern in Boston, Massachusetts

1927: Some 25,000 diggers rushed to stake their claims in new diamond fields at Grasfontein, South Africa

1967: Britain's first North Sea gas was piped ashore

2010: A U.S. government committee passed a non-binding resolution describing the killing of Armenians by Turkish forces in 1915 as genocide