



# Today in History

*March 4, 1890*

▲ The Forth Bridge was opened in Scotland. At 8,296ft (2,528.7m) long, it was the longest single cantilever bridge span in the world until 1917

**1394:** Prince Henry the Navigator, whose expeditions laid the foundations of Portugal's empire, was born

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

**1964:** The UN Security Council adopted a resolution to establish a peacekeeping force in Cyprus

**2002:** The Mars Odyssey spacecraft found significant quantities of frozen hydrogen near the south pole of Mars