

Friday, December 15

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1675:** Dutch master Jan Vermeer, one of the great painters of the Dutch golden age, died

1859: Polish linguist Ludwig Zamenhof, creator of the international language of Esperanto, was born

1964: Canada adopted a new national flag with a red maple leaf on a white background

1982: Gibraltar's frontier with Spain was opened for the first time in 13 years

2005: Iraqis went to the polls to elect the first fully constitutional parliament since the collapse of Saddam Hussein's regime