

**Thursday, December 4**

# *ON THIS DAY*



▲ **2006:** Kevin Rudd was elected to lead the Australian Labor Party; one year later he became prime minister

**1642:** Cardinal Richelieu, chief minister to French King Louis XIII and de facto ruler of France, died

**1829:** Britain abolished the practice of “suttee” in India, by which a widow burns herself to death on her husband’s funeral pyre

**1918:** The Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes was proclaimed

**1993:** The Hubble Space Telescope was secured to the shuttle for a series of repairs by spacewalking astronauts