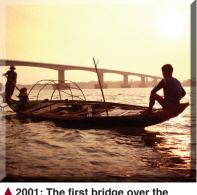
Friday, December 4

ON THIS DAY



▲ 2001: The first bridge over the Mekong River opened in Cambodia, connecting the east and west of the country by road for the first time

1799: Prime minister William Pitt introduced income tax in Britain

1947: Tennessee Williams's play *A*Streetcar Named Desire premiered
on Broadway

1972: Honduran President Ramon Cruz was overthrown in an army coup led by General Oswaldo Lopez Arellano

2008: Canada's parliament was prorogued until January at the request of Prime Minister Stephen Harper