

Saturday, May 13

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2004:** The Congress Party, led by Sonia Gandhi, won an unexpected victory in India's general election though Gandhi later declined an invitation to become prime minister

1619: Johan van Oldenbarnevelt, founding father of the Netherlands, was executed by Prince Maurice of Nassau on a charge of subverting religion

1846: The U.S. Congress declared war on Mexico over California

1999: American golfing legend Gene Sarazen died at the age of 97

2005: Government troops fired on demonstrators in Andijon, Uzbekistan, killing up to 500 people