

Friday, August 6

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1660:** Influential Spanish painter Diego Velazquez died; famous works include *Las Meninas* (above)

1825: Bolivia became independent after nearly 300 years of Spanish rule

1890: U.S. murderer William Kemmler became the first human to be executed in the electric chair

1945: The first use of a nuclear weapon in warfare devastated the Japanese city of Hiroshima. Today marks its 65th anniversary

2009: Sonia Sotomayor won Senate confirmation as the first Hispanic, and only the third female, U.S. Supreme Court justice