



## Today in History

*June 29, 1980*

▲ **Vigdis Finnbogadóttir was elected president of Iceland, the first woman to be democratically elected as head of state of a European country**

**1949:** The South African government suspended the automatic granting of citizenship for immigrants

**1997:** Over 80,000 racing pigeons died after a storm disrupted a five-hour race from France to Britain

**2009:** Financier Bernard Madoff was jailed for 150 years for the biggest investment fraud in Wall Street history

**2015:** Greece closed all its banks for six days as the country descended further into financial crisis