



Today in History

June 29, 1613

▲ The original Globe Theatre in London burnt down after a cannon shot, fired during a performance of Shakespeare's *Henry VIII*, set light to the thatched gallery roof

1980: Vigdis Finnbogadóttir of Iceland became Europe's first democratically elected woman head of state

1992: Algerian head of state Mohammed Boudiaf was assassinated by Islamic fundamentalists

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

2021: A rare "heat dome" over western Canada and the U.S. saw temperatures hit 49.6°C in Lytton, British Columbia