



Today in History

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▲ The Channel Tunnel, which linked Britain and France for the first time since the Ice Age, was opened by Queen Elizabeth II and President Francois Mitterrand

1626: Dutch settler Peter Minuit bought Manhattan Island from Native American Indians for a handful of trinkets

1851: U.S. inventor Linus Yale patented the “Yale Infallible Bank Lock” for safes and vaults

1954: British athlete Roger Bannister became the first man to run a mile in under four minutes

2002: Right-wing Dutch politician Pim Fortuyn was shot dead while campaigning to be prime minister