



## Today in History

*February 12, 1986*

▲ **British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and French President François Mitterrand signed a treaty to construct an undersea tunnel between their two nations**

**1996:** Yasser Arafat was sworn in as the first Palestinian president

**2001:** NASA's unmanned NEAR-Shoemaker probe touched down on Eros, becoming the first spacecraft to land on an asteroid

**2006:** A royal tomb dating from the 2nd or 3rd century BC was found in Pella, Greece

**2019:** The Republic of Macedonia was formally renamed the Republic of North Macedonia, ending a 27-year naming dispute with Greece