



Today in History

May 6, 1626

▲ **Dutch settler Peter Minuit bought what is now Manhattan Island from Native American Indians for a handful of trinkets worth no more than 25 dollars**

1851: U.S. inventor Linus Yale patented the “Yale Infallible Bank Lock”

1941: Russian dictator Joseph Stalin appointed himself chairman of the Council of People’s Commissars (head of the government)

2001: Pope John Paul II made history by becoming the first pontiff to set foot in a mosque, during his visit to Syria

2020: Astronomers announced the discovery of the first black hole visible to the naked eye