



Today in History

June 8, 2004

▲ Observers were able to witness the Transit of Venus, when the tiny black silhouette of the planet moves across the disc of the sun, for the first time since 1882

1869: A “sweeping machine”, the earliest suction type vacuum cleaner, was patented in the U.S.

1887: Herman Hollerith patented a system of using punched cards to hold digital data

1949: George Orwell’s novel 1984 warned of a world controlled by Big Brother and the Thought Police

2021: Over 800 suspected criminals worldwide were arrested after using an FBI-run encrypted messaging app