



Today in History

December 1, 2013

▲ **China launched an unmanned probe to the moon. Chang'e-3, with its rover, Jade Rabbit, was the first spacecraft in 37 years to touch down on the lunar surface**

1918: The Danish parliament passed an act to grant Iceland independence as a sovereign state

1936: The first U.S. patent was issued for the soilless culture of plants, now called hydroponics

1998: The merger of Exxon and Mobil created the world's largest publicly traded oil company

2015: Japan resumed whaling in the Antarctic amid fierce international opposition