



Today in History

May 30, 1971

▲ The U.S. space probe Mariner 9 was launched on its mission to Mars. It became the first artificial satellite of Mars, sending back more than 7,000 pictures

1949: An ejector seat was used for the first time in a live flying emergency

1966: The unmanned U.S. spacecraft Surveyor I landed on the moon

1989: Pro-democracy protesters in Beijing's Tiananmen Square erected a 10m styrofoam statue, the Goddess of Democracy

2020: Two U.S. astronauts blasted into space atop a Falcon-9 rocket, in NASA's first use of a rocket from private company SpaceX