



Today in History

October 24, 1929

▲ The Wall Street Crash began as nearly 13 million shares changed hands in panic selling as prices collapsed on the New York Stock Exchange on “Black Thursday”

1939: The first nylon stockings went on sale to employees of DuPont, in Delaware, where they were made

1944: U.S. planes sank the Japanese battleship Musashi during the World War II Battle of Leyte Gulf

1964: Northern Rhodesia became independent as the Republic of Zambia with Kenneth Kaunda as Prime Minister

2014: China launched a robotic spacecraft, Chang’e 5-T1, as part of its lunar exploration programme