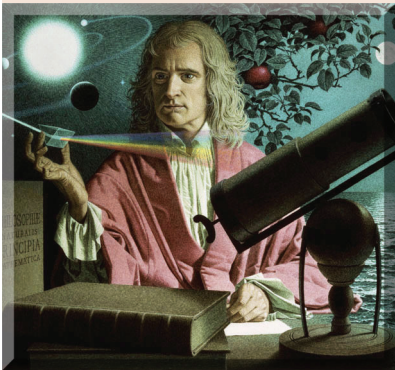


Monday, January 4

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1643:** Sir Isaac Newton, English scientist and mathematician famous for his explanation of the law of gravity, was born

1908: Mulai Hafid was proclaimed Sultan of Morocco at Fez

1932: Japanese troops occupying Manchuria reached the eastern end of the Great Wall of China

1974: Burma inaugurated a new constitution providing for a People's Assembly

2008: The Dakar Rally was cancelled due to safety concerns in Mauritania, where four French tourists were killed in December