Today's History

Today is Wednesday, March 25, the 84th day of 2015. There are 281 days left in the year.

ON THIS DATE:
In 1306, Robert the Bruce was crowned King of Scots. In 1643, English colonists sent by Lord Baltimore arrived in present-day Maryland.
In 1776, Gen. George Washington, commander of the Continental Army, was awarded the first Congressional Gold Medal by the Continental Congress.
In 1865, during the Civil War, Confederate forces attacked Fort Sedman in Virginia but were forced to withdraw.
In 1916, 148 mostly young female immigrants, were killed when fire broke out at the Triangle Shirtwaist Co. in New York.
In 1954, RCA announced it had begun producing color television sets at its plant in Bloomington, Indiana.

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BIDDEFORD — The University of New England was honored with the New England Board of Higher Education Maine State Merit Award.

UNE recognized for ‘excellence in innovation’

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Community Calendar
Friday, March 27
Most Holy Trinity, 271 Main St., Saco, is hosting a baked haddock supper on Friday, March 27 from 4-6:30 p.m. The menu includes baked haddock, mashed potatoes, rice pilaf, string beans, coleslaw, rolls, beverage and dessert. The cost is $12 for adults and $5 for children. Pizza, beverage and dessert available for $5. Proceeds benefit St. James School.

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LOTTERIES

Numbers – 1-9-14-26-53 (day)/0-5-9-20-22 (evening)
MassTops – 9-13-14-28-37
Megabucks – 02-27-32-44-55, Mega Ball 32

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND
Pick 3 – 6-9-2 (day)/9-2-5 (evening)
Pick 4 – 3-9-0-4 (day)/2-0-4-0 (evening)

COMMUNITY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2015

Glenarines

10 years ago

From the Journal Tribune: “Rainrooms dominated Thursday’s (Kennecott) Selectmen’s meeting, as officials devoted three hours to the ongoing issue of public toilets at the Goose Rocks public beach. Selectmen began a one hour and thirty minute walk of three possible locations off King’s Highway, Jeffrey’s Way, Edgewood Drive and the town owned pump station. About 40 residents joined the walk, which continued in the dark.

50 years ago

From the Biddeford-Saco Journal: “The Gaulin administration presented an erudite, idealistic Biddeford charter reform package to the Legislative-Local Affairs Committee Wednesday afternoon at the State House, ... Mayor Edward F. Gaulin told the hearing the charter package is the final word on the subject. We have come to the end of the line. This is the final word on the subject. We have come to the end of the line.

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UNE students and faculty also volunteer more than 10,000 hours of community service annually to 150 local organizations and schools.

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TEN YEARS AGO

Loosing still more legal appeals, Terri Schiavo’s father, Bob Schindler, said his severely brain-damaged daughter was “down to her last hours” as she entered her second week without the feeding tube that had sustained her life since 1990. An appeals court in Florida ordered a free vote at midnight. An Illinois man, John Paul H. II appeared to the faithful via video for Good Friday services at the Vatican.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Osama bin Laden threatened in a new message to kill any Americans or Al-Qaeda captured in the U.S. executed Chinese dissident and dissident scholar: “You have declared war on the world’s profession.” The terrorist chief’s threat was delivered in a January 11 attack, other than Al-Qaeda suspects. Defense Secretary Robert Gates approved new rules for reinventing the “don’t ask, don’t tell” ban on gays serving openly in the military. Daisuke Sakakibara gave Japan its first meets title at the World Figure Skating Championships in Turin, Italy.

ONE YEAR AGO

Following a two-day security summit in the Netherlands, President Barack Obama decided that the gathering had taken “concrete steps” to prevent nuclear material flowing into the hands of terrorists and even nuclear weapon production.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Scratch a peasant, and you find a defender of privilege." — Lord Beveridge, British economist (1873-1963)