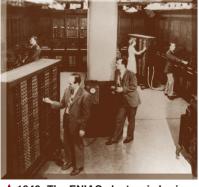
Saturday, February 14

ON THIS DAY



▲ 1946: The ENIAC electronic brain, or computer, went into operation, taking seconds to do calculations which had formerly taken hours

1779: British explorer Captain James Cook was stabbed to death by natives in the Sandwich Islands, now Hawaii

1939: The German battleship Bismarck was launched

1989: Skyphone, the first satellite telephone service, was launched on a British Airways flight to New York

2008: A gunman opened fire at a lecture hall at Northern Illinois University in the U.S., killing six students and injuring 18