

**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