

**Monday, February 14**

# ON THIS DAY



▲ **2010:** U.S. team *BMW Oracle* beat Swiss holders *Alinghi* to win the America's Cup; the yacht's 68m rigid wing sail gave it a huge advantage

**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

**2010:** Alexandre Bilodeau won Canada's first ever Olympic gold medal on home soil, winning the men's skiing moguls in Vancouver