

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

EVENTS OF LOCAL INTEREST

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1919: 100 years ago...

The entire northwest is looking to Lake Kampeska for its ice supply because of the abnormally warm weather that has adversely affected the ice on rivers and smaller lakes all over the region. Swamped with orders, the Kampeska Materials company is straining to get the greatest possible supply of ice for the upcoming summer months. The biggest single order of the season has just been placed by a representative of Swift and Company from Omaha who wants a thousand railroad cars of Kampeska ice shipped to that point. The ice in Lake Kampeska is superior to that from other area sources, despite the fact the Kampeska ice is much thinner than normal this year - averaging about 16 inches in thickness. Normally, the thickest ice on the lake is over 30 inches, but this season the thickest ice measured just 21 inches. The ice company near the Outlet is employing 100 men, working day and night, in order to load 50 to 60 railroad cars a day.

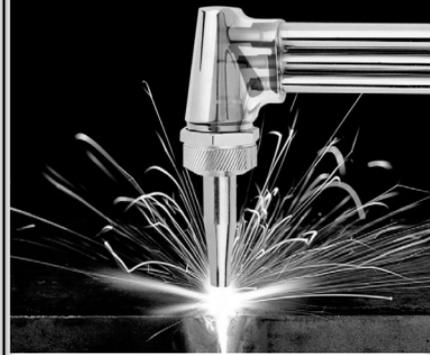
1944: 75 years ago...

A Japanese convoy at the mercy of Allied bombers off Mussau Island in the Bismarck Archipelago has lost six ships sunk or damaged, **Gen. Douglas MacArthur** reported today. The attack is still in progress and more of the fleeing, scattered vessels may yet become bomb victims. The convoy, attempting to bring supplies to Japanese garrisons isolated in the Bismarck Islands, was sighted Tuesday evening by a Liberator heavy bomber which opened the attack. Navy Catalina and Mitchell medium bombers joined the assault the next day. Many direct hits were scored on an escorting destroyer, an 8,000-ton tanker which was beached, a 6,000-ton transport or cargo ship and three 1,500-ton cargo carriers, the communique said. **Adm. William F. Halsey's** Solomon-based bombers and fighters hit Rabaul, the Japanese base in Northwestern New Britain, Monday and Tuesday, with a total of 221 tons of bombs. Vunakanau, Topera an Rapopo airdromes at Rabaul were blasted. Twenty-six enemy aircraft were destroyed or damaged on the ground and 10 were shot down.

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1979: 40 years ago...

Anyone who doubts **President Carter's** dedication to jogging should have seen him and his wife **Rosalynn** running in tandem in the White House Rose Garden. In 40 degree weather, she was snug in a warm-up suit, but the president had stripped down to tennis shorts. Although the president usually runs around the oval drive on the South Lawn, on this occasion he and Rosalynn were running back and forth in the Rose Garden which is just 100 feet long. The sight of them brought to mind **President John F. Kennedy**, who was so proud of the new turf he had installed in the Rose Garden that anyone who even walked lightly there risked a presidential reprimand if spotted from the Oval Office. When Carter first started jogging, one of his aides tried to keep pace but pulled up short, lowered his head and became violently sick to his stomach. The embarrassed sidekick began a conditioning program that now permits him to match Carter stride for stride.

2004: 15 years ago...

A woman who confessed to forgery in relation to a string of burglaries and thefts in eastern South Dakota and western Minnesota was sentenced to the state penitentiary Friday. **Michelle Dulas**, 22, pleaded guilty last month to forging her signature on a personal check for \$525 and cashing it at a Watertown bank. **Judge Robert Timm** sentenced Dulas to four years in prison. As part of a plea agreement, Dulas agreed to provide information to investigators about numerous other thefts in Brookings, Sioux Falls, Mitchell and Worthington, Minn. She and **Luke Bina**, 22, were arrested New Year's Eve at a home at 215 1st St. SW in Watertown. When they were arrested, police recovered three pickup loads of allegedly stolen items. Investigators said the items were worth thousands of dollars and were taken during burglaries and the use of stolen checks and credit cards.

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