

**Thursday, September 25**

# ON THIS DAY



▲ **1513: Spanish explorer Vasco Nunez de Balboa crossed the Isthmus of Panama and became the first European to set eyes on the Pacific Ocean**

**1897: Britain's first motorised bus service started in Bradford**

**1906: Russian composer Dmitri Shostakovich was born**

**1977: South African black civil rights leader Steve Biko was buried after dying in police custody**

**2006: The Louisiana Superdome, home to 30,000 evacuees in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, reopened after a \$140m repair programme**