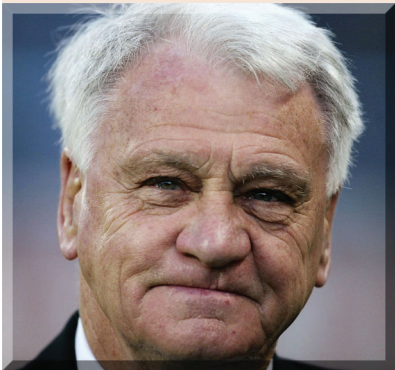


Saturday, July 31

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2009:** Former England football manager Sir Bobby Robson, 76, died following a long battle with cancer

1498: Christopher Columbus sighted and named the island of Trinidad

1954: The second highest peak in the Himalayas, K2, was first climbed by an Italian expedition

1971: *Apollo 15* astronauts David Scott and James Irwin took the first ever drive on the moon in their "moon buggy"

2009: Russian gas giant Gazprom began construction of a 1,118-mile gas pipeline to link offshore gas fields around the Pacific island of Sakhalin with the port of Vladivostok