

**Sunday, April 25**

# *ON THIS DAY*



▲ **2009:** The ruling ANC won South Africa's general election, paving the way for party leader Jacob Zuma to become the country's next president

**1744:** Anders Celsius, Swedish astronomer who invented the Celsius thermometer, died

**1859:** Work began on the construction of the Suez Canal

**1945:** U.S. and Soviet troops met in the east German city of Torgau as World War II drew to a close in Europe

**2009:** Mexico's government declared a state of emergency to combat an outbreak of swine influenza as the death toll rose to 71