

for in 2009

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Pick n Pay Knysna Oyster Festival. A record R1,165m will be given to charity.

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The Knysna Whisky & Jazz Festival commences.

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The Festival of San Fermin, which takes place each year in July, is one of Spain's biggest festivals. It's a week-long revelry to honour Pamplona's patron saint. The highlight is the Running of the Bulls.

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Total solar eclipse. It will be the longest-lasting total solar eclipse of the 21st century.

31-3 Aug

The annual Stellenbosch Wine Festival plays host to thousands of local and international visitors. A comprehensive programme includes an opportunity to taste more than 500 wines.



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The "Tomatina" is held on the last Wednesday in August in the Spanish town of Buñol. This unusual fiesta brings together crowds of people every year who hurl tomatoes at each other for fun.



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National Literacy Day: bearing in mind that one in five adults is still not literate (two-thirds of them women).

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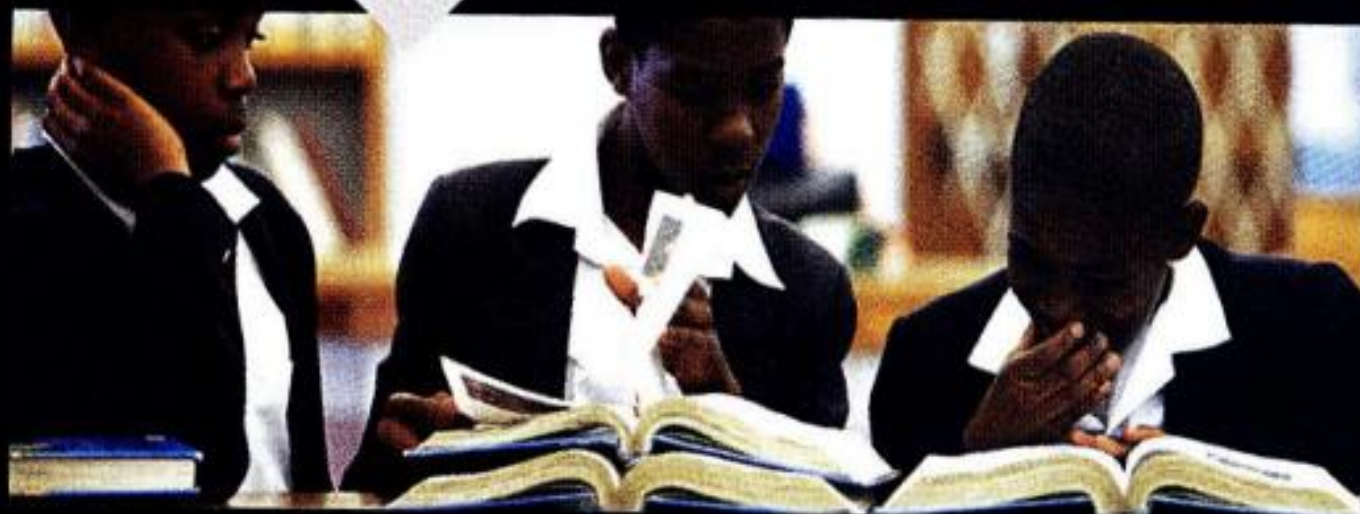
Parliamentary election in Norway.

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Nasa's Mars Science Laboratory (MSL) rover will be launched to Mars. Landing is expected between July and September 2010.

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Federal election to be held in Germany.



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World Food Day provides an occasion to highlight the plight of 923m undernourished people. Most of them live in rural areas where their main source of income is agricultural.



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Presidential elections in Honduras.



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Vancouver, Canada will open the Canada Line rapid transit line connecting Vancouver with Richmond, British Columbia, and Vancouver International Airport

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The Oasis of the Seas cruise ship will make its maiden voyage. She will be the largest passenger ship ever built, carrying 5 400 passengers.



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Triple conjunction of Jupiter and Neptune, Jupiter 34° south. Last of three triple conjunctions of Jupiter and Neptune.

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The deadline for implementation of the controversial US legislation REAL ID Act. The act imposes certain security, authentication and issuance procedure standards for state driver's licences.