



## Today in History

*April 12, 2009*

▲ The Zimbabwean dollar was abandoned as an official currency after years of hyperinflation. Its astonishing denominations included a \$100 trillion banknote

**1994:** Two lawyers posted the first example of commercial mass spam, targeting 5,500 net discussion groups

**2004:** Canada began its largest seal cull for 50 years, despite protests by animal rights groups

**2010:** The deepest ever undersea volcanic vents, or “black smokers”, were discovered in the Caribbean

**2016:** U.S. health officials sought funding to fight the mosquito-borne Zika virus, linked to birth defects