



Today in History

February 8, 1983

▲ The Aga Khan's Derby-winning horse Shergar was kidnapped from his stable in Co. Kildare, Ireland, and despite a ransom demand was never seen again

1865: Gregor Mendel who first discovered the laws of genetics, first reported his studies of pea plants

1983: The Kahan Report on the Beirut Sabra and Shatila massacres condemned the Israeli government

1993: The newly divided Czech and Slovak republics began using separate currencies for the first time

2006: The virulent H5N1 strain of avian influenza, or bird flu, was found on a chicken farm in Nigeria