



Today in History

February 8, 1865

▲ **Gregor Mendel, botanist and monk who pioneered the laws of genetics, read his first scientific paper describing his studies of pea plants**

1971: The NASDAQ stock market index began operations as the world's first electronic stock market

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

2010: A colony of Galapagos Islands fur seals relocated to northern Peru, the first colony outside the islands

2012: Scientists successfully drilled down to Lake Vostok, a lake sealed 3km beneath the Antarctic