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Peeps

By Michael



► This day in history

(AP) Today is Friday, Feb. 28, the 59th day of 1997. There are 306 days left in the year.

In 1854, the Republican Party had its beginnings as

some 50 slavery opponents met in Ripon, Wis., to call for creation of a new political group.

In 1827, the first U.S. railroad chartered to carry

passengers and freight, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, was incorporated.

In 1849, the ship California arrived at San Francis-

co, carrying the first of the gold-seekers.

headed by Estes Kefauver, D-Tenn., issued a preliminary report saying at least two major crime syndicates were operating in the United States.

In 1974, the United States and Egypt re-established diplomatic relations after a seven-year break.

In 1986, Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme was shot to death in central Stockholm.

In 1993, a gun battle erupted near Waco, Texas, when Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents tried to serve warrants on the Branch Davidians; four agents and six Davidians were killed as a 51-day standoff began.

In 1995, Denver International Airport opened after 16 months of delays and \$3.2 billion dollars in budget overruns. Five years ago: Twenty-eight people were injured when an Irish Republican Army bomb exploded at Lon-

don Bridge train station.

One year agoAlanis Morissette's Jagged Little Pill won best rock album and album of the year at the Grammy Awards; Seal's Kiss from a Rose won for record and song of the year.

► Today's birthdays

Today's Birthdays: Actor Charles Durning is 74. Svetlana Alliluyeva, daughter of Josef Stalin, is 71. Actor Gavin MacLeod is 66. Actor-director-dancer Tommy Tune is 58. Auto racer Mario Andretti is 57. Singer Joe South is 57. Actor Frank Bonner is 55. Ex-football player Bubba Smith is 52. Actress Mercedes Ruehl is 49. Actress Bernadette Peters is 49. Basketball player Adrian Dantley is 41. Actor John Turturro is 40. Rock singer Cindy Wilson (B52s) is 40. Actress Rae Dawn Chong is 36. Actor Robert Sean Leonard is 28.

► Campus

Student honored at **International Week**

Rajesh Kumar, president of Texas A&M University's International Students Association and an MBA student, was named Outstanding International Student of the Year yesterday at a luncheon in 201 MSC.

The luncheon was part of International Week, which ends Friday at 10 p.m. with a closing ceremony and party at the Ramada Inn Ballroom.

Dr. Chih-Kang Wang, Class of 75, was named International Alumnus of the Year earlier this week and received his award at the luncheon as well

A&M President Ray M. Bowen presented the awards to Kumar and Wang.

► Nation

Shops give discounts to deter cheating

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP) - University of Maryland students will get discounts at local shops if they promise not to cheat. Honest. "Cheating here is huge," said

Meryle Freiberg, education chairwoman for the Student Honor Council, which oversees academic integrity among the 33,000 students on the flagship campus of the state university system.

Freiberg, encouraging students to sign pledges at a booth in the Student Union, said cheating has gone high-tech, with coded test answers flashed to beepers and downloaded Internet documents cobbled into term papers.

The council hears about 150 cases of academic dishonesty every school year, said Patrick Connolly, the group's chairman. About 100 of those end in the student flunking with an XF grade — failure for academic dishonesty.

The council is offering 5,000 discount cards this week to students who sign pledges against cheating. The idea of the cards is to get students thinking about integrity, Freiberg said. Leslie Corrigan, owner of the Bikini Splash store in College Park, said she is proud of the \$5 discount she's offering through the card.

"I think it rewards even an effort and it encourages character," Corrigan said. "For a large university, sometimes that gets lost."

Evelyn Boney doesn't care if University of Maryland students cheat. She just wants them to shop at her computer store.

"If the idea is in their mind they'll do it anyway," said Boney, who is participating with 10 other local businesses.

SENATE

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"If we lose just one great idea, it's our loss." Howard said. "And more importantly, it's Texas A&M students' loss

Alice Gonzalez, an off-campus senator and a sophomore agricultural development major, said the work each individual senator contributes, not the number of senators, will make the Senate efficient.

"Numbers do not necessarily mean effectiveness," Gonzalez said. "It's what you (as a senator) put in yourself.

During emergency legislation, the peer education enhancement

bill was passed Wednesday night. The bill will establish a peer education counsel consisting of dif-

ferent peer education groups.

The counsel would not be a governing board of the groups, but an opportunity for the groups to discuss their approaches and presentations with each other.

The Senate also established the peer education committee to work with the Crime Prevention Unit in the University Police Department.

Amy Magee, an engineering senator and a junior computer science major, said the new groups can help members teach students more effectively. "Peer education has such a

great impact on students," she said. "It really helps them to learn from their peers. Magee said the new counsel and

committee will also increase student awareness of the groups and recruit more student participation. In other business: • The computer registration bill

was passed. This bill calls for computer registration to be available over the Bonfire System in the spring of 1998.

• The Mount Aggie Resolution was approved, stating the Student Government Association will sponsor a forum where both sides of the issue will be presented. A concert will also be sponsored by MSC Great lss MSC Town Hall.

. The Sterling C. Ev Hours Extension Res passed. The resolution the library's plan to incre brary hours to 1 a.m. a break. If successful, th would be used in the fall

• The transportation olution was passed. ports the plans of Bus and Vice President of tion, Dr. Jerry Gasto will offer on- and offservice on the weekend also will try to make l tions self-sufficient. The ment of a Senate lia supported in the bill.

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CONFERENCE

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As in years past, the ence will present studen citizens the opportunity more about the methods tive participation in 6 mental or scientific polic

Dr. Medhurst said the ence will offer opportu graduate students to t graduate professors in universities about their dissertation projects.

The major papers of ference will be present book of essays published A&M University Press make the results of the ence available to those who were unable to attend

► Weather

Today



Mostly cloudy with winds from the southeast at 5-10 mph.

Tonight

Cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain. Southeast winds at 10-15 mph.



Cloudy becoming

Tomorrow



mostly cloudy by late afternoon. 40 percent chance of rain early.

Today's Expecte

50°F

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