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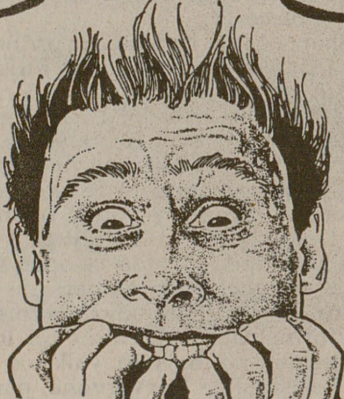
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Feb. 8 LSAT  
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# Japan OKs troop deployment

TOKYO (AP) — Nearly 50 years after Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor, lawmakers on Tuesday passed a controversial plan allowing Japan to send ground forces overseas for the first time since World War II.

Legislators considered drafting a formal apology in time for the anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack on Saturday.

The bill creating a peacekeeping corps of up to 2,000 soldiers still must be approved by the upper house, where its opponents plan to delay a final vote. Eventual passage is expected.

Bitter debate over the proposal underscored the raw emotions concerning any action dealing with the military or evoking memories of the nation's World War II defeat.

Last week, a brawl in Parliament erupted between opposition lawmakers and Liberal Democrats who pushed the bill through a special committee.

Lawmakers worry about the West's criticism that Japan avoids its global responsibilities by relying on "checkbook diplomacy" — sending money but few personnel

in world crises such as the Persian Gulf War. Japan deployed minesweepers to the gulf after the cease-fire.

Opponents say the bill violates Japan's postwar pacifist constitution, which renounces the use of military force overseas. About 3,000 anti-military demonstrators rallied against the bill in Tokyo after it was passed by a 311-167 vote.

Also, neighbors such as China and the two Koreas, which suffered Japanese attacks this century, are uneasy about any hint of a rebirth of Japanese militarism.

# Accuser's friend testifies

Says she responded to 'cry for help'

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A friend of William Kennedy Smith's accuser testified Tuesday she rushed to the Kennedy estate in response to a cry for help and found the woman disheveled, shaking and crying hysterically.



Smith

The testimony of Anne Mercer came under sharp attack by Smith's lawyer because she accepted \$40,000 to tell her story to a tabloid TV show.

Attorney Roy Black suggested she tailored her story to intrigue TV producers after "You realize you could cash in on the Kennedy name."

"No, I did not," she said adamantly.

Also Tuesday, the prosecution said it would call Smith's uncle, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, as a witness, and accused the defense of trying to orchestrate the senator's testimony.

Mercer, 33, who had gone out on the town with Smith's accuser on Good Friday night, said she saw the woman leave a disco with Smith at about 3 a.m. At about 4:15 a.m., she said, she received a call from the woman who was hysterical.

"What did she say to you?" asked prosecutor Moira Lasch.

"That she had been raped. She asked me to come and pick her up. She said she was at the Kennedy estate," Mercer said.

When she arrived, she said the woman was standing at the top of an outdoor staircase.

"She was literally shaking and she looked messed up," said Mercer.

# Gorbachev pushes Union Treaty

MOSCOW (AP) — President Mikhail S. Gorbachev warned Tuesday that the disintegration of the Soviet Union will lead to misfortune, catastrophe and war, but Russia hastened the breakup by recognizing Ukraine's new statehood.

Saying the country was experiencing a destructive "crisis of statehood," Gorbachev urged lawmakers across the Soviet Union to approve his proposed Union Treaty.

"The breakup of such a multi-

ethnic community will bring misfortunes upon millions of our people, which will outbalance all possible temporary benefits from secession."



Gorbachev

Gorbachev said in a statement distributed to lawmakers in all 12 republics, not just those seven who have said they will sign

the treaty. "A breakup is fraught with interethnic, interrepublic clashes, even wars," he said. "That would be a catastrophe for the entire global community."

Coming one day after Ukrainian officials announced that voters in the republic had overwhelmingly approved a referendum on independence, Gorbachev's comments amounted to a desperate plea to save some form of union as well as what little remains of his dwindling authority.

# Israel insists on delay

Baker says talks will continue regardless

WASHINGTON (AP) — New Mideast peace talks Tuesday headed toward an uncertain opening round with Israel still insisting on a delay and prospects of Arab negotiators confronting an empty Israeli chair.

Secretary of State James A. Baker III arranged for the talks to open Wednesday at 10 a.m. even if Israel failed to show up.

Delegations from Syria, Lebanon and Jordan joined with Palestinians challenging the Israelis to attend, but the Israeli Cabinet decided Sunday its negotiators needed until Monday to prepare to deal with the Arabs on three fronts.

Israel also wants to stagger the talks so that there

would be an interlude between its negotiations with three Arab delegations.

That, too, was rejected in the Bush administration's arrangements.

"We were invited to come for bilateral talks for the 4th in Washington," said Hanan Ashrawi, spokeswoman for the Palestinian delegation. "We are not going to sit around twiddling our thumbs."

Ashrawi said the Palestinians "can't give any promises" they will still be here on Dec. 9, when Israel says it will appear.

That day, she said, comes a day after the fourth anniversary of the start of the "intifadeh" Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories, and her group had other commitments.

# Economic indicator rises 0.1 %

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government's chief measure of future economic health edged up an anemic 0.1 percent in Oct., reflecting virtually no escape from the precipice of hard times.

In Bradenton, Fla., President Bush said he understands the plight of Americans who have lost jobs and income power and declared "we can't sit back and hope for the best."

Bush offered no initiatives for stimulating growth, but acknowledged to workers at a Tropicana juice plant that "much more needs to be done."

The pallid increase in the Commerce De-

partment's Index of Leading Economic Indicators followed a 0.1 percent decline in Sept.

The index, designed to forecast the economy six to nine months in advance, was unchanged in Aug.

The Departments of Commerce and Housing and Urban Development also released on Tuesday a report showing a 2.2 percent increase in new home sales in Oct., the seventh gain since the housing recession hit bottom last Jan.

Sales were mixed, advancing in the Midwest and South while falling in the Northeast and West. Overall, sales were 7.9 percent be-

low Oct. 1990.

Presidential economic adviser Michael Boskin noted "the recovery has turned quite a bit more sluggish" and said, "I wouldn't for the moment suggest the economy doesn't continue to have a serious problem."

The president, under fire from Democrats for not acting more decisively to rekindle growth, told his Florida audience that "On fiscal and monetary policy we have some good fundamentals in place. Interest rates, fortunately are down, and I am going to work hard to try to keep them down."

"We can't sit back and hope for the best."

# A+ TUTORING

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Schedule

	Sun. 12/8	Mon. 12/9	Tues. 12/10	Wed. 12/11	Thurs. 12/12
<b>MR. BILL'S CLASSES</b>	Chem 101 Final Review Test 1 3-5 p.m.	Chem 101 Final Review Test 2 3-5 p.m.	Chem 101 Final Review Test 3 3-5 p.m.	Chem 101 Final Review Test 4 3-5 p.m.	Chem 101 Ch. 29 (coordinate chemistry) 3-5 p.m.
	Chem 102 Final Review Test 1 5-7 p.m.	Chem 102 Final Review Test 2 5-7 p.m.	Chem 102 Final Review Test 3 5-7 p.m.	Chem 102 Final Review Test 4 5-7 p.m.	Chem 102 Chp. 28 & 32 5-7 p.m.
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<b>JOHN'S CLASSES</b>	B 113 (Ch. 16) 3-5 p.m.	B 113 (Ch. 11-15) 2-5 p.m.		B 113 (Cram Ch. 15-17) 2-5 p.m.	
	B 113 (Ch. 7-10) 5-8 p.m.	B 113 (Ch. 17) 5-7 p.m.	B 113 (new material) 5-7 p.m.		B 113 (Cram Ch. 1-14) 5-9 p.m.
<b>ARF CLASSES</b>	M 151 (Test 1) 1-3 p.m.				M 151 [1-3 p.m.] (practice final exam)
	M 142 (Test 1) 3-5 p.m.		M 142 (Test 3) 3-5 p.m.		M 142 [3-5 p.m.] (practice final exam)
	M 150 (Test 1) 5-7 p.m.	M 151 (Test 2) 5-7 p.m.		M 150 (Test 3) 5-7 p.m.	M 150 [5-7 p.m.] (practice final exam)
	M 161 (Test 1) 7-9 p.m.	M 161 (Test 2) 7-9 p.m.	M 150 (Test 2) 7-9 p.m.	M 161 (Test 3) 7-9 p.m.	M 161 [7-9 p.m.] (practice final exam)
	M 141 (Test 1) 9-11 p.m.	M 142 (Test 2) 9-11 p.m.	M 141 (Ch. 5-7) 9-11 p.m.	M 141 9-11 p.m.	M 141 [9-11 p.m.] (practice final exam)
	M 251 (Test 1) 11-1 a.m.	M 251 (Test 2) 11-1 a.m.	M 151 11-1 a.m.	M 251 (Test 3) 11-1 a.m.	M 251 [11-1 a.m.] (practice final exam)

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