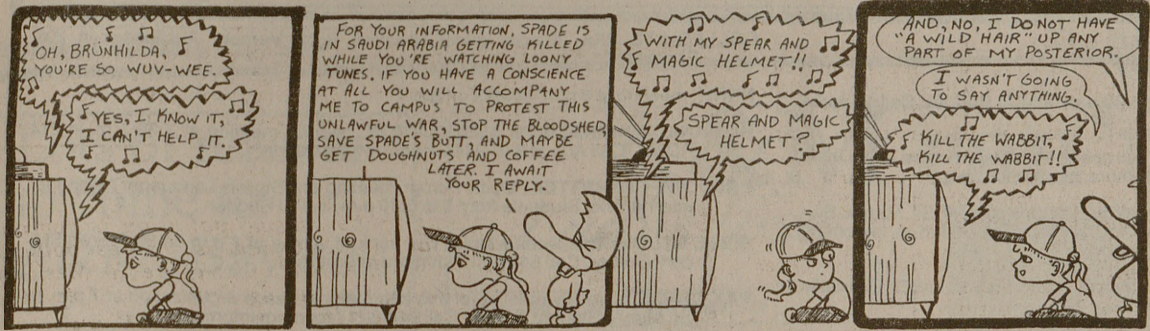


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Soviet Union wants key role as peace agent

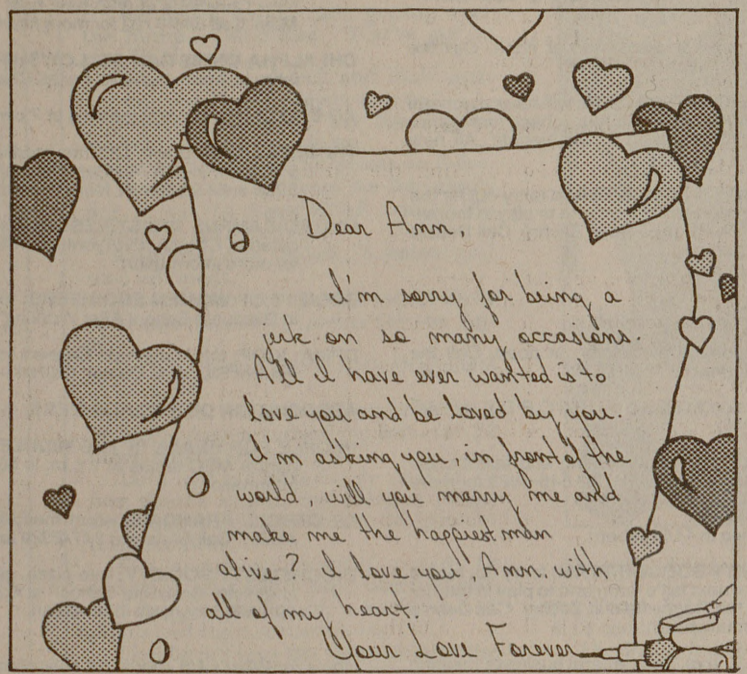
WASHINGTON (AP) — The Soviet Union, promised a postwar role in the Middle East by a long-reliant United States, is trying a new diplomatic approach to Baghdad and could emerge later as a key peace broker in the troubled region. Although the Soviets refused to send troops to help oust Iraq from Kuwait, the Kremlin supported the U.N. resolutions aimed at restoring Kuwait's independence — even to the point of using force. President Mikhail S. Gorbachev sought Saturday to stake out a new centrist position that could help cement Soviet credibility with old Arab allies while retaining membership in the international community of nations aligned against Iraq's invasion of Kuwait. The Soviet leader warned of the "ever more alarming and dramatic scope" of the war and said he was sending an envoy to Baghdad to appeal again for a peaceful settlement, which the United States has said must entail Iraq's unconditional withdrawal from Kuwait.

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judging was difficult because of the quality of the finalists. "Our purpose was to select a girl who will represent the University and facilitate herself as an ambassador of A&M," Dick Brunner says. The interview portion of the pageant was the most important of the four-part competition. "We asked questions to find out how the finalists would respond to questions asked by people who are not Aggies," he says. Questions about athletics, politics, current events and A&M traditions were among the topics selected by the panel of judges. The questions were asked to see how much the finalists knew about the University and the world, Mrs. Brunner says. The other three events were fitness wear, evening gown and a talent competition. They both agreed the 1991 Miss TAMU will represent A&M well. Nietenhoefer won a \$1,500 scholarship and a \$200 scholarship for the talent competition. She played a piano piece by Johann Sebastian Bach during the talent portion. In addition to the scholarships, she won a \$500 wardrobe allowance, a 14-karat gold and diamond pendant, one-year membership to Aero-fit and use of a 1991 Cadillac during her tenure. The runners-up received scholarships also. First runner-up was Jannine Smith, a senior management major from Dallas. Emily Smith, a senior health education major from Marshall, was second runner-up. Carmen Tisch, a junior business management major from Spring was third runner-up and Paris North, a senior speech communications major from DeSoto, was fourth runner-up. Each received scholarships of \$1,000, \$600, \$400 and \$300, respectively, a six-month membership to Aero-fit and other prizes. Nietenhoefer says the support from her friends and family made her title possible. "They put up with me when my nerves were stressed because of everything going on before pageant," she says. She also says she and the other 11 finalists became good friends. "I knew some of the girls from working on the Pageant committee the last two years, but I have become good friends with the new girls also," she says. Working on the Pageant committee and being in the pageant has been a positive experience, she says. "Win or not win, it is a wonderful experience."

Nerd House

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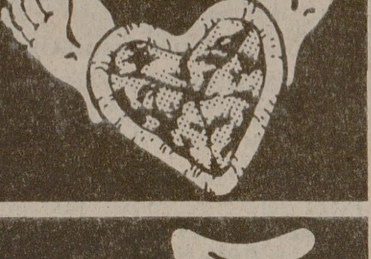
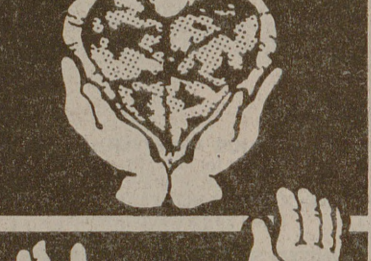
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Voters in Lithuania favor independence

VILNIUS, U.S.S.R. (AP) — Lithuania reported no signs of new Soviet troop movements Sunday, a day after voters overwhelmingly endorsed their republic's 11-month-old independence declaration. President Vytautas Landsbergis called the poll victory "the next step on the road to independence" from the Soviet Union and held out hope it would embolden nationalists in neighboring Estonia, Latvia and Russia to hold similar votes. "Of course the results will encourage them," he told reporters early Sunday after staying overnight in the heavily fortified parliament building. According to preliminary results, 90 percent of the voters said they favored becoming "an independent, democratic republic." Lithuania, like Estonia and Latvia, were independent for two decades between the two world wars before being annexed by the Soviet Union. Secretary of State James A. Baker III, interviewed on CBS' "Face the Nation," said, "There's some indication that the Soviets may be talking with the Baltic states about some sort of a mechanism that would permit them to resolve these differences through dialogue. "Now, we've made it very clear that we want to see the aspirations of the Baltic peoples for independence fulfilled, and we will continue to take that position in our discussions with the Soviet Union and continue to make the point ... that that's very important to US-Soviet relations. We have a disagreement with the Soviet Union on this," Baker said. Soviet army officials have told leaders in the Baltics they plan 10 days of maneuvers there beginning Sunday. The Lithuanian parliamentary press office reported no sign of the troops in the republic's major cities Sunday, and streets were quiet in this predominantly Roman Catholic, church-going republic. Landsbergis said activists were posted throughout the republic on the lookout for new troop movements.

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