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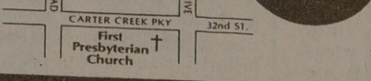
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Dry season worrying farmers

ATLANTA (AP) — Farmers who have weathered low prices and tight credit may not be able to sweat out this planting season, the driest ever recorded in parts of the South.

John Korrill, executive director of the Alabama Farm Bureau Federation, says, "Everybody is hurting. But for some of our farmers, the hope of hanging on for another year is about gone."

Georgia Agriculture Commissioner Tommy Irvin says even federal aid could not save disaster for some drought-ridden farmers.

"More disaster loans are not really going to solve our problems because low-interest loans do not help a man when he's already deeply in debt," Irvin says. "What we really need is four or five days of rain."

The National Weather Service is offering little hope of that, with long-range outlooks for the area predicting no better than average rainfall.

Forecaster Claude Hill said Wednesday, "Late this winter and during the spring, we have not had the systems develop in the Southeast that circulate the Gulf moisture... and the Atlantic moisture that we usually get."

Instead, the South has been getting dry air from the Plains or has been under high-pressure systems that have kept out all other weather, Hill said.

The first four months of the year brought just 6.47 inches of rain to Birmingham, Ala., 15.7 inches below normal and the driest such period ever recorded by the National Weather Service.

Other record low amounts for January through April were set in Jackson, Miss., with 7.37 inches, and Atlanta, with 7.96 inches.

Southeastern Louisiana has had 3.38 inches of rain since March 1, giving that region a chance of breaking its March-through-May record of 3.91 inches.

In southern Georgia and Florida, early-year rainfall has 1986 levels near or above average, but April still parched the soil that farmers had hoped to seed.

About 41 percent of the U.S. peanut crop comes from Georgia, mostly from the southern part of the state. The Georgia Crop Reporting Service says just 27 percent of the crop has been planted, compared with 60 percent at the same time last year and a five-year average of 35 percent.

Some farmers have had to use their irrigation systems to get the ground wet enough to accept seed, says John Beasley, a peanut specialist in the Tifton office of the Georgia Cooperative Extension Service.

"That's an expense they just don't normally count on," Beasley says. He says the irrigation cost will at least partially offset the advantages of higher production quotas and rates paid by the government in the peanut program.

Marriage rate for eligible women drops to lowest recorded level

WASHINGTON (AP) — The marriage rate for eligible young women has dropped to the lowest level ever recorded, new government statistics disclosed Wednesday.

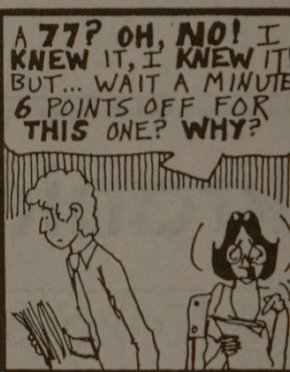
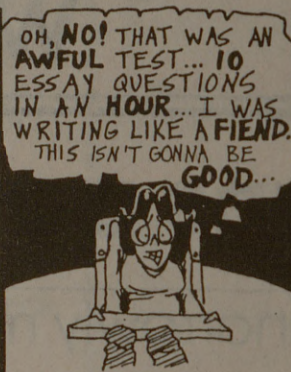
The marriage rate for single women aged 15 to 44 was 99.3 weddings per 1,000 women in 1983, the first time that measure has dipped below the 100 level, according to the new report from the National Center for Health Statistics.

The report, the most recent complete marriage statistics available, showed a decline in total marriages from the record level of 1982.

There were 2,445,604 marriages reported for 1983, down 10,674 from the year before.

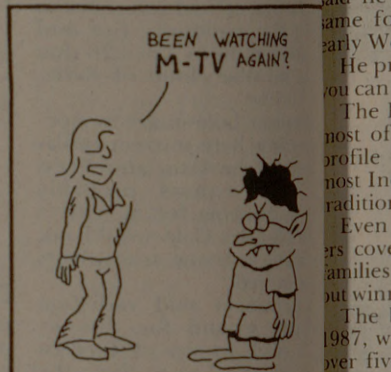
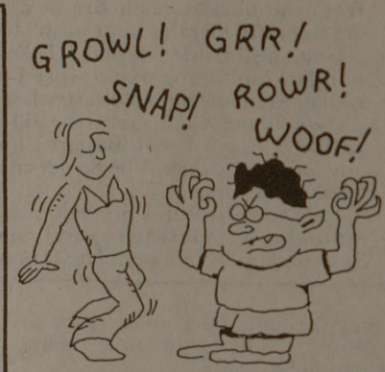
The total number of marriages in the United States has managed to

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House defeats plan to sell weapons to Saudi Arabia

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House followed the Senate on Wednesday and voted 356-62 to reject President Reagan's plan to sell missiles to Saudi Arabia, a strong vote that suggested enough strength to override a presidential veto in the House.

It would take 289 votes in the Democratic-controlled House to override Reagan's promised veto of the "disapproval resolution." The Senate voted 73-22 late Wednesday against the sale, six more votes than the 67 needed to override a veto.

Even though votes on veto override efforts frequently are closer than the original vote, House Minority Leader Bob Michel, R-Ill., had acknowledged before the vote that he was "not all that confident" Reagan could win a veto fight in the House.

And the chief House opponent of the sale, Rep. Mel Levine, D-Calif., said, "I think when it comes down to the override, we'll have the votes to

win. We're pretty close to having enough votes locked up."

However, both houses — not just one — would have to override Reagan's veto to block the sale, raising the likelihood that the final showdown on the issue will be fought in the Republican-controlled Senate where Reagan would have to sway only a handful of opponents to win eventual approval for the sale.

Never before has Congress rejected a weapons sale. The closest previous fight was in 1981, when Congress narrowly approved the sale of AWACS radar planes to the Saudis. Those planes are to be delivered next month.

The deadline for congressional action is Thursday, the last day of a 30-day period that began last month when the White House formally notified Capitol Hill of the planned sale. It was unclear what impact a

presidential veto would have on schedule.

Rep. Ed Zschau, R-Calif., said sale should be approved because "the only issue is whether the of the president can be relied by countries in the Middle East."

The \$354 million package includes Stinger shoulder-ground-to-air missiles, Harpoon ship-to-ship missiles, and winder air-to-air missiles.

West Virginia plant releases toxic cloud

NITRO, W.Va. (AP) — Hazardous fumes from a fire at a plant in West Virginia's "chemical valley" spread a foul-smelling toxic cloud over this community 8,000 on Wednesday, county officials said.

Kanawha County Commissioner Doug Stump said for an hour, residents were told to shut off their air conditioners, stay inside, and all traffic stopped within a mile of the Chemical Co. plant.

Plant manager Tom Beal said about 150 pounds of trichloroethylene, a disinfectant powder stored in drums caught fire spontaneously. The blaze was extinguished after about 15 minutes, he said.

Beal said the fire produced chlorine gas, while Stump said it gave off trichloroethylene. Both are hazardous materials.

No injuries were reported. Chlorine is a poison that can be fatal if inhaled in high concentrations. It also can cause burns to the eyes and skin.

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