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Johnny Hart, artist of 'B.C.,' dies at 76

ENDICOTT, N.Y. — Cartoonist Johnny Hart, whose award-winning "B.C." comic strip appeared in more than 1,300 newspapers worldwide, died at his home on Saturday. He was 76.



Hart

"He had a stroke," Hart's wife, Bobby, said on Sunday. "He died at his storyboard."

"B.C.," populated by prehistoric cavemen and dinosaurs, was launched in 1958 and eventually appeared in more than 1,300 newspapers with an audience of 100 million.

Snowshoes beat Easter bonnets

Spring chill leaves even South shivering

BY ERRIN HAINES
Associated Press writer

ATLANTA — An unseasonable cold snap put a chill on Easter services across the Southeast and much of the rest of the country, moving some events indoors and adding layers of clothing over spring frocks.

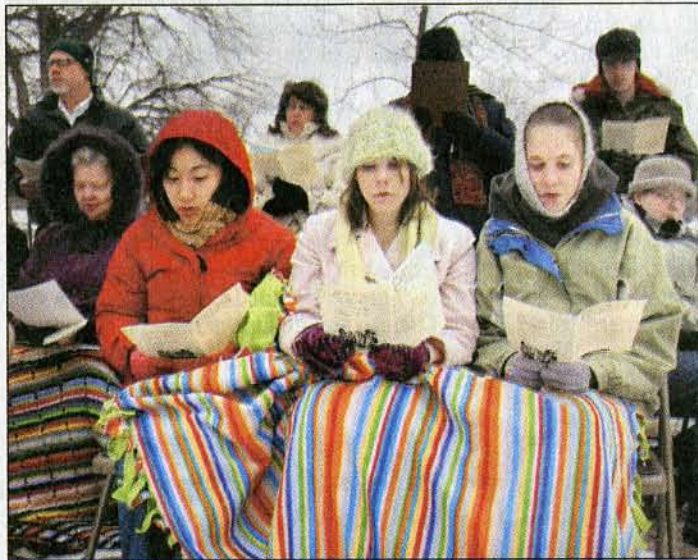
The usual courtyard service at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church in Columbia, S.C., had to be moved indoors, said the Rev. Michael Bingham. Sunday morning lows in Colum-

bia dropped to the upper 20s, the National Weather Service said.

"Our musicians are worried about their fingers," he said Saturday as the church's plans were being changed.

Across much of the eastern two-thirds of the nation, Easter celebrants swapped frills, bonnets and sandals for coats, scarves and heavy socks. Baseball fans huddled in blankets

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Associated Press photo by KEITH KING

On the front row from left, June Liu, 19, of Fort Gratiot, Mich.; Kaitlyn Heering, 18, of Fort Gratiot; and Diane Brown, 17, of Jeddo, Mich., sing hymns in the cold and snow Sunday at Light-house Park in Port Huron, Mich., during the Westminster Presbyterian Church's Easter Sunrise Service.

Coach Rob will lie in repose at Capitol

BY BRETT MARTEL
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Eddie Robinson was earning 25 cents an hour at a feed mill in Baton Rouge when he heard about a coaching vacancy at a small, black college in the rural, piney hills of north Louisiana.



Robinson

That was more than six decades ago, when Robinson and fellow black residents lived in segregation, forbidden to patronize restaurants that catered exclusively to white people or to sit anywhere on a public bus but in the back.

Today, the grounds of the Louisiana Capitol will be reserved for all who wish to pay their respects to the legendary former coach of Grambling State University.

When Robinson died last week at the age of 88, state officials immediately made

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Red Cross revamps response plan

Agency 'ready, able to respond'

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If another disaster strikes Louisiana, the Red Cross says, there won't be long lines of desperate people waiting for finan-

cial help or the frustration of trying to contact a call center where telephones lines are always busy.

After its performance came under a firestorm of criticism after hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the American Red Cross revamped its response plan, said John F. "Jack" McGuire, the agency's interim president

and CEO.

"We feel ready and able now to respond," McGuire said. "If another Katrina happened, we'd need money; but other than that, we're in good shape."

McGuire, who was in New Orleans last week for the National Hurricane Conference, said the Red Cross could have handled responding to Hurricane

Katrina, but became overwhelmed when the levees were breached and a major U.S. city had to be evacuated.

"We couldn't imagine something of that size," McGuire said. "We were like many others — we were taken by surprise. It was way beyond any-

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