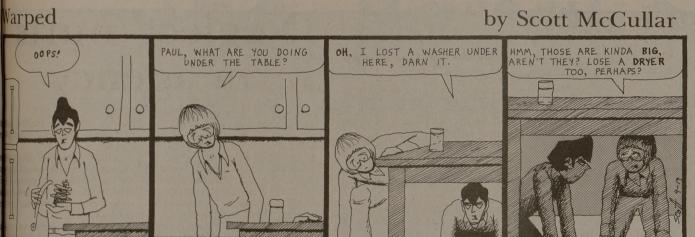
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United Press International CHAMPAIGN, III. — A ung woman who had been ounced dead but revived morgue table was actually in te of "hibernation," hospital

Police officer Gary Wright, was startled to hear the pse" swallow and try to the, was not impressed with medical explanation.

"I'm telling you, I've seen people a hundred times in

my life and she was dead," Wright said. "You can believe me or not believe me. I saw a

resurrection.' The woman was in satisfactory condition Sunday night in Burnham Hospital. Dr. Stanley Bobowski, a hospital pathologist, called the "resurrection" a medical "fluke."

"Her temperature was so low she didn't have to breathe or have a fast pulse. It's very rare. I

try," Bobowski said. The woman was pronounced

dead Thursday afternoon after police — summoned by friends - found her lying still and cold on the living room floor of her apartment. Authorities later determined she had passed out from a combination of drugs and alcohol.

The officers, unsure what had happened to the woman, think you read about it three or called detectives, who left the

four times a year in the coun- body on the floor for two hours as they investigated the scene for a possible crime.

Then an ambulance took the woman to the hospital morgue. One police officer said at least 12 people saw the woman and believed she was dead.

But when the victim was placed on the morgue table, Wright said, he saw her swallow and try to breathe. The woman branch of the American Civil was then rushed to the emergency room for treatment.

# High court to hear city's nativity case

United Press International WASHINGTON — The Sup-reme Court agreed Monday to test for the first time whether a city can own and display a nativity scene at Christmas without violating the Constitution's ban on mixing government and religion.

Tackling a question that crops up each yuletide, the jus-tices will review this fall a ruling banning the city of Pawtucket, R.I., from displaying a town-owned crib scene with life-size figures of the Christ child, Mary, Joseph, kings and shepherds.

The city displayed the crib along with numerous other decorations in privately owned Hodgson Park in the heart of the city. Other decorations included a giant "Seasons Greet-ings" sign, lighted tree, figures carolers, snowmen, Santa Claus, reindeer and Disney characters and a stand for a live

taxpayers and the Rhode Island Liberties Union, who argue the Christian nativity scene violates

religion.

In other action Monday, the justices

—Agreed to decide if Nation-al Enquirer reporters based in Florida can be sued for libel by Hollywood actress Shirley Iones

- Refused to revive Oscarwinner Mickey Rooney's claim against major Hollywood studios for refusing to pay him for reruns of his pre-1960s films on cable television.

- Rejecting vigorous arguments from Chief Justice Warren Burger, left intact a ruling requiring a federal court to review the conviction of a triple-murderer in Washington state. In the nativity case, both a U.S. district judge in Rhode Is-

land and the First U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals sided with the purpose.

the First Amendment's ban on taxpayers and ACLU in the nativity scene case and declared the city's sponsorship of the scene unconstitutional

"Despite its passive nature, erection of the creche has the real and substantial effect of affiliating the city with the Christian beliefs that the creche represents," U.S. District Judge Raymond Pettine ruled.

On a 2-1 vote, the appeals court went a step farther and found the city not only entangled government and religion by erecting the creche, but also illegally discriminated between Christian and non-Christian religions.

Pawtucket's city fathers defend the nativity scene as only a neutral, historical symbol of the Christmas holidays. They argue it was only one part of a larger scene of traditional decorations that as a whole have no religious



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## Mud slide dams river, loods small Utah town

United Press International HISTLE, Utah — The ish Fork River, dammed up mountain mud slide that ed it into a 3-mile-long lake, nped Thistle with 50 feet of , forcing evacuation of 50 ple. Authorities feared the would flood another town

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The town of Thistle is gone. future, whether it will ever gain, is uncertain," Larry en, Utah public safety missioner, said at the site

tate geologist Bruce Kaliser Spanish Fork, a town of people about 6 miles tream from the slide area,

preparing for flooding. undreds of federal, state local emergency workers mpted to secure the dirt dam the canyon.

"Of course there is a possibilof this dam breaking," he d "It's a natural dam. Even ineered dams break. We eno guarantee this dam will d. And, if it breaks, Spanish ork city will be threatened." line was to Spanish Fork Mayor Enoch

n and Hud ve only one area was low

safely placed in emergency shel- the history of Utah as far as the ters in nearby Birdseye today while emergency workers battled the mud slide to prevent further flooding in the town of Spanish Fork miles downstream

Utah County Sheriff's dispatcher Shannon Horn said only the rooftops of the 22 homes in Thistle could be seen from a helicopter. She said the flood also may strand about 25 families in Covered Bridge if it knocks out a bridge to the community

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economic ramifications are concerned," Kaliser said. "There won't be another disaster like this for decades - I hope The mountain's mud slide,

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