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Buried alive Puerto Rican mudslide site may be mass grave

Associated Press

PONCE, Puerto Rico - The Naional Guard ordered everyone out of Mameyes shantytown Thursday after Puerto Rico said it was considering making a common grave of the mudslide that was believed to have buried up to 500 people this week. Gov. Rafael Hernandez Colon

said a decision will be made soon whether to seal off the disaster site outside Ponce to avoid an outbreak of disease

"We don't have much time," Hernandez Colon said.

The governor's office said the acion could be taken by this weekend. Dr. Giodano San Antonio, the Ponce region's health department director, said decomposing bodies, covered by mud, rocks and splintered homes, were creating a threat of water contamination, typhoid

fever, mosquito-borne diseases, tet-anus and diphtheria. A 30-hour tropical deluge trig-gered the avalanche Monday morning that toppled some 400 wood and tin shacks in the hillside shantytown outside Ponce

The tropical depression, subse-quently upgraded to Tropical Storm Isabel, hit the Florida coast on Thursday after crossing the Bahamas.

Puerto Rican authorities said Thursday that 75 bodies had been recovered from flooded commu-nities and landslide debris on this U.S. commonwealth island of 3.2 million people in the Caribbean. Thirty-two of the bodies were uncovered in Mameyes.

Col. Jose Luis Carrillo, the National Guard officer in charge of the rescue operation in Mameyes, said

he was convinced at least 500 people remain buried under the avalanche. He said he based his estimate on aerial photographs taken of Mameyes before the emergency.

"You can see the area was densely populated, although you can't tell exactly how many homes there were because trees blocked the view," he said.

Carrillo said the stricken community had been declared off limits to everyone but rescue workers and re-

The Puerto Rican government began distributing \$1 million in \$300 checks Thursday to survivors who lost their homes.

Authorities estimated that more than 5,000 homeless people were put up in Red Cross shelters and schools.

dead from cancer at 65

Associated Press

NEW YORK - Yul Brynner, the man who was king for a record 4,625 performances in the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "The King and I," died Thursday after a twoyear battle with lung cancer. He was

With him at The New York Hos-pital-Cornell Medical Center were his fourth wife, Kathy Lee, and his four children, said Josh Ellis, a family spokesman.

"He faced death with a dignity and strength that astounded his doc-tors," Ellis said. "He fought like a lion.

Lights on marquees and theaters along Broadway were to be dimmed at 8 p.m. Thursday "in the king's memory," Ellis said.

In his thousands of performances as the king of Siam, Brynner was lord and master over 189 wives, 447 children and 12 Annas during 34 years of stage performances that ended in June. The role brought him a Tony in

1952, an Oscar in 1957 for the film version, and a special Tony in June which actress Mary Martin presented.

Family and friends held a private service Thursday, and a memorial service will be scheduled later, Ellis said. The family has asked that donations be sent to the Yul Brynner Cancer Fund for Children at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York.

Updated cigarette labels will state specific dangers

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - New and specific health warnings are appearing on cigarette packages and advertising, a change medical experts hope will help persuade Americans to quit — or never start --- smoking.

"The public needs to know the danger, since this is the single most preventable source of heart disease, cancer and lung disease. I think that freedom of choice . demands that this be an informed choice," says Dr. John A. Oates, chairman of the department of medicine at Vanderbilt Univer-

The new labels state specific dangers, including cancer, heart and lung disease and hazards to pregnant women and their ba-

Surgeon General C. Everett Koop says he is most pleased health problems is low birth weight babies, and this is some-thing that can turn that around."

Dr. Kenneth Warner, chair-man of department of health planning and administration at the University of Michigan, says "There is little question in my

"I particularly like the rotatio-nal feature ... I think it will make smokers take a little bit closer look and give some thought to the issue," he says. Oates added, "To hide from

them (young people) the fact that if they do experiment there is a high probability of becoming ad-dicted is leaving teen-agers con-siderably in the dark." The tobacco industry has not

been enthusiastic about the new labels "We feel that no scientific

"prime example of wishful think-ing" that will not change people's smoking behavior.

Koop disagreed. The old warning label "has been around for years, it's old hat. After these things start to rotate . . . it becomes sort of like a game, people wonder what the message is this time, and they look for it," he

says. A series of four different warnings is coming into use, to be ro-tated quarterly under a plan developed by cigarette makers and the Federal Trade Commission.

The new warnings are:

• Surgeon general's warning: Smoking causes lung cancer, heart disease, emphysema, and may complicate pregnancy.

• Surgeon general's warning: quitting smoking now greatly re-duces serious risks to your health. • Surgeon general's warning: conta

Orson Welles found dead in his home

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - Orson Welles, who created the film classic "Citizen Kane" and a radio tale about a Martian invasion that terrified millions of listeners, died Thursday at his home, authorities said. He was 70.

"The cause of death appears to be natural in origin," said Donald Mes-serle, assistant chief of coroner's investigations.

The portly actor's death was re-ported to the coroner's office at 11 a.m. by Hollywood Division police, he said

"He was found this morning by his driver at his residence," said po-lice Sgt. Russell Kuster. "He'd been suffering from diabetes and a heart ailment, his doctor said.

Welles panicked America in 1938 with his Mercury Theater of the Air radio adaptation of H. G. Wells' 'War of the Worlds." Listeners believed the nation really was being invaded by Martians. He also stunned the film world in 1941 with his first venture in film, "Citizen Kane," based on the life of publisher William Randolph Hearst.



people understand Most about cancer and heart disease,' he says. "If you have lung disease it's pretty obvious you shouldn't be smoking. But one of our big

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strates, for example, that smoking is a cause of coronary heart disease," says Anne Browder of the Tobacco Institute.

She calls the new labels a

monoxide.

• Surgeon general's warning: smoking by pregnant women may result in fetal injury, premature birth and low birth weight.

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