

Nevada news summary:

Two men die exploring old Virginia City mine

VIRGINIA CITY (AP) — Two men died of asphyxiation after entering a mine that was posted with a sign warning of bad air, authorities said.

John Montgomery of Virginia City and Jonathan Reece of Winters, Calif., both 35, were found dead Sunday about 75 feet inside the tunnel of the New Savage Mine.

Storey County sheriff's spokesman John Tyson said mines are known for large, concentrated pockets of carbon dioxide due to stale air, and the men died of a lack of oxygen.

"What happened is they got into one of these concentrated pockets, they can't smell it, it disoriented them and they simply went to sleep," he said. "It's hard to say how far in they went, but my guess is they were probably on their way out when they were overcome."

The men ignored a large sign that says "Keep Out — Bad Air" at the mine entrance, Tyson said. They went around a fence to do some exploring in the mine, he added.

"Unfortunately, there's not a heckuva lot that can be done to stop this kind of thing," he said. "They knew it was dangerous and clearly marked and still chose to go into it."

Montgomery was a Virginia High School music teacher and Reece a friend.

eral legislation establishing a national commission to study the gaming industry.

"This study can be done without threatening the type of gaming Nevada has had," he told reporters Sunday at Reno/Tahoe International Airport. "If the right people are appointed to the panel, the report will be positive for the people of this country and Nevada."

Sens. Harry Reid and Richard Bryan, both D-Nev., fought the creation of the commission. Nevada casino executives also opposed it.

Kemp, who left Reno after an overnight visit with friends at Lake Tahoe, said he has no stand on federal legislation calling for the location of a nuclear-waste dump site in Nevada.

"I want to talk to Bryan and Reid to find out what Nevada wants before taking a position," he said.

Lawyers against limits

RENO (AP) — The Nevada State Bar Association has put up \$25,000 to fight a term-limit proposal for judges on the November ballot.

The association argues that restricting judges to two terms in office would defeat the interest of justice.

State Bar President Robert Crowell said the ballot question

other politicians, scoffed at the opposition.

"I believe that term limits is an idea whose time has come," said Rogich, who served as an adviser to the Reagan and Bush administrations. "I don't know why judges should be held any less accountable than any other elected official. I think you'll have a better judiciary."

Car-heat death

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Authorities have identified a boy who died in a sweltering van as 3-year-old Jordan Harvey.

The boy apparently climbed inside a van parked at the Elmwood Village apartments Thursday, then was unable to get out. The temperature inside the van was estimated at 152 degrees, according to Las Vegas Metro Police Lt. Larry Spinosa.

Police said a female relative of the boy was caring for him at the time of the death. The mother was at work and the father was away from home when the boy died.

Pelican study

FALLON (AP) — The Fallon Naval Air Station has launched a study of the flight patterns of pelicans in an effort to prevent collisions between

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