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AROUND THE NATION; Fumes at Motel Kill One And Injure 5 in Nashville

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A buildup of carbon monoxide gas killed one person and sent five others to the hospital over the weekend from the Opryland Ramada Inn, the authorities said today. More than 100 motel guests were evacuated.

The body of John Spalding, 61 years old, of Arlington, Va., was discovered Sunday afternoon in his room. His wife, Joan Spalding, 67, was found unconscious and taken to a hospital where she was listed in stable condition. Three other guests and a motel employee were also hospitalized in stable condition.

Fire Chief Fred Davis said the failure of a ventilation system allowed a carbon monoxide buildup in a room housing a swimming pool heating device. The gas apparently seeped into the rooms of the victims.

"The ventilation system did not ventilate as it should, so you had a buildup," Chief Davis said.