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Squirrels caused Little Rock power outage

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Last night's power outages were caused by "squirrels nesting in and damaging underground equipment," according to Entergy Arkansas.

The cause of the outages — which occurred in both downtown and West Little Rock, noticeably leaving some office buildings a darkened black — had not been revealed until this afternoon. Entergy says it'll be fixing the problems "over the next several days."

One of the more prominent victims was the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette's website, which is now back up after being down from the outage into the afternoon. Instead of today's news — or being asked to pay \$2.95 to look up an older article — you'd get the following message.

The power outage almost sunk the whole print issue for today too (staffers worked in the dark to get it out).

If Max, your usual blog stalwart, was in town perhaps he'd use this as an opportunity to spin a tale about his life in news in Arkansas. He'd remember working in the dark, right up against a deadline, with sweat dripping from his brow and smoke from cigarettes filling the newsroom as typewriters chattered away. Or something about how he hates squirrels.

But you've got me today. Pardon the disruption in service, loyal readers.