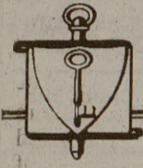


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Radio news from the newsroom of  
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**West may  
see power  
problems**

**Gas supplies tight,  
reservoirs are low**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — As Californians brace for a summer of anticipated power shortages and the possibility of rolling blackouts, experts are warning their neighbors in states across the West to be ready for the possibility of having to share the pain.

Natural gas supplies are tight, reservoirs are low and a heat wave could drive up demand for electricity.

"It could get bad all over the West this summer," said Craig Pirrong, a finance professor who specializes in energy markets at Washington University in St. Louis. "The likelihood of outages is still greatest in California, because that's where the major deficiency of generating facilities are. But things over the entire West could be dicey this summer."

California has been coping with short power supplies for weeks and twice endured short periods of targeted or rolling blackouts in January.

The power alerts were lifted last week, thanks to the availability of more imported electricity and the return to service of power plants that had been down for repairs.

But energy experts predict the state will run short again, particularly when air conditioners crank up in the hottest months.

All the Western states share a power transmission grid, but the area most likely to face problems similar to California's is the Northwest.

Washington, Oregon, Idaho and western Montana depend heavily on hydroelectric power, an energy source facing a double challenge this year.

**Republicans review pardon  
House and Senate may combine investigation effort**

WASHINGTON (AP) — House and Senate Republicans leading the review of President Clinton's last-minute pardons said Sunday they may consider combining their efforts into a single investigation.

"I think that is probably a good idea," said Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa.

Added Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., "That's something that we could look into."

Burton, chairman of the House Government Reform Committee, and Specter, who heads the Senate Judiciary Committee's investigation into the pardons, said they have not had formal conversations about the idea.

Burton said on "Fox News Sunday" he would be happy to talk to Specter.

Congressional and federal investigators are examining the 140 pardons and 36 commutations Clinton issued in the final hours of his presidency.

The investigations began with officials searching to see if fugitive millionaire Marc Rich or his family promised donations in return for his pardon.

Federal prosecutors in New York now are investigating whether the former president commuted the sentences of four convicted swindlers in exchange for Hasidic Jewish votes for his wife during her run for the Senate, a source has said.

Also under scrutiny are a pardon and a commutation for which Mrs. Clinton's brother Hugh Rodham received

nearly \$400,000; two pardons on which her treasurer performed legal work; and the possible pardon of the former president's half brother, Roger Clinton, in some other cases.

At a Thursday hearing of Burton's committee of Clinton's closest White House advisers are scheduled to appear: former chief of staff John Podesta, White House counsel Beth Nolan and former House adviser Bruce Lindsey.

Also expected to testify is Skip Rutherford, the president of the William Jefferson Clinton Presidential Library Foundation.

The committee wants access to the foundation's list to check to see if any money came in that could have been promised in exchange for pardons.

Specter said on CBS' "Face the Nation" the Senate Judiciary Committee will do its best to duplicate what the House committee's work, so "united efforts, if not a joint hearing, I think would be advisable."

Democrats cheered the idea as they attacked the investigation. "A lot of people do not have confidence necessarily in the current structure," said Sen. Byron D-Mass., on NBC's "Meet The Press." It's been a hunt after another.

"The process that is set up now is not fair. Let's have a fair investigation," Rep. Chaka Fattah, D-Pa., said.

**Tornado kills 7, injures dozens**

PONTOTOC, Miss. (AP) — A tornado killed seven people and destroyed or damaged hundreds of homes around the city as violent storms swept through the region, authorities said Sunday.

A 2-year-old boy was killed by a tornado in Arkansas.

The storms struck the region late Saturday but the full extent of damage in rural northern Mississippi was not known until daylight Sunday.

The twister cut a 23-mile path across Pontotoc County, the National Weather Service said.

The vast storm system that swept across the eastern half of the nation also dumped more than 20 inches of snow on northern Minnesota. Blowing snow closed hundreds of miles of highways in Minnesota and South Dakota.

Pontotoc County Sheriff Leo Mask said his office confirmed two

deaths in addition to five people who were dead on arrival at Pontotoc Hospital, including a 10-year-old boy. Mask said it was unlikely the death toll would increase.

In Arkansas, a 2-year-old boy died Sunday of injuries suffered when a twister destroyed the family's home in Fulton County on Saturday. His parents and a brother also were injured, authorities said.

In Pontotoc, Johnny Seale held his wife close as their home was ripped apart around them. They survived but his 36-year-old son, a sister and a nephew were killed in houses only yards away.

Wind damaged 10 to 12 houses in the Benoit area and a few homes in Leflore County.

Hail the size of marbles broke windows in the Bolivar County Courthouse, and county officials said wind up to 80 mph destroyed

one rural house and ran across ditches.

On the colder side of the about 260 miles of Interstate 55 closed overnight until Sunday noon from Chamberlain, S.D., to Blue Earth, Minn. Stretches of Interstate 90 in Minnesota and North Dakota and Interstate 35 in southern Minnesota and Iowa also were closed, authorities



**Safe Spring Break 2001**

**MONDAY, March 5th**  
11am-3pm...Prize Patrol! Look for the golf cart to win prizes.  
6:30-7:30pm... "It's all the Rave" Ecstasy Presentation in Rudder Theatre.

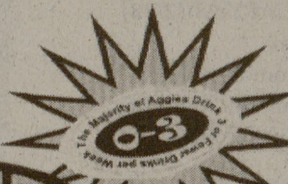
**TUESDAY, March 6th**  
11am-3:30pm...GAME DAY! Located in front of Beutel Health Center. Look for bungee cord, sumo wrestling, human bowling along with Mix 104.7  
7pm-9pm...Live alternative music from Linus at the Grove.

**WEDNESDAY, March 7th**  
11am-3pm... Fun in the sun at the MSC. Look for our Spring Break tips and more prizes.

**THURSDAY, March 8th**  
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