

## Dredging funds sunk by Reagan



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United Press International  
LaPLACE, La. — A threatened cutoff of federal funds for dredging in the lower Mississippi River could end commerce along the waterway by 1983.  
Port directors from New Orleans, Baton Rouge and the South Louisiana Port Commission met with Gov. Dave Treen earlier this week to discuss the fund cuts, the weekly newspaper L'Observateur reported Wednesday.  
Nearly \$35 million is needed annually to dredge a 24-mile stretch at the mouth of the river to about a 40-foot depth for ocean-going vessels, said Dale Brou, director of the South Louisiana Port Commission.  
The American Association of Port Authorities last week alerted port directors in the area that the Reagan administration had cut the Corps of Engineers'

dredging budget for this year.  
The elimination of dredging funds will be effective in October 1982, Brou said. He warned the governor that failure to dredge the river would be devastating to Louisiana's economy.  
"If money is not provided," he said, "grain elevators along the river may have to be closed, production at oil terminals and refineries could be severely curtailed and imported oil could be cut because tankers could not move upriver."  
"Farmers up and down the river would be hurt because all farmers are dependent on getting their products out by the river traffic."  
More than 50 billion bushels of grain were shipped through the lower Mississippi River in 1981, Brou said. The river also cuts through the No. 1 steam coal shipping port in the United States, he said.

## What's Up at Texas A&M

Friday

**CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION:** Coffeehouse with free admission, games, refreshments and live entertainment at 7:30 p.m. in the student center. The Newman Club will have a pot luck supper in the student center at 6 p.m. Please bring a dish.  
**FIRST REGIMENT:** There will be a mixer at 8:30 p.m. in the Q-Huts. All girls are invited.  
**MSC AGGIE CINEMA:** "The Four Seasons" will be shown at 8 p.m. in the auditorium. "Halloween II" will be shown at midnight also in the auditorium.  
**MSC BASEMENT:** Jimmy Don Smith and the Cold Cuts, a rockin' rhythm and blues band will play at 8 p.m. in Rumours.  
**TEXAS A&M SWIM TEAM WOMEN:** Swim meet against Lamar University will be at 7 p.m. at the P.L. Downs Natatorium (indoor pool).  
**INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION:** Welcome party at 8:30 p.m. in the Ramada Inn. Tickets at the MSC. BYOL.  
**COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN:** Symposium toward building a better environment for the year 2000 from 9 a.m. to noon in Rudder Auditorium. Admission is free.  
**MUSLIM STUDENTS ASSOCIATION:** Quran discussion session at 7:30 p.m. in 607 Rudder.  
**BAPTIST STUDENT UNION:** International dinner for both internationals and Americans at 7 p.m. in the Baptist

student center at 201 College Main.  
**INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP:** Urban conference in 510 Rudder.  
**CARL STEVENS SEMINAR:** Seminar on "Selling Yourself and Your Ideas" starting at 1 p.m. in 113 Kleberg. Sponsored by National Agri-Marketing Association.

Saturday

**ACU-I VIDEO GAMES TOURNAMENT:** ACU-I qualifying tournament at 10 a.m. in MSC Bowling and Games.  
**TEXAS A&M LACROSSE TEAM:** The team will play San Houston State University at 1 p.m. on the Drill Field.  
**PAKISTAN CLUB:** Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in 402 Rudder.  
**MSC AGGIE CINEMA:** "The Four Seasons" will be shown at 8 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium. "Halloween II" will be shown at midnight.  
**FLORICULTURE ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE CLUB:** Plant sale at the Floriculture Greenhouse from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
**TEXAS A&M SWIM TEAM:** The men and women will have a meet against Texas Tech at 2 p.m. at P.L. Downs Natatorium.  
**BASEMENT COFFEEHOUSE:** Jimmy Don Smith and the Cold Cuts, a rock and rhythm blues band, will play at 8 p.m. in Rumours.  
**CARL STEVENS SEMINAR:** Seminar on "Selling Yourself and Your Ideas" in 701 Rudder.

## Only four-term president honored

# Congress marks FDR's centennial

United Press International  
WASHINGTON — The 97th Congress, which has undone much of Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal, called a joint session Thursday in honor of the 100th birthday of the former president.

FDR's vision and ability to rally the nation may have helped pull the United States out of the Great Depression. Although many of his programs have been shelved as too costly and out of date, others remain embedded in the fiber of the country.  
The ceremony in the House chambers was near the place where, on March 4, 1933, Roosevelt was inaugurated for the first of an unprecedented four terms.  
James Roosevelt, FDR's son, was among those attending the joint session.  
"My father's era was the era of radio — television had not yet invaded our political life," he said. "Though he occupied the White House longer than any American president, it was not his face or figure that fixed his personality and character in the

mind of the American people — it was his voice."  
FDR entered the homes of countless Americans via radio. Among his many quotes, perhaps the best known was, "Let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself."  
One of the few men from the FDR years still in Congress, Sen. Jennings Randolph, D-W. Va., also delivered a speech of praise.

Randolph was first elected in 1932, the same year as Roosevelt.  
Randolph, who helped enact the measures of Roosevelt's first 100 days, said reversal of FDR's social programs must stop.  
"As a youth, he knew the world of wealth and privilege," Randolph said. "As our president, he gave hope to the homeless, created jobs for the jobless and fostered the meaning of so-

cial and economic justice.  
"These reforms have changed the face of America and have been woven into the fabric of American life and they will not be torn out."  
Under Roosevelt, Congress enacted the Social Security system, the first of a long series of social measures that touched almost every part of Americans' lives.  
The momentum Roosevelt

generated continued until 1980 when Reagan and the conservative-minded 97th Congress huge portions from the federal budget in the biggest reversal of social policy since the New Deal.  
However, historian Arthur Schlesinger Jr. recalled in his prepared speech that President Reagan cast his first four presidential ballots for Roosevelt whom he acknowledges as one of his heroes.

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## New Medicaid plan not ready

United Press International  
WASHINGTON — The administration has not made its final decisions on the proposed Medicaid takeover, Health and Human Services Secretary Richard Schweiker said Thursday.  
Reagan, in his State of the Union speech Tuesday, proposed a federal takeover of \$19.1 billion in state Medicaid costs, in return for state takeover of \$16.5 billion in welfare and food stamp costs. The program would begin in fiscal 1984.  
Although administration

officials promised there would be a "maintenance of benefits" requirement on states, they made no such promise for the federal government when it takes over Medicaid for the needy.  
Eligibility standards for Medicaid vary widely from state to state, generally based on eligibility for welfare. About 30 states also offer care to "medically needy" people — those too poor to pay for medical care but not poor enough to qualify for welfare.  
Schweiker said the Reagan

administration has not yet decided whether to adopt a uniform federal Medicaid standard, to continue the widely varying state standards, or to compromise.

## Today's Almanac

United Press International  
Today is Friday, Jan. 29, the 29th day of 1982 with 336 to follow.  
The moon is moving toward its first quarter.  
The morning stars are Mars, Jupiter and Saturn.  
The evening stars are Mercury and Venus.  
Those born on this date are under the sign of Aquarius.  
English-American freedom crusader Thomas Paine was born Jan. 29, 1737.  
On this date in history:  
In 1861, Kansas became the 34th state of the Union.  
In 1900, eight baseball teams were organized as the American League. They were Buffalo, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Milwaukee and Minneapolis.  
In 1936, Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth and Honus Wagner became the first five men elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame.  
Also on this date in 1976, President Carter commuted the seven-year Patricia Hearst robbery prison sentence to 18 months, opening the way for her to leave prison and get married in February.  
A thought for the day: English-American freedom fighter Thomas Paine said, "A bad cause never is supported by bad men and bad men."

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- 1) All faculty members with research interest in the biological sciences,
- 2) A minimum of two outstanding undergraduate students,
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