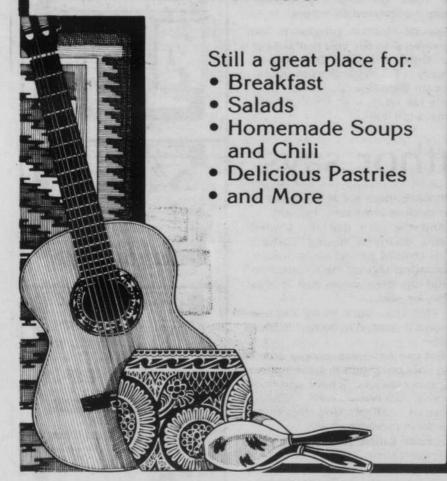
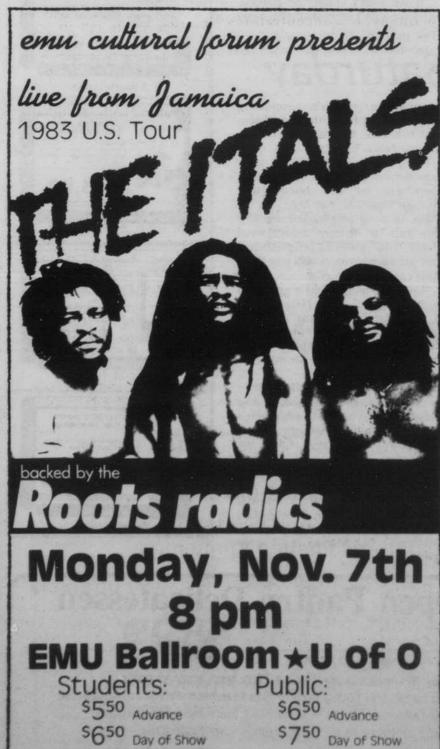
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MX money approved

washington — The hotly debated MX missile program met another challenge Tuesday as the House voted 217-208 to approve \$2.1 billion to produce the first 21 of the intercontinental nuclear weapons.

After an hour-long debate in which MX advocates said the Reagan administration has made sincere efforts in arms control while opponents remained deeply skeptical, members defeated an amendment by Rep. Joseph Addabbo, D-N.Y., to strip the production money from a \$247 billion defense spending bill.

The vote was the closest call that the program has had this year in the House. Members had approved production by a 13-vote margin in a military authorization bill in July and had freed impounded money for the project by 53 votes in April.

Court to rule on abortion

SALEM — The Oregon Supreme Court was asked Tuesday to strike down a state regulation limiting welfare payments for abortions as unconstitutional.

"Abortion is the only medical procedure singled out for restrictions" in state's welfare medical aid program, Ruth Gundle, a lawyer for the Portland-based Oregon Legal Services Corp., told the Supreme Court.

But lawyers for the state argued that it's up to legislators and not the courts to make such financial decisions.

In an Oregon Court of Appeals ruling earlier this year, the lower court held that the state Adult and Family Services Division rule violates an equal protection clause in the Oregon Constitution.

The regulation forbids—any welfare recipient from receiving more than two state-paid abortions unless the woman's life is endangered. The rule also says women drawing welfare aid who are 18 or older are eligible for only one state-paid elective abortion.

In its decision, the Court of Appeals said that because the state has no such restrictions on paying medical expenses of pregnant women not seeking abortions, the rule violates a constitutional ban against laws giving one class of citizens "privileges or immunities" not given to other people.

The state adopted the rule to save money after Congress cut off federal funds for welfare abortions except for those in which a woman's life is threatened.

Six killed in ship fire

WASHINGTON — Six Navy men were killed and 35 injured today when flames raced through an engine room aboard the aircraft carrier Ranger in the Arabian Sea, Navy sources said.

The fire broke out in one of four main engine rooms and an adjoining area deep in the conventionally powered ship, sources said.

The fire was put out within an hour and the 79,000-ton ship continued to operate in the approaches to the Persian Gulf, said officials who spoke on the condition that their names not be used.

Navy officials could not say what caused the fire. It will be investigated by a Navy board.

Meanwhile, the ship will be able to continue on station and will be able to launch and recover it's aircraft, according to Navy officials.

Officials said most of the injured suffered from smoke inhalation and were not in serious condition.

Ranger arrived in the Arabian Sea Oct. 3 after a voyage from Central America where the ship had taken part in "show-the-flag" exercises off the coast of Nicaragua.

House calls for pullout

WASHINGTON — The House called on Pres. Ronald Reagan Tuesday to withdraw troops from Grenada within 60 days as provided in the war powers act which Congress passed during the Vietnam era to prevent lengthy, undeclared wars.

The vote was 403-23. All five Oregon delegates voted with the majority.

The measure now goes to the Senate, where a spokesman for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said it is expected to be acted upon quickly.

The Senate passed an identical resolution last Friday as an amendment to a bill extending the national debt limit so that the government could borrow more money.

But on Monday, senators defeated the debt limit measure. However, the measure could be reconsidered and passed with or without a war powers provision.

Reagan regards the 1973 War Powers Act as an encroachment on his constitutional powers as commander-in-chief, but it is not certain whether he would veto or sign the bill if it reached his desk. A White House spokesman said last week a decision would be made depending on the situation at the time.

The war powers act requires that the president withdraw troops within 60 days. That timetable could be extended to 90 days if the president says the extra time is needed to withdraw troops safely. Congress could also authorize a longer stay.

Joint efforts detect pot

SALEM — State and local law enforcement authorities around Oregon have seized more than twice the amount of marijuana that was confiscated last year, an Oregon State Police spokesman says.

Figures provided by police agencies in all 36 counties show that more than 44,800 marijuana plants had been seized as of Monday, compared with 21,300 plants at this time last year, said Lt. James Forney.

The value of the confiscated pot is estimated at more than \$90 million, Forney said.

A State Police spokesman said the large haul of pot stems from stepped-up law enforcement efforts and increased help from citizens.

"We've been getting a lot more telephone calls from people when they find marijuana," he said.

Marines hunt for resisters

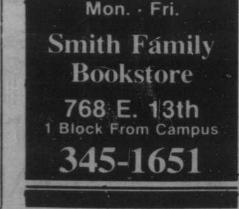
BRIDGETOWN, Barbados — Hundreds of Marines stormed an island near Grenada Tuesday in a fruitless hunt for resisters.

The Pentagon said the Marines found only a few local residents on the Grenadine island of Carriacou, 20 miles north of Grenada, and withdrew later in the day. Last week ham radio operators in the Caribbean said Cuban and Grenadian holdouts had fled to Carriacou to escape the invading Americans.

In the Grenadian capital of St. George's, work crews pressed the search for people killed when U.S. warplanes bombed a mental hospital last week, killing as many as 20 patients. The United States has said the bombing was accidental.

It was one of several accidents reported in the Grenada invasion. Wounded army troops brought to Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington have said 19 comrades were wounded because a U.S. plane inadvertently bombed their position instead of an enemy target.





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