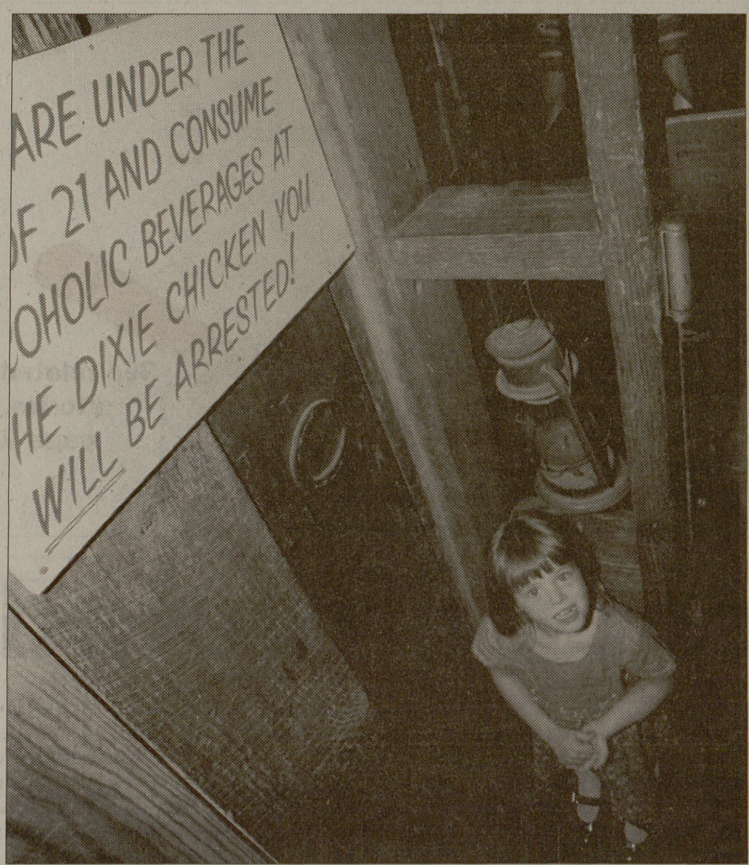


# THE BATTALION DEBRIEFING

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By Rony Angkriwan, THE BATTALION

**It's the law** Elizabeth Hardesty (age 4) went with her father to the Dixie Chicken Saturday.

► **State**

## Abrego drug trial begins in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — A major story in the U.S. war on drugs will be told starting this week as its latest trophy, accused Mexican drug baron Juan Garcia Abrego, goes on trial Monday.

Few details from the government's case have been revealed since the pudgy kingpin's sensational Jan. 14 arrest.

However, the case represents years of painstaking work by federal agents, beginning in the late 1980s with a vigil on drug routes between Mexico and South Texas, leading to a dramatic foot-chase in northern Mexico, hub for the Gulf drug cartel allegedly headed by Garcia Abrego.

The trial opens Monday with jury selection, a task expected to take several days. Opening statements are expected later in the week.

## Prostitutes owe city \$3 million in fines

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Prostitutes collectively owe the city of Fort Worth more than \$3 million, and city officials are not having much luck with the proposition of collecting the unpaid debt.

City officials gave little explanation for the lack of enforcement of such debts, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Sunday. However, they acknowledged there is backlog of 60,000 citations that were issued, not paid and not processed for warrants and another 4,000 cases pending that haven't been set for court.

There are also some instances where indigent defendants might be unable to pay fines or serve jail time.

Mayor Kenneth Barr wants to know how some prostitutes came to owe the city so much money.

"The City Council would like an explanation why that type of situation has not been addressed," Barr said. "I don't find that to be acceptable."

► **Nation**

## New Miss America takes on politics

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — She finally won the crown she chased for six years. And new Miss America Tara Dawn Holland quickly showed she's determined to do more with it than pose for pictures.

Less than 12 hours after winning, Holland held forth on politics, publishing and her own perseverance in a news conference kicking off her yearlong reign as Miss America 1997.

She's for Bob Dole, against public school voucher programs and has written and published her own book on job-hunting. She is something of an authority on the latter, having pursued her new job through three defeats and two states.

Holland, 23, of Overland Park, Kan., is a graduate student in music education at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. The 5-foot-10 inch brunette, a magna cum laude graduate of Florida State University, vowed to fight illiteracy during her reign.

She won Saturday night in the nationally televised pageant, which for the first time allowed viewers to participate in the selection.

## Lucid leaves strong impression in space

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Shannon, we love you.

Russian space officials have only the highest praise and affection for NASA astronaut Shannon Lucid, who's spent the past six months aboard their orbiting station and never complained aloud once, even though she's been stuck there an extra 1 1/2 months. Her assignment is about to end soon.

Space shuttle Atlantis was scheduled to blast off early Monday to go get her and drop off her replacement, astronaut John Blaha.

Everyone — the Aeronautics and Administration, the Russian Agency and most of all, her family — can't wait to come home.

"As far as Dr. Shannon concerned, I would like to see her sincerest thanks to the ment of the program for making a selection," Gen. Yuri I. deputy commander of Russian monaut training center, said. "Because everybody's for Everybody loves her."

► **World**

## Beardless men face court's wrath

MOGADISHU, Somalia — The Islamic court that is waiting in the wings for a moral tone in the north has the divided Somali capital banned pornographic films, traditional dancing and clean-shaven men to grow beards. "Those who shave like a general secretary," said Sheikha Mohamed, chairman of the Islamic Court, which has Islamic law.

"Our prophet did not advise us to follow Bill Clinton or (British Minister) John Major, but to follow Islamic regulations," he said.

► **This day in history**

Today is Monday, Sept. 16, the 260th day of 1996. There are 106 days left in the year.

On this date: In 1810, Mexicans began their revolt against Spanish rule.

In 1893, hundreds of thousands of settlers swarmed onto a section of land in Oklahoma known as the Cherokee Strip.

In 1940, President Roosevelt signed into law the Selective Training and Service Act, which set up the first peacetime military draft in U.S. history.

In 1940, Samuel T. Rayburn of Texas was elected speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

In 1974, President Ford announced a conditional amnesty program for Vietnam War deserters and draft-evaders.

In 1976, the Episcopal Church, at its General Convention in Minneapolis, formally approved the ordi-

nation of women as priests and bishops.

Five years ago: A federal judge in Washington dismissed all Iran-Contra charges against Oliver North, U.S. Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas concluded five days of testimony at his confirmation hearing.

One year ago: President Clinton voiced support for a Senate welfare overhaul plan sponsored by Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan.

► **Today's Birthdays**

Candid Camera creator Allen Funt is 82. Actress Lauren Bacall is 72. Blues singer B.B. King is 71. Actor Peter Falk is 69. Actor George Chakiris is 63. Actress Susan Ruttan is 48. Actor Ed Begley Jr. is 47. Country singer David Bellamy (The Bellamy Brothers) is 46. Magician David Copperfield is 40. Actress Jayne Brook (*Chicago Hope*) is 34. Singer Richard Marx is 33. Actress Madeline Zima (*The Nanny*) is 11.

► **Weather**

**Today**

Partly Cloudy. High near 97. West winds 10-15 mph.

**Tonight**

Fair Skies. Low near 71. Light and variable winds.

**Tomorrow**

Partly Cloudy. High near 95. South winds near 10 mph.

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