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*'Do I have to have a bath, master?'*

Mark Sebree and Sam, an Alaskan Spitz, express similar looks of boredom during Sam's weekly bath. Mark and his wife, Terri, both senior biochemistry majors, are Sam's owners and

take turns giving Sam a bath. Sam, much to his dismay, finds he must participate every time.

Battalion photo by Lori Shuler

**UT woman is shot in head, clings to life**

AUSTIN — A University of Texas sophomore from Houston was shot through the head on the fifth floor parking garage at her apartment late Tuesday, and remained in intensive care Wednesday.

Allison Ann Rozanek, 19, was found about 7:10 p.m. by another resident who heard her moaning as he was going to his car in the Castilian apartment garage.

Lying next to the coed were her purse, with her billfold and \$2 in it, school books and car keys.

Police said no weapon was found, but what appeared to be a .38-caliber bullet was removed from her head during surgery.

She was placed under intensive care at Brackenridge Hospital.

**Surgery planned for state solon**

SAN ANTONIO — Rep. Al Brown, D-San Antonio, will undergo triple bypass heart surgery in Houston on Dec. 3, his office announced Wednesday.

A spokesman for Brown said the state legislator would have a damaged aortic valve replaced in the operation at St. Luke's Hospital.

**Branding Iron to be parking lot Famed Texas saloon about to die**

EL PASO — A saloon close to the hearts of Texans who like to belly up to a bar for a belt of liquor is being torn down to make way for a parking lot — the same fate accorded the nearby home of Pancho Villa's wife.

It was at the Branding Iron Restaurant on June 1, 1971, that Neal Franklin, a former Southern Methodist University football player, downed the first legal drink in a public saloon after a 52-year absence of hard spirits from the state's bars.

"I'm very happy that it is all legal and above board now," said Franklin as he swigged the drink and cameras clicked at his newly opened restaurant in a new shopping center known as La Villita (old town). The Branding Iron received the first mixed drink permit issued in Texas since before World War I.

Louis Daeuble, one of the architects who designed the El Paso Civic Center, and several other investors built La Villita about the same time as the civic center was constructed 10 years ago with hopes it would flourish with the coming of new hotels in the downtown area.

But the hotels — with the exception of the downtown Holiday Inn — never were built and success for the center never came, relegating it and its historic trappings to a new future

as a bank parking lot. During initial construction of the shopping center, investors renovated a few old structures already at the site and utilized parts of historic structures from elsewhere in the city, Daeuble recalls.

The ground where Pancho Villa's first and only legal wife once lived became the patio of La Villita, and part of a redwood house, built in 1881 by architect Ernest E.U. Krause, was moved to the shopping center.

Existing at the site already was the former home of Dr. Walter N. Vilas, who helped perform the autopsy which showed that West Texas outlaw John Wesley Hardin was shot in the back.

Dr. Herbert Stevenson, who performed surgery on Mexican revolutionary Gen. Victoriano Huerta, was the former owner of another house located at La Villita and after the modern-day conversion of the shopping center, Daeuble's wife made it into a dress shop.

The shopping center was built to serve tourists and conventioners staying at several proposed downtown hotels, but a series of developers never were able to raise the capital for the hotels.

"We just feel like with those hotels, the whole thing would have been a different story," Mrs. Daeuble said. "El Paso never did support La Villita in the first place."

At one time La Villita owners were leasing space for 22 shops and two restaurants, but most of the businesses failed or moved to other locations.

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