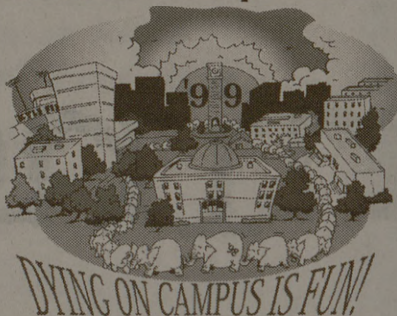
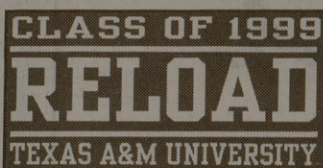


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Bush, Jr. thinks about filling father's shoes

MARLIN (AP) — George W. Bush gazes out his airplane window at a patchwork of farms spread out like a Texas-size quilt. He shakes his head and grins his father's crooked grin at a questioner. "It's impossible not to think about 2000," Bush says. "It's all I ever hear."

"Do I want to be president? Am I going to run?" the Texas governor says, repeating questions posed to him throughout this day-long campaign swing. "But I'm not going to fall into that trap."

Yet for all his coy denials, this is a velvet trap. Bush's blue eyes sparkle as he says, "I could win, you know."

Bush has not decided whether to seek the presidency, but many Republicans consider him the early favorite. He is flattered by the attention. And this son of a president is intrigued by the notion of expanding his family's legacy.

"I think I've assumed the mantle," said Bush, discussing his rapid rise from a father's campaign lieutenant to a national political figure in his own right.

For now, Bush, 51, is focused on winning a second term. Though the state has a long histo-



Bush

ry of deposing incumbent state executives, Bush will easily win Tuesday's GOP primary and leads his Democratic opponent by as much as 50 percentage points in the polls. He's raised \$13 million.

He won't take re-election for granted, not after watching his father's popularity plunge from Gulf War highs in 1991 to an Election Day loss in 1992.

"Anybody named George Bush knows there's no sure thing in politics," said state Sen. David Sibley of Waco, Texas, a longtime friend.

The loss left the younger Bush embittered, especially at the media's treatment of his father and brothers. Yet he says the prospect of intense scrutiny won't be what keeps him out of a presidential race.

He has dealt with his demons.

He drank his last drop of alcohol during his 40th birthday binge. "I was drinking too much alcohol and it was consuming my time and energy," he said. About this time, Billy Graham "rekindled religion" in his life.

"I think all of us have a little sin in our system," Bush said. He talked about the advantages he had in life — a solid family, a good education, a ton of money.

His interviewer wondered if Bush could survive the inevitable search for skeletons. "Yup," Bush says with no hesitation. An awkward

mention of President Clinton's...
"Have I been faithful to my wife?"
How about dope, another Clinton...
Raising his eyebrows, Bush says...
governor?"

Bush figures he can be playful...
never run from his wilder days. "I...
sensible things when I was young...
sponsible," he likes to say.

His face is younger, less angular...
looks a lot like his old man. He is...
jokes, swapping stories and talking...
few minutes later, he approaches...
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works, dude!"

He presents a striking contrast...
version of himself, a man remember...
Washington as a hard-nosed 1992...
with a short fuse.

Bush has mellowed in office...
friends and adversaries alike. "I...
There's a big difference between...
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a different role. Mine is now to lead...
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cut, tough-love juvenile justice...
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Ft. Worth organ bank may not have followed procedures in screening potentially donor

FORT WORTH (AP) — Some corneas supplied to people in need of a transplant may have come from high-risk donors, according to federal regulators who are investigating the Lions' Organ and Eye Bank.

The Food and Drug Administration told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in Monday's editions that safeguards preventing contaminated tissue from reaching transplant patients were not followed.

Inspectors at the eye bank near downtown this year found "significant deviations" from what the government says must be done, said Elaine Crosby, chief compliance officer for the FDA's regional headquarters in Dallas.

She said there was no evidence an infectious disease had been transmitted by tissue provided by the eye bank.

An official at the bank, which

serves a 12-county area in and around Fort Worth, blamed what the FDA found on "documentation errors."

The FDA's written report found, "Tissue from several donors with questionable medical and social histories were deemed suitable and distributed for transplantation."

One patient, according to the FDA's inspection report, received a cornea from a Fort Worth donor who was in a "high-risk category for HIV" at the time of her death.

However, eye bank officials disagreed with that finding, contending that the FDA based its decision only on the fact that the donor had been "sexually active."

The agency conducted inspections from Jan. 7 through Feb. 13. Two months earlier, eye bank Executive Director Jodie Bomar was fired after a separate investigation conducted

by the Internal Revenue Service.

Bomar told the newspaper in an interview she was falsely accused of misusing more than \$136,000 of the organization's money she had placed in a bank near her Johnson County home.

The money was used for eye bank business and to reimburse her and her family for money they invested in the eye bank to keep it afloat, Bomar said.

"As far as the FDA goes, they're not going to find anything because we did everything by the book," she said.

The Fort Worth investigation was part of a nationwide move by federal officials to ensure that harvested corneas are properly monitored for infectious diseases, including AIDS and hepatitis, said Crosby.

"This is clearly an area where the agency has a concern," she said.

If the FDA confirms serious vio-

lations, eye bank officials...
penalties ranging from...
to an order that they...
reserve of eye tissue...
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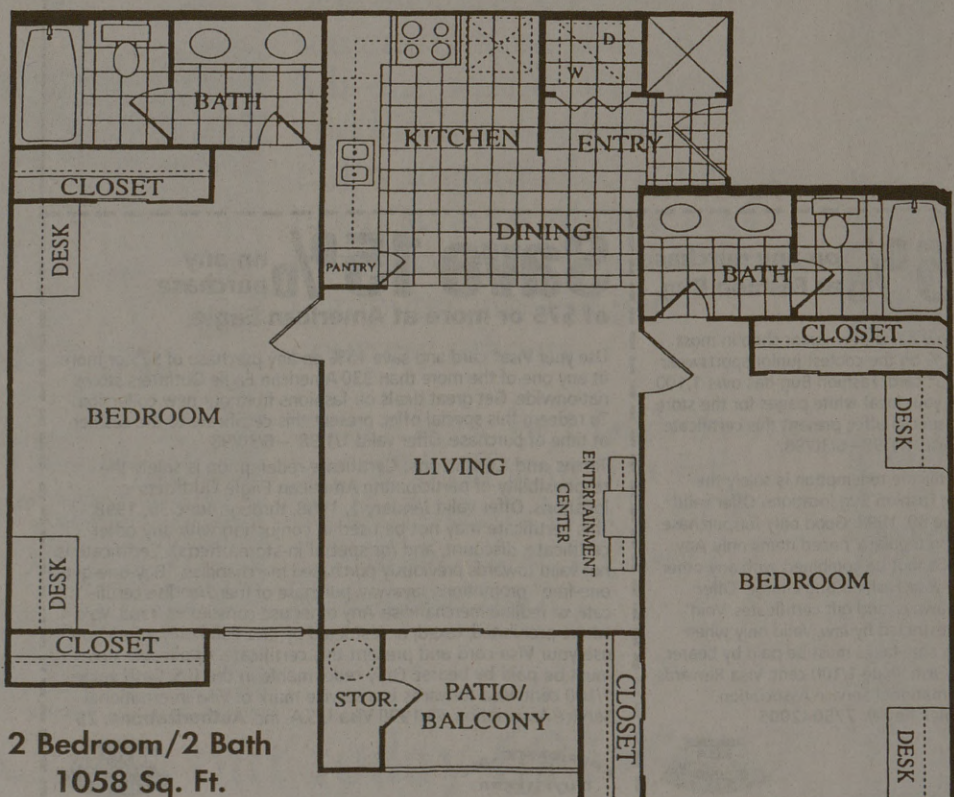
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