

Doubts arise over Bush's stock dealings

WASHINGTON (AP) — Securities and Exchange Commission documents cast some doubt over George W. Bush's explanation about his sale of stock in an oil company several weeks before it reported a \$23 million loss.

Bush denies wrongdoing, but the case has emerged as an issue in the Texas governor's campaign.

Bush, the eldest son of the former president and Republican candidate for governor, contends he "sold into good news" on June 22, 1990, when he unloaded \$940,000 in stock — nearly two-thirds of his holdings — in



Bush

Harken Energy Corp. Bush served as director and paid consultant to the Dallas-based oil company, but left the company's board in 1993.

Texas Gov. Ann Richards is aggressively talking about an SEC investigation and other Harken matters in the campaign, saying they raise significant questions about Bush's business record. "I think that George Bush means very well," Richards said in Dallas last weekend. "But I think the question of qualifications is really important."

Bush countered the governor by accusing Richards of negative campaigning.

"I'm proud of my business record. I think attempting to smear my business record is simply a diversion away from the issues that face Texas," he said.

Bush's attorney, Robert Jordan, defended Bush's "selling into good news" statement, saying the loan restructuring "was extremely good news to the company because it showed the supreme confidence of these two major shareholders in the future of the company."

The SEC investigated George W. Bush for possible insider trading, the allegation of selling the stock with an insider's knowledge of non-public, market-moving news, such as a poor earnings report.

The agency, which polices the securities markets, finished its investigation of the Bush trades on Oct. 18, 1993.

Jordan correctly noted that details of the Harken loan restructuring had been publicly disclosed at the time.

"My sale of Harken stock was

entirely legal and proper," Bush said this month. "I sold into good news, not bad news," he told the Austin American-Statesman newspaper in 1993, and he has made similar statements elsewhere.

Bush, a member of Harken's audit committee, sold 212,140 shares of Harken Energy Corp. on June 22, 1990 for \$4 a share — eight days before the end of the company's poor second quarter. The company formally reported the second quarter results on Aug. 22: a \$23.2 million quarterly loss, which sent Harken's stock down 44 percent to \$2.37 1/2 a share. The stock later recovered from that plunge.

Bush, who was traveling Wednesday and Thursday, wasn't available to discuss the loan restructuring, his campaign office said.

Political race highlights abortion issue for Texans

AUSTIN (AP) — Democratic Gov. Ann Richards told cheering students at the University of Texas on Thursday that a woman's right to choose abortion is an issue in her race with Republican George W. Bush.

"This is about whether a woman is going to continue to be able to exercise her right to choose. This election is about whether or not government is going to get in and mess around in your private life," Richards said, campaigning with singer Bonnie Raitt.

A newspaper column quoting Bush as saying, "I will do everything in my power to restrict abortions," elicited boos from the crowd of about 1,200 when cited by Ms. Raitt. She has also done a radio ad, calling Richards "the clear pro-choice candidate."

Bush, meanwhile, campaigned in Houston with his wife, Laura, and his mother, former first lady Barbara Bush, who said in her memoirs that

she supports abortion rights.

Bush was asked whether his mother is closer to Richards than to him on that issue.

"My mother is going to vote for me just like a lot of other women are going to vote for me," Bush said after speaking to thousands of cheering elementary school students, all from Houston's Spring Branch district at an anti-drug rally.

"Both of us agree that minor daughters ought to have their parents' consent prior to getting an abortion. Ann Richards does not agree with that. Most Texans agree with me on that issue," he said.

Bush has said he would work to find "common ground" to reduce the number of abortions.



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"We need to solve problems for people, not create them," he said. "People want to talk about crime and education."

Thompson, who has worked in education during all of his adult life, said he is convinced he has a feel for what Texas citizens want for their children.

"People are interested in a quality education for their children," Thompson said. "I know a thousand people around the state and have visited many school districts and have visited all 254 counties. People care about education."

Thompson is concerned about the decreasing amount of funding for education in the last several years.

"I believe Texas has one of the five best education systems in the world," he said, "but it could deteriorate if funding does not increase."

"To be honest, the bottom line of Operation Lone Star is to seek more public funding."

Of the eight System universities, which Thompson affection-

ately refers to as "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," Texas A&M University will constitute a large part of the information sent out because it is the largest in the System.

However, Thompson emphasized Operation Lone Star is about the entire System.

Thompson plans to involve student leaders in his operation.

Brooke Leslie, student body president, said she looks forward to speaking before the state legislature in Austin as a student representative of the A&M System.

"Operation Lone Star cannot hurt us (the University)," Leslie said. "It can have nothing but positive consequences."

He plans to work closely with Regents, System university presidents and agencies, such as the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Texas Engineering Extension Service.

He is appointing a 30-person statewide advisory committee to help him reach different areas of the state and report to him. The committee will include people within and outside the System.

Thompson said that this week he was in the final stages of choosing his advisory committee.

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