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Both sexes engage in prison rodeo

With bucking horses and wild-eyed bulls, Texas Prison Rodeo time has arrived again.

The rodeo will be held each Sunday in October this year in the prison stadium in Huntsville at 2 p.m.

Male and female convicts will compete in events such as bareback bronc riding, a wild horse race, chute dogging, the greased pig and calf scrambles.

The rodeo will also feature several country-western singing stars.

This year's appearances include the Statler Brothers on October 5; Bobby Bare on October 12; Johnny Rodriguez on October 19; and Dolly Parton on October 26. June Terry from Houston will appear October 5, 19 and 26.

Buffalo Bill Bailey of KIKK radio in Houston will announce the events during the show.

Inmate country and western bands, an inmate drill team and specialty acts will begin outside of the rodeo arena at 8:30 a.m. each Sunday.

Tickets are \$4, \$5 and \$6 and may be obtained at most Sears stores in Texas, at all Foley Stores in Houston or by writing the Texas Prison Rodeo at Box 99, Huntsville, Texas 77340.

AF's homosexual ban violates rights, gay says

Associated Press
HAMPTON, Va. — The attorney for T. Sgt. Leonard P. Matlovich, an admitted gay, told an Air Force discharge board here Tuesday that the military's historic ban on homosexuals violates their constitutional right to privacy.

The Air Force regulation calling for automatic discharge of gay servicemen is unlawful because it imposes "the morality of the majority on its employees," said attorney Susan Hewman.

Ms. Hewman is one of two American Civil Liberties Union lawyers who are representing Matlovich, 32, who has been decorated during his 12 years in the Air Force, in the hearing that began Tuesday.

Matlovich himself prompted the hearing at Langley Air Force Base, where he serves as an instructor in race relations, when he wrote the secretary of the Air Force in March to admit his homosexuality.

His admission was designed to produce a test of the military regulations that prohibit the retention of homosexuals by the military once their sex deviation is discovered.

The government contends that the presence of homosexuals in military ranks would hamper recruitment, destroy morale and offer foreign agents a chance for blackmail.

Ms. Hewman asked the discharge board of two majors, two lieutenant colonels and a colonel at the outset of the hearing Tuesday specifically to overturn the Air Force ban on homosexuals.

Her motion was quickly denied by the board's legal adviser, Col. Robert E. Shank, 52, who serves the board in the capacity of a civil court judge.

Each of the five officers on the board was closely questioned as to whether he had formed prior opinions in the case. Each said he had not.

Matlovich, son of an Air Force sergeant, showed little emotion as the hearing — which the Air Force said might last a week — often bog-

ged down on technical issues in its opening hours.

Now and then, the slender, dark-haired, defendant glanced around the room at the tiny crowd. At the lunch break he dashed quickly to his car, declining to answer most questions.

Asked by one newsmen whether he thought all homosexuals in the military should make themselves known as he did, he replied: "That's an individual question they must answer themselves."

Matlovich has said he isn't interested in becoming a symbol of gay liberation. Most of all, he has said, he wants to be permitted to stay in the Air Force because his heart is with the military.

He said last week he thinks the discharge board will rule against him, but that if it does he will carry his case to the federal courts.

Matlovich served three tours in Vietnam and received the Purple Heart when he was wounded.

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Schools charged in discrimination

Associated Press
AUSTIN — Girls are being discriminated against in Texas public schools, the Women's Equity Action League and the Texas Civil Liberties Union said Tuesday in filing charges against the Texas Education Agency.

"Our charges were filed with the federal government against the Texas Education Agency after three years of attempts to get various Texas school districts to comply voluntarily with federal law, which prohibits sex discrimination in the public schools," Dr. Paula Latimer, speaking for the Equity League, told a news conference.

"Since both Texas schools and Washington agencies have proven themselves indifferent to these violations of federal law, we have decided to take the issue to court, filing suit against the Texas Education Agency."

She said that charges were filed Tuesday with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in San Antonio.

"If there are no concrete changes, we'll be back in six months with a court suit," she said.

Dr. Latimer said that although 70 per cent of Texas' teachers are wo-

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