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Confederate group to build 1st hangar outside of Texas Facility to house World War II era planes

MADISON, Miss. (AP) — The Confederate Air Force will construct its first hangar outside its sprawling Texas headquarters at Bruce Campbell Field and leaders hope a permanent World War II aviation museum will follow

The Confederate Air Force, which links its name to a rebellious spirit of its pilots, will construct a 6,000-square-foot hangar valued at \$35,000 at a cost of about \$10,000.

The organization, which signed a 20-year, renewable lease Tuesday with the town of Madison, will begin construction next week.

'We are extremely proud and excited about our new headquarters," said Bob Bates of Jackson, leader of the local Confederate Air Force

There are 36 wings, or subordinate divisions, but Mississippi is in a unique position of having a hangar of its own," he said. "We're proud of

Initially the hangar will house five World War II-era aircraft, an offi-cers' briefing room and gathering place for World War II veterans.

If Madison follows through on an announced plan to move the airport to a site outside the town limits, the Confederate Air Force will have the option of transferring the lease to

Bates said the organization's han-

gar will be build so that it can be disassembled and moved.

"Our concept is for it to be a home for our aircraft and a meeting place for our colonels," Bates said. "Eventually, we hope that it will grow into a static museum of World War II memorabilia as well.

At least four vintage airplanes owned either by the 4-year-old Mis-

"We won't be parking any modern aircraft at the hangar. The unique thing about the Confederate Air Force is that we have restored vintage aircraft in flying condition. We're a flying museum."

-Bob Bates of Jackson,

sissippi Wing of the Confederate Air Force or individually by its 45 members, or "colonels" from Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana will be kept in the hangar.

"We won't be parking any modern aircraft at the hangar," Bates said.
"The unique thing about the Confederate Air Force is that we have restored vintage aircraft in flying con-

The local chapter also will use th hangar as a monthly meeting place and weekend workshop for restor

tion and upkeep of the aircraft.
"Whenever we're out there, it w be open for the public to come a look, but it'll be a couple of years be fore a real museum is opened Bates said.

The Confederate Air Force, base in Harlingen, was formed in 1957 preserve American World War II

The organization completed collection of American combat at craft in 1972 but recently has e panded its collection to include nearly complete set of transpor trainers and the only helicopteraircraft to see service in World Wa

The 140-aircraft collection also in cludes fighters, bombers and trait ers of the British Royal Air Ford German Luftwaffe and a fleet replica aircraft of the Imperial Japa nese Navy.

Local chapters conduct airshow throughout the United States and foreign countries during the ver An international airshow is he each October by the entire organi tion that includes chapters in Ca ada, New Zealand and Australia.

Cordial court session clears way for Texaco to fight further battles

The legal war between Texaco Inc. and Pennzoil Co. that drove Texaco to seek bankruptcy-law protection can now resume in Texas courts, a bankruptcy judge ruled Thursday.

You may proceed in the appellate courts in Texas with my bles-sings," said Judge Howard Schwartzberg, who is overseeing Texaco's reorganization under the federal bankruptey laws.

During a brief and cordial court session, Schwartzberg also allowed Texaco to make payments on more than 9,400 oil and gas leases.

All litigation between Texaco, based in White Plains, N.Y., and Houston-based Pennzoil was put on hold April 12 when Texaco filed for protection under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code.

Under Chapter 11, a company can continue operating while it works out a plan to reorganize its fi-nances. But the company's pre-Chapter 11 debts are frozen during reorganization and the company is protected from lawsuits by its cred-

The celebrated Texaco-Pennzoil

battle arose from Texaco's takeover of Getty Oil Co. in 1984, a deal Pen-nzoil allegedly illegally interfered

Texaco now will resume its appeal of the original jury award of \$10.5 billion, and Pennzoil is appealing the reduction of that award to \$8.5 billion, although interest and penalties have increased that amount to about \$11 billion. Schwartzberg also gave the green

light for Texaco to pay up to \$86 million in mineral, oil and gas lease payments that were due Thursday, thus allowing Texaco to continue operating the leases. Of that amount, Pennzoil will be

paid \$5,000 for mineral rights it owns, according to Texaco lawyers Harvey Miller and Martin Bienens-

Pennzoil attorney Kenneth Klee said his client had no objection to Texaco making the payments and protecting its assets.

The amicability of the dozen or so lawyers gathered before Schwartzberg "bodes very well" for the case, Schwartzberg said.

after drinking toxic brew AMARILLO (AP) - Two peo-

2 men die

ple died after drinking a toxic home brew and nine others were hospitalized, including a man nicknamed "Whiskey Bill" who is believed to have passed the liquor around, police said Thursday. The homemade liquor was

passed around at several bars Easter Sunday, said Amarillo po lice spokesman Helen Cruz. She said the effects of the liquor do not become apparent for eight to 12 hours and the people affected did not check into area hospital until Wednesday.

The suspect, 65, nicknamed "Whiskey Bill" was arrested of public intoxication charge Wednesday and taken to Nor west Texas Hospital after he be came ill, Cruz said. Police would

Malcolm Fisher, 65, and Joe Cohorst, 85, both of Amarillo, died Wednesday after drinking

the liquor, Cruz said. Cruz said the liquor was made of methanol, a poisonous substance obtained by distilling wood. It is used as a fuel, solvent and antifreeze.

Senators tour, argue for tax hike

day and said the choice is to pay more taxes or suffer cuts in services. lion.

"Everybody wants to go to heaven, Carlos Truan, D-Corpus Christi.

against the people that can least af-

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) - Dem- Democratic lawmakers are following ocratic legislators, arguing that Gov. in the Republican governor's foot-Bill Clements' anti-tax message is steps, visiting the same cities where wrong, toured South Texas Thurs- Clements has campaigned against a tax increase of more than \$2.9 bil-

The Democrats said that populabut nobody wants to die," said Sen. tion growth, increased unemployment and inflation mean state gov-"The governor is reducing his ernment must spend more to budget ... on the shoulders of public and higher education and in the during the next two years than it did area of health and human services in the last two. And that means a tax

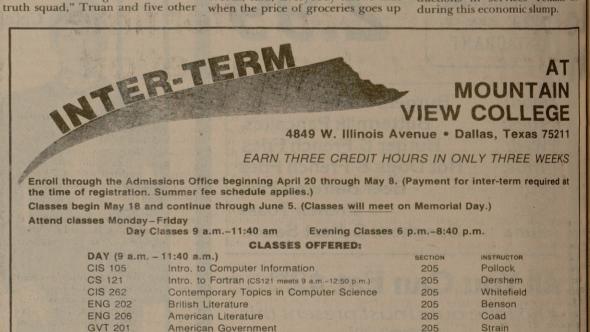
increase, they said. ford it," Truan said. "And that's why Sen. Hugh Parmer, D-Fort we're here." Calling themselves "the Worth, said, Everybody knows that

and your income doesn't, you buy

less groceries."
Since Monday, Clements has bee touring the state to rally public sup port for his budget stance. He ha vowed to veto any 1988-89 budge greater than \$36.9 billion, which would require a \$2.9 billion two-year

tax hike. The Senate has approved a \$39.9 billion budget, and the truth square members said they are only being

realistic. They called upon Clements to admit that his budget would require re ductions in services Texans nee



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