

Texas judge holds court proceedings for Love Field case

FORT WORTH (AP) — A state district judge has put on hold a second session of proceedings on Fort Worth's lawsuit to block expanded flights out of Dallas Love Field.

That's after former Texas Supreme Court Justice Ruby Kless Sondock, appointed by District Judge Bob McCoy as mediator, said continuing talks between both parties to the lawsuit would be useless.

'To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven ... A time to keep silence and a time to speak," McCoy wrote Monday, quoting Ecclesiastes from the Old Testament, in canceling Thursday's session.

Paul Walter, an attorney for Legend Airlines, said an out-of-court settlement would save taxpayers thousands of dollars in legal bills.

"Judge McCoy, being the optimist he is, hopes the parties can work out their difference outside of

Fort Worth and American Airlines sued Dallas in October 1997 to enforce a ban on all but short-haul commercial passenger flights from Dallas' in-town airport. The lawsuit claimed Dallas violated a 30year agreement to build, promote and protect DFW Airport.

Dee Kelly, lead attorney for Fort Worth, said it would be difficult to have any meaningful mediation.

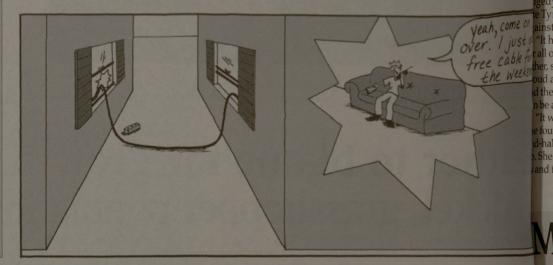
Earlier this month, McCoy extended a June 25 restraining order that prevented Houston-based Continental Airlines' long-haul flights from Love Field. Continental since has agreed to share its two gates at Love with rival American.

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Scorching summer

Despite air conditioning, medical officials warn residents of possible heat day

HOUSTON (AP) — Hospital officials are Sunday, had died of heat-related causes. warning that sultry Houston could be in for a deadly summer if residents don't start taking the current heat wave more seriously.

The heat is dangerous. More dangerous than people realize," Dr. Janice Zimmerman, emergency medicine director at Houston's Ben Taub Hospital, said. "Family members and friends need to be

checking on the elderly."

Two people have died at Ben Taub from heat-related illness in the past month.

Four people have been officially listed as heat-related fatalities so far this summer, but that could actually be higher because it's not always easy to tell if heat caused a death.

Twenty-two of the heat deaths have occurred in Dallas, where Monday's high hit 101 degrees - the 15th day of centurymark readings or higher — and forecasters expect more

A heat advisory was posted for North Texas as sheriff's deputies in both Dallas and Fort Worth went door-to-door to check

More than 40 of the deaths were illegal immigrants who died while attempting to traverse scorching stretches of South

Zimmerman said although Houston hasn't had as many fatalities as other areas, the

realize the seriousness and take to a friend's house or shopping don't have air conditioning.

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Houston paramedics are about three to five people with illness each day, and about dou the weekends, Dr. David Persse, Emergency Medical Services, about the same as last summer, h "I would expect the numbers

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