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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

Tarrant County Elections Department, Southwest Airlines, Texas Republicans

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Kudos to elections department

Letter from John Dilbeck, Fort Worth

Disrespectful attitude

Letter from Sheri Allen, Fort Worth

Fighting hunger

We applaud Dave and Carole Bernard for their concern and commitment to serving the hungry. (See: Letters, "Can't leftovers be shared?" Nov. 2)

Tarrant Area Food Bank, in collaboration with Kroger, Walmart, Sam's, Albertsons and Central Market, picks up unsold perishable product at stores for use in prepared meals. The Store Donation Program allows meat products, deli, some produce and bread product to be used for hunger relief rather than be sent to the dumpster. In addition, many of our partner agencies directly access stores for the same purpose.

While not universal in scope, the program allows us to rescue in excess of 200,000 pounds of food per month. Some of it is distributed through pantries. Our Community Kitchen turns some of it food into more than 6,500 prepared and frozen meals per month.

Some foods are less appropriate for these programs because of their rapid deterioration once the sell-by date has passed, and it will continue to be discarded. Although legislation does exist to protect commercial donors from liability, our main concern is food safety and the well-being of clients.

Tarrant Area Food Bank and Feeding America, our national network, constantly work to find new and innovative ways to prevent food from being wasted. We are very appreciative of those who work with us to further this goal and help us fight hunger.

— Bo Soderbergh, executive director, Tarrant Area Food Bank, Fort Worth