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Letters to the Editor

Texan Goodness

I live in Corpus Christi, Texas, but I'm from Ohio. I made a decision to stay home during Hurricane Harvey prior to it becoming a category 4. Having three dogs and two cats made it easy to stay — although at 1:00 a.m., staying seemed stupid. I've never experienced wind like that. There was no power and no weather reports, and the generator wouldn't start.

The total destruction in Port Aransas and Rockport was unbelievable, like bombs went off. People lost everything. There wasn't one leaf on a tree — crazy. I cried almost every time I went there. But after a few short days, the sadness was replaced by love and kindness. The love of people for one another at their darkest time was beautiful. No one cared about skin color or if you were rich or poor. They just cared about how they could help. Men and women from everywhere showed up just to help. People donated; people with a BBQ pit were on a street corner cooking. It's hard to find words to cover it all. I feel blessed to have experienced Harvey. What I have felt and seen has made me a better person, and I will carry it with me always. Thank you for Raven Clabough's story about Harvey in "The Goodness of America" (October 9 issue).

Shelley Croll

Sent via e-mail

Schools Are Horrible

Over the past year, I have seen articles in your magazine discuss the problems of public education. The one thing that amazes me is how light the articles are on the severity of what is happening. Unless he is in education, your average reader has no idea the extent of what is going on.

Until recently I worked for 17 years in a high-school district in Southern California. I have witnessed a teacher try to show a bloody horror film to students, reported another for keeping a stack of semi-pornographic material in the room, seen teachers pepper their lectures with repeated foul language, seen both the b-word and f-word posted by the teacher on items on their walls, and seen others post openly pro-homosexual, pro-"transgender" materials, such as a full-sized rainbow flag.

I once watched in amazement as a school buried the fact that an administrator had been arrested on campus for being with a student. He was treated as if he never existed, and all questions went unanswered so that the media would not find out.

I have seen a special-ed teacher, who was absent most days, have students every day dig into a pile of magazines such as *People* and *Sports Illustrated*, read an article, and write a summary. The magazines were thrown together in a pile on the floor for students to dive into, and were mostly torn up after years of daily use.

Students went to school in jeans so torn they barely still existed. They were addicted to their cellphones, and about 80 percent of all classrooms in the district had at least one student listening to foul-language rap music at any given hour. Some students had it written into a contract that they could do so. And it was not unheard of to have a class use 40-50 expletives in a single period.

John Weldon



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Midway City, California

Don't Use the Term

“Gun violence”? How can a “thing” be “violent”? Does it load, aim, and fire itself?

“Gun violence” is a hate term by the liberal Left and a lie, so why do you use it? It also transfers guilt from a murderer to a “thing.”

A swift lawyer — knowing some real “liberals” are on a jury — could use it to get his guilty client off:
The gun did it!

Rick Schwemler

Cathedral City, California



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