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Guest Column by Bullard High School
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By KAITLYN AHO

Christmas is one of my favorite holidays of the year because I get to wrap the presents (except my own).

Wrapping presents is fun to do, and you can get creative with it like putting a small box inside a bigger one and putting that box in another big one until you have three huge boxes for one gift card to Walmart.

You can tease someone by putting a VCR in a DVD player box (like my parents did to me a few years ago). One year my grandparents made up a scavenger hunt for me that sent me all around the house for my present which was in the shed the whole time. This year my dad really irritated me by wrapping one of my presents so well that I couldn't get it open. So I had to get a knife to cut all the tape he put on it off.

I like to wrap the presents with different colored ribbons that have curls and tie them in bows to make them look nice.

I also love to watch people unwrap their presents because most people tend to just rip off the wrapping paper and throw it onto the ground with an excited gleam in their eyes — only to find that it's just another sweater and then they are not that excited anymore but still have that fake smile and say that it is just what they wanted. Others slowly and carefully undo each fold just because it was wrapped nicely and they don't want to tear the paper until they see just enough of the present to tell it is what they wanted and they yell "oh my god!" and tear off the remaining paper in a frenzy.

Another reason why I love Christmas is because not only is it a time to spend with family, but it is a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, and most people have lost sight in that and all they care about are the presents.



Letter to The Editor

Stop sign

Dear Editor,
I wish to voice some thoughts on a recent event involving our city's police department. I am concerned primarily because I am proud of Bullard and wish to see its growth well-managed and its character retained.

I was recently returning home from one of our high school football games on a Friday night and failed to come to a complete stop at our downtown stop sign, albeit a close call.

The intersection and surrounding area were utterly quiet save for one nearby officer on patrol with lights off. The officer pulled me over and I was ticketed for "disregarding stop sign," a \$187 offense. After thanking me for my courtesy, the officer returned to his vehicle, made a U-turn to face the same intersection and extinguished all of his lights, presumably to await the next 1-mph/\$187 offender.

I am aware that my action constitutes a violation by the letter of the law, but as a thinking person I have some concerns about this applica-

tion of resources as it pertains to Bullard's law enforcement. I think we can agree that my immeasurably slow roll through a stop sign at an empty intersection is no threat to public safety but rather constitutes a profitable "gotcha" for our city. A more appropriate response by the officer might have been a check for outstanding tickets, verification that I had not been consuming alcohol, and a polite warning about future travels along our downtown roadway. It's likely that the next easy target was a visiting family in town for the football game who was similarly unimpressed with our city's methods.

Despite this unfortunate experience, I will maintain perspective on the greater good for Bullard when next I am called upon to contribute or volunteer. It is my hope that our public servants exercise the same kind of perspective as they conduct themselves within their professions and, in doing so, represent this fine city. Sincerely,

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