## **Mailbox**

## An Emotional Jag

Editor, Torrance Herald
I see we're off on another
emotional jag concerning the
"Chinese lantern" type of
traffic signal. Please let's be
ealm and look at the whole
picture, not just the Fern
Ave. school crossing.

I'm sure the parents of Fern Ave. school children must be glad to have any kind of a signal; children in our neighborhood (Hollywood Riivera) have to cross a high-way ten times as dangerous as Torrance Blvd. without any signal at all.

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At the other extreme, of course, we show the greatest solicitude for South High students by building them a forty thousand dollar footheidge (their ten thousand llar signal installation isn't sufficient, even though they are old enough to take care of themselves). Fern Ave. and the rest of us should be so lucky — except, of course, that these things must be paid for and we are all taxpayers, if only indirectly. Granted "Chinese Lanterns" aren't perfect, but anyone

aren't perfect, but anyone who drives knows he must watch out for children in a school zone and the presence of a crossing guard merely

## Santa to Be At Southwood On Saturday

Santa Claus will make his

Santa Claus will make his lirst appearance in the South-wood Shopping Center at 10 km. Saturday when he drops from the skies in a helicopter. Return visits to the center have been scheduled for Dec. 12, 19, 21, and 24, word from he North Pole has it. His appearance on those days will be from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

compounds his gross negli-gence regardless of the type of signal (yes, even where there is no signal of any kind)

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Recently the papers recited in full the 11 traffic fatalities so far this year in Torrance (by innuendo pointing the finger at Torrance traffic conditions and the Torrance Police Dept.).

Never have I read a more sickening recital of driver error, stupidity, and driver negligence; not all, but most of them hadn't the slightest connection with traffic conditions nor would the presence of the whole police department have been able to forestall some of them.

When will we learn that driving is a privilege to be zealously guarded by our carefulness as drivers, not a sacred right that must be pampered by all kinds of expensive special devices to keep us out of trouble?

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