

# Noteworthy

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The San Jose-based Women's Fund recently named Judge Eugene M. Hyman, a Los Altos resident, as the recipient of its "Man of the Year" award for 1998.

"I was overwhelmed with the honor," Hyman said. He did not know he was being considered for the award.

Hyman, 48, was recognized for his efforts to stop domestic violence and help battered women.

He has promoted laws dealing with domestic violence. He has also worked with local agencies, women's groups and schools to bring a better understanding of the causes of domestic violence and its prevention.

Hyman said he was led into work in this area because he had a very good friend "who was a survivor of domestic violence. I saw how pervasive it is, how it cuts across socio-economic lines. This person was highly educated.

"I was amazed at the amount of unreported domestic violence, especially how it affects children," he said.

Hyman also shares his expertise educating the public about issues dealing with domestic violence at home and in the work place; by supporting local battered women's shelters; and by speaking and writing on the topic.

Hyman became a judge in 1990 in the municipal court and won election to the superior court in 1996.