

## **Tragedy shines needed spotlight on domestic violence**

IT is time to acknowledge domestic violence as the act of domestic terrorism that it is, for its effect on victims and their families demands nothing less. Likewise, it is past time to devote appropriate community, state and national resources for an appropriate response.

What has the Mercury News done internally in response to this tragic loss? Is there a domestic violence policy in place? How are employees with emergency needs to be assisted? Is there specialized training for employees to educate on the proper response for a co-worker in need? Is there a workplace violence policy?

Luci Houston's death is a personal and community loss. Please use this personal tragedy as a catalyst to help others. Develop proper policies and make certain that the next print media conference has a workshop on this important issue.

To do less is to dishonor the life and memory of someone who gave so much to others.

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