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AzGS Joins League of Women Voters, Others to Host Forum -Violence Prevention: What Can You Do Personally, Professionally, Politically, an issue forum will be held Saturday, February 22, 2003 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at Scottsdale Community College, Turquoise Room. Moderator Pat McMahon will facilitate the panel discussion of workplace, domestic, school, and gun violence. Panelists include Doreen Nicholas, Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Sgt. Mark Yoshimura, Phoenix Police Dept.; Gerry Anderson, Arizonans for Gun Safety; representatives of Peer Solutions, and Dr. Gary Grove, psychiatrist.

Arizona is second in the nation for women killed by men. The teen suicide rate is twice the national average. The rate of children's death by gun went up 58% last year. Homicide is the second leading cause of death for women in the workplace. Homicide in the workplace is also the leading cause of death for workers under the age of 18. Every nine seconds, a woman in United States is physically abused. It is the leading cause of injury for women age 15 to 44. 30-45% of teen dating relationships involve violence.

This program will provide information and tools concerned citizens can use personally, professionally, and politically to make a difference and stem the prevalence of violence in society.

The cost \$10 per person, and free for students with student ID cards. For more information or to register, call the League of Women Voters Citizen Information Center, (602) 604-9148 or e-mail lwwmp1@lwwvaz.org

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