

COMMUNITY ISSUES PROGRAM LIST- KWAQ
First Quarter 2023 (January-April)
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The following is a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by KWAQ, VASHON, WA for the period of January 1st-April 10th. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance. All times are Pacific Daylight Time.

1. Inflation
2. Cybersecurity
3. Veterans
4. Foster Care
5. Drugs
6. Veterans

Issue	Program	Date	Time	Duration	Description of Program
Inflation	Closer Look	1/15/2023	7:00pm	28:39	<p>Closer Look: Food Prices, Fight Inflation From Your Fridge</p> <p>Food costs more these days. COVID-19 shutdowns drove up the price of labor, fertilizer and fuel needed to move crops from farms to factories to stores and eventually to your kitchen. What can you do? Should you panic buy? Comparison shop? K-LOVE's Billie Branham checks in with Assoc Prof. Joe Balagtas at Purdue University and Jordan Page, lifestyle blogger and mom of 8 for proven tips on cutting your grocery bill.</p> <p>Related Links: https://www.klove.com/news/us-and-world/closer-look-food-prices-fight-inflation-from-your-fridge-35979</p>
Cybersecurity	Closer Look	1/22/2023	7:00pm	28:54	<p>Closer Look: Don't Click That Link! Be CyberSmart</p> <p>Spam on social media. Emails that shout 'click here!' from an inbox full of tricks. Modern cybercriminals commit considerable time and talent to hacking your life. "If you have a gut feeling, if you have an instinct that something isn't right here – please listen to that." Don't click! Monika Kelly talks with Gavina Avila of the Better Business Bureau and Darren Mott, retired FBI agent and expert on cybersecurity.</p> <p>Related Links: https://www.klove.com/news/tech-science/k-love-closer-look-dont-click-that-link-be-cybersmart-39628</p>

Veterans	Closer Look	1/29/2023	7:00pm	15:36	<p>Helping People And Pets, “For The Love Of Alex” Pays Vet Bills</p> <p>Expensive vet bills can force a heartbreaking choice. “The tragedy is that a lot of these pets are surrendered to a shelter -- or they are euthanized – because their family cannot afford their medical care,” says Carla Isenberg, program manager at For The Love Of Alex. “We are trying to help those who are financially unable to help their pet.” Billie Branham reports. [Educational Media Foundation - All Rights Reserved]</p> <p>Related Links: https://www.klove.com/news/closer-look/home-improvement/closer-look-helping-people-and-pets-for-the-love-of-alex-pays-vet-bills-3413</p>
Kids Drugs	Closer Look	2/5/2023	7:00pm	29:17	<p>Closer Look: Kids Fooled By Fentanyl, Rx Fakes</p> <p>Kids are getting pills that look like Xanax or Percocet online or in the locker room. Often laced with fentanyl, these deadly drugs can be 100x stronger than morphine. “It’s terrifying,” says Pat Aussem of the Partnership to End Addiction. Ed Ternan, co-founder of Song for Charlie lost his college-aged son to one pill and now helps other parents warn their children. “We still say ‘just say no’ but we spell it K. N. O. W. because many of these young victims are dying from taking a substance they didn’t ask for.’ Bob Dittman reports.</p> <p>Related Links: https://www.klove.com/news/closer-look/health-and-safety/closer-look-kids-fooled-by-fentanyl-rx-fakes-4151</p>

Teen Foster Care	Closer Look	2/12/2023	7:00pm	16:05	<p>Free Brand-New 'Threads' For Teens In Foster Care Children in foster care often arrive at a new placement with just the clothes on their backs. Cathy Hamilton founded San Antonio Threads to give brand-new clothes to older youth(12yrs-21yrs) who have no family to take them shopping. "I've had kids say things like 'old clothes have bad memories, new clothes have good memories - - thank you for the fresh start." Bob Dittman reports.</p> <p>Related Links: https://www.klove.com/news/closer-look/home-improvement/closer-look-free-brandnew-threads-for-teens-in-foster-care-4736</p>
Teen Suicide Prevention	Closer Look	2/19/2023	7:00pm	13:00	<p>Closer Look: 'Tell Me More' - 3 Words To Prevent Teen Suicide Crushing loneliness and lack of purpose has seized millions of young adults, causing a frightening spike in teen suicides. Mental health experts urge parents, teachers and pastors to turn the tide of dark thoughts with these three little words: "Tell me more." Monika Kelly gets advice from Maureen Underwood with the Society for the Prevention of Teen Suicide who also serves as a social worker and psychotherapist.</p> <p>Related Links: https://www.sptsusa.org/about-us/ https://www.americashealthrankings.org/explore/health-of-women-and-children/measure/teen_suicide/state/ALL</p>

Adoption	Closer Look	3/26/2023	7:00pm	28:39	<p>Closer Look: Real Talk On Adoption - Thoughts On Trauma, Dignity and Birth Parents</p> <p>Children separated from their biological mothers will inevitably grieve that loss. “That’s trauma, when we lose our first family,” says Jenn Hook co-founder of Replanted Ministry. Hook spent years counseling foster children as a mental health professional. “We’re not always looking at it from the adoptee’s side,” she warns, for example, repeatedly calling one’s adoption a ‘gift’ can unintentionally hurt your child. Vanessa Joy Walker is an author and lifecoach who was herself adopted as a baby. “The issues of identity and abandonment are interwoven into who I am, they are part of what I call my emotional DNA.” Billie Wright reports.</p> <p>Related Links: https://www.replantedministry.org/about</p>
Disabled	Closer Look	4/2/2023	7:00pm	17:41	<p>Closer Look: Disabled Vets Skydive, Drive Racecars with Ranger Road</p> <p>No arms? No legs? No problem! “Whether you’re an amputee, double amputee, triple amputee, you’re paralyzed, our skydiving, our scuba, our car races -- they are all adaptive capable.” In fact, the leaders and trainers at RR events are themselves disabled vets. “Our skydiving program manager, he’s an 82nd airborne guy, double amputee.” Participation in these events can bring a soldier camaraderie and a renewed sense of purpose towards mental health and healing. Kindra Ponzio reports.</p> <p>Related Links: https://rangerroad.org/pages/our-programs</p>
One Love Foundation	PSA	1/30-2/12, 2023	15 seconds	112 spots, 8 times each day	<p>More than 1 in every 3 women – and almost 1 in 3 men – will be in an abusive relationship sometime during their life.</p> <p>One Love Foundation works to prevent abuse with free resources to help you identify the signs of an unhealthy relationship before it’s too late. Go to Join One Love dot org</p>

Vashon Island Fire & Rescue - Vashon, WA	Local News	2/26/2023	7:30pm	n/a	Jeanice Lee talks to Fire Chief, Matthew Vinci, of Vashon Island Fire & Rescue. VIFR started as a volunteer fire dept in the 1940s. The dept has progressed over the years with a combination of full time staff augmented by volunteer EMTs, Firefighters and the local support group for big scale incidents. Chief Vinci shares about the role and training of firefighters/EMTs. He talks about the importance of having a smoke detector, carbon monoxide detector and fire extinguishers in your home. He gives tips on how to prevent and be prepared for a fire in your home. Connect at (VIFR.org) or call 206.463.2405
Preventing Veteran Suicides	Local News	3/5/2023	7:30pm	n/a	Monika Kelly speaks with two staff members from the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs-- Keith Meyer, Director of Counseling and Wellness and Codie Garza, Suicide Prevention Manager about preventing veteran suicide. Every day across the nation, an average of 22 veterans decide to take their own lives daily across the nation and the VA in Washington has made counseling free, private and accessible to all servicemembers and veterans. Previously, military personnel and veterans feared consequences in their careers for seeking mental health help. Garza discussed the VA's "upstream model" designed to connect the veteran with community and various resources to help them return to a healthy mental place. Meyer shared a particular story of hope about a veteran who was contemplating suicide and is now living a productive, happy life helping other veterans.
The P.A.C.T. ACT (Promise To Address Comprehensive Toxics Act)	Local News	3/12/2023	7:30pm	n/a	Monika Kelly speaks with Steve Gill, Veterans Services Administrator for the Washington State Veterans Affairs office about the newly signed P.A.C.T. Act (the Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act), which promises health care to Vietnam and Gulf War-Era (1990-present) veterans who've been exposed to Agent Orange, toxic burn pits and toxic chemicals during their time of service and have developed some sort of medical condition (cancer, diabetes, high blood pressure, etc.) as a result. This is a large expansion of federal VA services, which may impact 1 in 5 veterans in Washington State.

