

Story: City of Macomb Vandalism

Air Date: May 11th, 2015

Story Setup:

THE MACOMB POLICE DEPARTMENT IS LOOKING FOR THE PERSON BEHIND---SPRAY PAINTING RACIAL SLURS ON A HOUSE YESTERDAY MORNING. ONE OF THE TENANTS SAYS HE'S A VICTIM OF A HATE CRIME.

Package:

WHILE WORDS CAN DO HARM...

<'I thought we made progress with that but i guess there's still those few that just doesn't care still.'>

ITS ACTIONS THAT CAN SPEAK LOUDER.....

< 'I didn't think it should have escalated that far...'>

SUNDAY ON WEST MURRAY STREET IN MACOMB

<'It was like around 5:30 that morning um a police officer knocked on the door and he asked me to come out and then I came out and I just saw everything">

WORDS SPRAY PAINTED ON THIS RENTAL HOUSE...

<'It said kill me then the n-word.'>

A SWASTIKA SIGN ABOVE IT....AND A CAR A TARGET TOO....

<'he was obviously drunk because the words he spelled on the car it didn't make sense. He used another word for vagina on the car and just like random words on the cars then everything else squiggle wise.'>

WHILE THE SPRAY PAINT HAS BEEN CLEANED UP...RICHARD FARMER SAYS THE WORDS WERE A DIRECT ATTACK AT HIM AND HIS ROOMMATES...

< 'my roommate is Jewish so that's obviously offensive to him and me being African American the n word is obviously offensive to me, it just wasn't called for at all.'>

EVEN THOUGH THE INCIDENT HAPPENED OFF CAMPUS-- THE PRESIDENT OF WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY RELEASED A STATEMENT MONDAY SAYING..

'Acts of prejudice, harassment, and bigotry will not be tolerated. They have no place at our University, or in this community. The individuals who are responsible for this incident should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. If those responsible are WIU students, they will be expelled.'

SENDING A STRONG MESSAGE THAT WORDS SHOULDN'T BE USE OUT OF HATE...

Story Tag:

THE TENANT SAYS THERE WAS AN ALTERCATION WITH A PERSON AT THEIR HOUSE THE NIGHT BEFORE...WHO HE SAYS HE BELIEVES IS BEHIND THE VANDALISM...POLICE HAVE QUESTIONED THAT PERSON AND ARE CONDUCTING ADDITIONAL INTERVIEWS

Story: WIU Book Fee Debate

Air Date: April 30th, 2015

Story Setup:

COLLEGE STUDENTS... WILL HAVE A SAY... ON A NEW PLAN... THAT COULD CHANGE THE WAY THEY BUY BOOKS. AND THERE ARE MIXED FEELINGS... ON THE NEW FEE.

Package:

JUDE KI-YA IS TRYING TO CHANGE THE WAY WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY STUDENTS BUY TEXTBOOKS...

<" they're spending an enormous amount of time looking for them at the best price wherever but more than that struggling pay for these books.">

KI-YA RUNS THE BOOKSTORE ON CAMPUS... AND PROPOSED A NON-BINDING *UNIVERSAL BOOK* REFERENDUM... INSTEAD OF STUDENTS PAYING OUT OF POCKET FOR THEIR BOOKS...A FEE WOULD BE ADDED TO THEIR TUITION BILL, SO STUDENTS COULD USE FINANCIAL AID TO PAY FOR THEM.

<"20 percent of our students do not have books, another 20 percent are what i called crippled on their books, they can ply get one one or two they have wait for a while.">

KI-YA SAYS ON AVERAGE STUDENTS ARE PAYING 106 DOLLARS PER CLASS... SO A FULL COURSE-LOAD... ADDS UP.

<"I want to say probably spent around 500 dollars or more." >

UNDER HIS PLAN... THE COST OF BOOKS... WOULD BE BASED ON THE CREDIT HOURS EARNED IN THE CLASS. NO FEE WOULD BE GREATER THEN 20 DOLLARS PER SEMESTER HOUR THE UNIVERSITY IS LETTING THE STUDENTS HAVE A SAY... ALLOWING THEM TO VOTE ONLINE.

<"Thats one of the reason why people in underprivileged areas don't go to college bc of book cost.">

AND WHILE SOME SAY THE NEW OPTION WOULD HELP THEM OUT...OTHERS ARE NOT SOLD ON THE IDEA...

< " it adds a lot of added expenses to classes that don't need that many books, or in my case when im student teaching thats 12 semester hours that I just don't have a book at all and that will be 240 dollars I have to pay out of pocket." >

Story Tag:

THIS REFERENDUM WOULD IMPACT THE QUAD CITIES CAMPUS AS WELL.IF IT PASSES THE PROGRAM WOULDN'T START UNTIL FALL 2016. STUDENTS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE ONLINE TUESDAY.

Story: Hampton Bike Path Problem

Air Date: March 26th, 2015

Story Setup:

THE NEW SIGNS POSTED IN AN ILLINOIS COMMUNITY... SEEM TO IMPLY ONE THING...BUT THE PROBLEM IS FAR WORSE THAN YOU THOUGHT... IN THE VILLAGE OF HAMPTON ILLINOIS. RUNNERS AND CYCLISTS WHO TAKE THE BIKE PATH MIGHT HAVE NOTICE A NEW SIGN..."STOP POOPING ON BIKE PATH" AND WHILE MOST THINK ITS A MESSAGE FOR DOGS...IT'S FOR THE COMPLETE OPPOSITE...

Package:

THE SMALL VILLAGE OF HAMPTON ILLINOIS SITS ALONG THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER...SO ON NICE SUNNY DAYS PEOPLE TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE BIKE PATH...BUT JUST RECENTLY...A NEW ADDITION WAS ADDED TO THEIR ROUTE....

< "I saw a sign that said um clean up your poop with like a little poop emoji sign and and you know i've never really seen a sign like that before on the running path.">

TWO NEW SIGNS...SENDING A MESSAGE TO A CERTAIN SOMEONE...

< "No its not for pets...its for the two legged...humans.">

HAMPTON'S PUBLIC WORK'S SUPERVISOR SCOTT MCKAY SAYS IT'S BEEN HAPPENING FOR TWO YEARS NOW...

<"Its just pretty nasty to talk about.">

SCOTT SAYS HE KNOWS IT'S HUMAN POOP...

< "Well animals don't carry toilet paper and then stuff it on the top...its pretty nasty." >

LEAVING TOILET PAPER ON TOP EVERY SINGLE TIME...RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BIKE PATH...

< "It's gross and other people shouldn't have to use our path like that. Can you imagine if you were riding a bike and it slung up on...ew.">

< "I know some runs people have to hold it for a while but I've never thought of carrying toilet paper and just squatting on the side of the road." >

< "Oh heaven's no I ain't picking that up...nope not me.">

A MYSTERY TO MANY AS TO WHY

<"Got me haha i have no idea.">

...ESPECIALLY WHEN THERE'S PUBLIC RESTROOMS NEAR BY...WHATEVER THE CASE MAY BE...SCOTT SAY'S IT'S GETTING OLD NOT MENTION DISGUSTING...

<"its not a joke, its pretty nasty.">

SO THEY PUT UP THE SIGNS TO GET THEIR MESSAGE ACROSS... LOUD AND CLEAR.

<"We got enough goose crap on the bike path let alone humans.">

Story Tag:

SCOTT THINKS ITS ONE PERSON BEHIND IT...HE ALSO SAYS THAT HE'S TALKED TO SOME OTHER PEOPLE FROM NEIGHBORING TOWNS WHO SAY THEY HAVE THE SAME PROBLEM... SCOTT HOPES THE SIGNS WILL GET THE PERSON TO STOP GOING TO THE BATHROOM OUTSIDE

Story: Davenport Central High School Scholarship

Air Date: April 29th, 2015

Story Setup:

THE LAST FEW DAYS - HAVE BEEN A ROLLER COASTER RIDE - FOR A NEPALESE STUDENT AT DAVENPORT CENTRAL STUDENT... BUT TODAY-- SOME *GREAT NEWS FOR HER... AS SHE WAS AWARDED A 20-THOUSAND DOLLAR SCHOLARSHIP.

AHILYA KARTKA IS A SENIOR AT DAVENPORT CENTRAL BUT WAS BORN AND RAISED IN NEPAL...SHE CAME TO THE UNITED STATES JUST TWO YEARS AGO...GETTING THIS SCHOLARSHIP WILL NOT ONLY HELP HER LAND HER DREAM JOB BUT ALSO GIVER HER THE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE BACK TO NEPAL COMMUNITY.

Package:

INSIDE DAVENPORT CENTRAL...IT WAS A NICE BREAK FROM REALITY FOR SENIOR A-HIL-YA KART-KA...

< "With all the events that happening in my life it was definitely very, very exciting moment in my life.">

SHE WAS AWARDED THE 20-15 *DOOLEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP*....20,000 DOLLARS AWARDED TO A STUDENT WHO'S IN THE TOP 10 PERCENT OF THEIR CLASS AND WANTS TO BECOME A DOCTOR...

THAT REALITY....THOUSANDS OF MILES AWAY IN NEPAL...

< "I'm sadden by the fact villages have been completely destroyed and there are people that don't have houses to live in anymore.">

A-HIL-YA WAS BORN AND RAISED IN NEPAL...JUST TWO YEARS AGO...HER MOTHER MOVED A-HIL-YA AND HER BROTHER TO DAVENPORT SO THEY COULD GET A BETTER EDUCATION...HER FAMILY LEFT BEHIND IN NEPAL..

< "I definitely wish I was somehow helping, you almost tend to feel helpless that you're not out there directly with the people while they're going through such a horrible tragedy." >

SHE LEARNED ABOUT THE EARTHQUAKES ON HER WAY TO COLLEGE ORIENTATION AT HARVARD...SHE WOULDN'T LEARN ABOUT THE SEVERITY OF IT UNTIL LATER...

< "When I see images of houses dismantled and people out there on the streets. I can't help but think of how I was the one walking through the streets back then.">

LUCKILY HER FAMILY IS OKAY..AND DAYS LIKE TODAY HELP HER FOCUS ON HER DREAM OF BECOMING A DOCTOR...A DREAM SHE REALIZED AFTER VOLUNTEERING AT SEVERAL HOSPITALS IN NEPAL...

< "The whole idea of meet new people and then help them out and rid them of you now diseases that have been troubling them, the whole idea of it seemed amazing.">

HOPING AFTER COLLEGE SHE CAN TAKE HER DEGREE BACK TO NEPAL.

<"I definitely want to go back home and help the people out there because I think that is where my talents and my education would be the best use.">

Story Tag:

AHILYA HOPES SHE CAN MAKE A TRIP BACK HOME THIS SUMMER BEFORE SHE STARTS HARVARD IN THE FALL.