

## San Jose State University – [Advanced Broadcast Journalism Students \(J163\)](#)

### **TIMELY VIDEO NEWS FEATURES**

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#### **HOLIDAY FEAR OF FLYING** By Jayme Sy

<http://ireport.cnn.com/docs/DOC-521554>

20 percent of travelers have a fear of flying and with the holiday season fast approaching, some travelers holiday plans are being altered by their personal phobias. Robin Spillner has taken fear of flying classes to ease her anxieties on flying and now relies on medication and self-motivation before her flights to calm her nerves. Airline staff and travel agent try to assure flyers that they are secure and to enjoy their journeys.

#### **CARE PACKAGES FOR OVERSEAS MARINES** by Gina Esposito

<http://ireport.cnn.com/docs/DOC-521090>

Over time, many Americans have been sending care packages to loved ones stationed overseas in Afghanistan, but one man has really been shocked to hear that this isn't enough for our soldiers. "Troops Direct", a recently new non-profile organization that supplies the service people with everyday items, is a unique special outreach effort that has helped thousands of service people overseas. This special feature focuses on the efforts of one man and impact he has had on many Americans who have been fighting in our war.

#### **MUSLIMS & MEDIA MESSAGES** by Courtney Jolander

<http://ireport.cnn.com/docs/DOC-521585>

Since 9/11 to the recent debates on the mosque at ground zero as well as racial profiling at airports, America has been in a state of Islamophobia and many blame the media for it. American Muslim Ahmed Falol used to get in fights because people would attack him for his religion, but now he uses poetry to slam his aggressors.

#### **CALIFORNIA HOLIDAY HARDSHIPS-** Natalie Maharaj

<http://ireport.cnn.com/docs/DOC-521612>

While some of us rush for holiday bargains and Black Friday sales, others are dreading the holidays and hoping it will be over soon. Many are jobless and have been for quite some time. Other individuals are holding part time jobs and living paycheck to paycheck to make ends meet. These unfortunate people have fallen victim to the current economic times and struggle to get by. Local charities are their only hope for the holiday.

#### **HOLIDAY SOUP KITCHEN COOK** by Jackson Wright

<http://ireport.cnn.com/docs/DOC-521305>

After a debilitating back injury, Silicon Valley man Denis Leyva was unable to return to work, so he began to volunteer at a local soup kitchen. 18 years later, Leyva is the head chef, preparing meals twice a week for the needy community, a job that he truly loves where he can give back.

#### **HOLIDAY BOOMING THRIFT STORE** by Margarita Kitowa

<http://ireport.cnn.com/docs/DOC-521199>

While some retailers are struggling to attract customers this holiday season, thrift stores seem to be on the rise as consumers are trying to stretch every dollar. Some thrift stores report high sales but donations in places like the Goodwill, are down. But one Northern California store is lucky to be located in one of the wealthiest communities in the Bay Area where donations keep rolling in and business is booming.

### **SENIOR CENTER by Tracie Loretz**

<http://ireport.cnn.com/docs/DOC-521430>

The recession has affected many different types of businesses negatively from start-ups to established corporations. Many people do not realize, however, that non profit organizations feel the affects of the poor economy as well. 71 year old Ron Siemsen is a volunteer driver at a senior center in Northern California. He stresses the importance of volunteering, especially when a stagnant economy cannot be financially supportive.

### **SILICON VALLEY SOUP KITCHEN by Brielle Washington**

<http://ireport.cnn.com/docs/DOC-521084>

More Americans are turning to the nation's network of food banks due to high unemployment levels. With a 12% unemployment rate, California remains one of the hardest hit states of this struggling economy. One Northern California soup kitchen will serve over 200,000 free meals to needy men, woman and children this year. This news feature gives an inside look on two Silicon Valley residents who were laid off but have found support through a local food bank.

### **MILITARY FAMILIES/ HOLIDAYS by Fernanda Lopez**

<http://ireport.cnn.com/docs/DOC-521583>

As the holiday season rolls around, it's not a happy time for everyone. Military families who must spend the holiday season without their loved ones that are away must cope like 20 year old Nakita Hernandez who now cares for her and her husband's three month old son on her own while he is away for basic training. But Operation Care and Comfort is helping the troops by sending care packages with cards and candy inside to inspire them during the holiday season.

### **CA VETS SCOUTING FOR FOOD by Michael Cronenwett**

<http://ireport.cnn.com/docs/DOC-521257>

With the holiday season approaching, non profit organizations are doing their best to help those in need. One of these is a Vietnam Veteran who has fallen on tough times and thinks his tenure in the war has led to more some major health problems.

### **HOMELESS DURING THE HOLIDAYS by Dominic Urrutia**

<http://ireport.cnn.com/docs/DOC-521564>

Homeless for over 12 years, Daniel Brillhart will get a fresh start, and a rare job opportunity to help him take life in a new direction during this holiday season. All made possible by the help of a Silicon Valley nonprofit.

## **HOLIDAY HOMELESS & DISABLED by Gabe Guerrero**

*(i-Reports URL not yet available)*

While many of us enjoy this holiday season in our homes, for some, it will just be another day in the streets. Follow how a man, who's been homeless for ten years, lives off the kindness of others along side his canine friend. This report explores a homeless shelter and their mission to bring back the human spirit.

## **The Economic Downturn in the Silicon Valley**

<http://ireport.cnn.com/docs/DOC-512402>

A timely brainstorming/roundtable discussion by west coast advanced journalism students discussing current economic challenges and personal situation related to the economy in Northern California. Statewide, the overall deficit is now estimated at more than 25 million dollars.

## **Journalism 163 Student Profiles: Fall Semester, 2010.**

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