Three Photos Assignment

For this assignment, you’ll be using the Nikon D7000 to shoot three different types of photojournalistic pictures. Each picture adds its own layer of information to the overall package, so they should not be redundant to each other.

1. The scene setter
   This is a photograph that gives the viewer a sense of place, a feel for where the action is happening, where the event is, where the person works, etc. It is often a wide-angle, overall shot. This can be taken from a number of angles. One approach is to find a way to get above the action. A set of stairs or balcony is a good place to explore.

2. The portrait
   This is a photograph of the main subject – a person! The person’s head and shoulders MUST fill at least 50 percent of the frame. This means you’ll have to get up close to them. Ideally, you will capture (shoot) the person while he or she is in the process of doing something. If you can’t get close enough while they are doing something then shoot a posed head & shoulders shot of them, again making sure the person fills at least 50 percent of the frame. As we progress into the semester the 70-300mm lens will help in a situation where you can’t get close.

3. The detail shot
   A detail photograph is generally an extreme tight close-up shot. The detail shot is all about looking around and seeing minute or discreet items that the ordinary (non-observant) person would miss. These pictures will be the key to having an effective Soundslides show when that assignment is due.

The subject(s) of your photos will be determined by the story idea pitched to and accepted by your lab instructor. Remember you will need more than three pictures for your future assignments. A Soundslides show will require from 25-30 pictures. So work this assignment for a variety of pictures and angles. But we only require three pictures for grading this portion of the assignment.

Use Photoshop Elements/Photoshop CS5 to tone and crop your photos. Size them so that they aren’t larger than 5 inches on their longest side. Set your resolution to 150 dpi and make sure your photo files are saved to that resolution. This can be done under image, resize, image size in PSE and image, image size in CS5. It can also be done using the crop tool.

Every photo requires a caption, written in AP photo caption style.
You will turn in your three photos and captions using Blackboard. Consult with your lab instructor for your deadline. Any attempts to upload your assignment after that deadline will result the lowering of your grade by one full letter grade.