

Use these techniques to keep camera steady

How you old your camera when you photograph is important to obtain sharp pictures. Camera movement during exposure is one of the most frequent causes of unsharp photos. Too often, I've seen amateur photographers jerk the shutter release button and what could have been a prize-winning picture is hopelessly lost to camera jiggles. There are some simple techniques you can follow when not using a tripod to minimize the shakes and maximize the chances of steady and sharp pictures.



Holding his camera steady produced this razor-sharp photograph for Monte Nagler. A 1/500-second shutter speed with a 400mm lens did the trick.

against your face, take a breath, hold it and gently squeeze the shutter release. Chances are you'll make a picture free from camera movement.

Even try bracing yourself against a nearby tree or set your camera atop a fence post or car roof to improve sharpness.

What shutter speed should you use? It depends on the size of the lens you're using. A general rule is to use a shutter speed equal to or faster than the focal length of the lens. For example, use a shutter speed of 1/60 second or faster when using a normal 50 mm lens. A 1/250 second speed should be

used with a 200 mm lens and a 1/15 second or faster with a 17mm wide angle lens.

With a zoom lens, this guideline still holds true. Just use Q shutter speed close to wherever you've set your zoom.

A golfer will practice his swing and how to properly hold the club.

A marksman will practice squeezing the trigger. Photographers, too, should practice their handling and shooting techniques.

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message by dialing (734)953-2047 on a touch tone phone.

WHERE CAN I FIND?

Through reader feedback, this interactive feature is dedicated to helping readers locate retail merchandise that's difficult to find. If where a product is sold or service is available, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number. Please be patient about your requests and feedback; we receive an overwhelming number of phone calls. Also, please spell any uncommon items. If you don't see information about your request, we couldn't find it. Requests are published twice.

WHAT WE FOUND

- Chast by Donna Karan is no longer available similar is her new fragrance Black Cashmere.
- DVD pocket tee shirts are no longer manufactured.
- A bulk food store can be found on Orchard Lake road south of Maple road (15 Mile) in the shopping center with Hile Photo.

FIND AND SEARCH

- A reader has a Mountain King artificial tree to donate to an charitable organization.
- A reader has a Singer sewing machine and sewing supplies to donate to nonprofit organization. The reader lives in Sterling Heights.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR

- A store that sells chicory for coffee for Dolly of Westland.
- A store that sells Bend Over socks for women for Kim.
- A store that sells Benson's fruit-cakes for Cindy.
- A store that sells Knott's raspberry Vinagrette salad dressing for Stacey.
- A store that sells Five Brothers Tomato Alfredo sauces for Kelli.
- A store that sells a dickey with a collar to wear under sweaters for Carmen of Livonia.
- A store that sells a turtle-neck sweatshirt made by Russell Athletic Wear for Sue of South Lyon.
- A store that sells mothball flakes for Andrew.
- A store that sells a Big Ben alarm clock made by Westclock for Francie of Commerce Township.
- A store that sells Season Ticket slacks for women for Kathy.
- A store that sells Members Only men's jackets for Irma.
- A store that sells Colgate Star Wars Galactic bubble mint toothpaste (Barth Vader on front) for Kim of Livonia.

- A store that sells La Laura perfume for Lori of Garden City.

- A locksmith that can make or has a matching key for an old roll top desk for Susan.

- A store that sells a removable side sash for Patti windows for Katie.

- A store that sells Jersey Bell milk bottles for Jan of Westland.

- A store that sells Andrea Eye O's (eye mask) for Margaret.

- A store that sells a videocassette of the television series *Northmen Exposure* for Adrienne.

- A bulk food store is in the Farmington area for Marge of Farmington Hills.

- A store that sells a large-scale rug beater for Dale.

- A store that sells Breck shampoo in the gallon size for Edith.

- A store that sells the Clairol Kindness hot rollers for Karen of Livonia.

- A store that sells men's slacks with a 28-inch waist and 32-inch inseam for Ed of Plymouth.

- A store that sells Sock Locks for socks to be used in the washing machine for Maxine.

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SOUND BITES

Wait for Me (Tone-Cool, \$17.98) by Susan Tedeschi

Wait for Me is a delightful follow-up to Susan Tedeschi's best-selling *Just Won't Burn*. The new album is laden with blues but laced with soul, R&B and good old rock 'n' roll. The first single, "Alone," is a

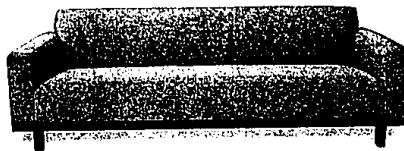
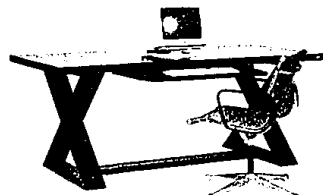
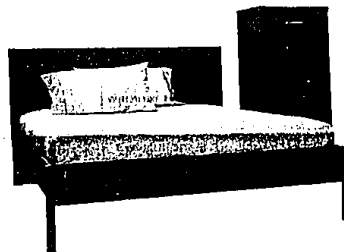
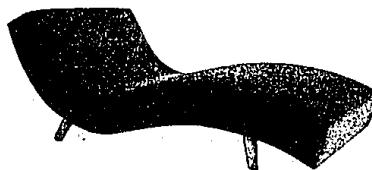
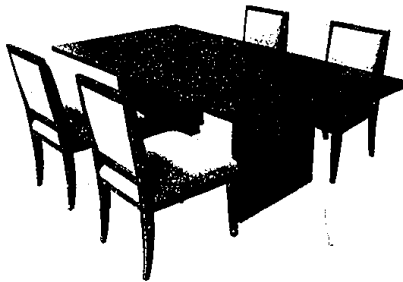
sampler of her powerful style — and of even better things to come. The title cut is Tedeschi at her it's-over-now bluesy best with a powerful background of saxophone, piano and Hammond B3 organ. She rocks out with "Feeling Music Brings," which runs more than seven minutes. The

album also includes a charming cover of Bob Dylan's "Don't Think Twice," a raucous "I Fell in Love" and the dreamy acoustic closer, "Blues on a Holiday." Fans will be thrilled by Tedeschi's vocal and instrumental twists.

- Tom Gardner, AP Writer

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