



## photography

**Monte Nagler**

# Keep portrait subject relaxed

A good portrait should tell something about the subject. A photograph of someone is, in a sense, a visual biography. In fact, some of the best portraits go beyond mere likenesses, to become interpretations of the subject's character.

How do you go about getting good, meaningful portraits? Let's start with lenses.

The best focal length lenses to use are those between 85mm and 200mm. Any lens shorter than 85mm such as your normal 35mm lens will necessitate shooting at an uncomfortably close distance and will result in distortion of the face. Any lens larger than 200 will flatten the image and the face won't appear normal in the finished portrait.

**BE PREPARED** to take lots of pictures. Facial expressions are constantly changing and each subtle shift should be captured on film. Often, an entire roll of film will produce only two or three good shots.

For correct exposures, move in close and take your reading directly off the skin. This way, an extremely light or dark background won't influence the meter.

Lighting is of utmost importance. The best guideline is to keep it simple. I prefer natural window light on a single artificial light at a 45-degree angle to the side and above the subject. To fill in the side of the face

opposite the light source, use a white poster board as a reflector. If you desire, an extra light above and behind the subject will dramatically accentuate the hair.

Be sure that there's a sparkle in the eyes that is caused by the reflection of the light source. This is called a "catch light" and is crucial "life" to a portrait. Also, because the eyes are the most important facial feature, always focus sharply on them.

**WATCH YOUR background.** A plain wall or piece of poster board will serve as an ideal interior background. Outdoors, consider using a wide aperture to reduce depth-of-field and blur out what could be a distracting background.

Shoot using a vertical format. Faces naturally go up and down so your composition should fit accordingly.

If your subject is wearing glasses, carefully check the viewfinder for unwanted reflections and adjust the lighting or the subject's position if necessary.

Before starting to shoot, build a rapport between you and your subject. How best to do this? By lots of conversation and being relaxed yourself. You'll see that your model will quickly relax, too.

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Monte Nagler had no trouble relaxing his subject and capturing a natural expression. It's his wife, Mickey, part-time model. He used a main light and a soft fill with a white wall for background.

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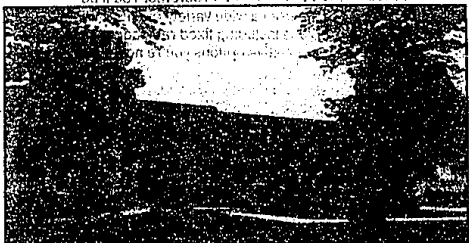
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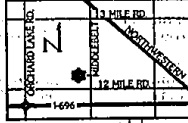
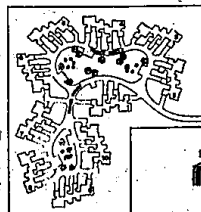
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