

## Proper Handling is Important



Camera handling skills must be learned and practiced. The recommended way of holding a camera, which is usually illustrated on the camera manual, is meant to avoid the disastrous results caught in this image published in the Memphis Commercial Appeal. The proud moment likely was ruined by the heavy shadow caused when the flash was obstructed by the photographers' hand on the zoom mechanism. Adjusting the zoom with the hand over the top of the lens places the hand in front of the built-in flash thus blocking most of the light from reaching the subject. Below is an example of the result.

Improperly  
held

Properly  
held

