

Shutterbug opens exhibit



MONTE NAGLER
"A creative outlet"

Next week will be a doubly big one for photographer Monte Nagler.

His "biggest exhibit ever" will open March 9 through April 27 at Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn — 48 pictures in both color and black and white.

And next Thursday he will begin a 13-week stint as an op-ed page columnist for Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, using his own works to illustrate points that any beginning photographer can grasp.

It's hard to say which event excites him most.

Both give him the chance to express how he feels about the world he sees. He looks at the same buildings and animals and artifacts as millions of other Michiganders, but his photographs reveal entirely different views.

In photographic circles, he is known as president of the Greater Detroit Camera Clubs Council, with 22 member organizations. One of his articles will be about the different kinds of clubs.

Others will be on "impact" photos, how to use a wide-angle lens, how to darken skies and what to look for at the zoo. He stresses vision as much as technique.

Born 40 years ago in Ann Arbor, Nagler earned a bachelor's degree in engineering and a master of business administration degree from the University of Michigan. He was business manager of the Michigan Daily when the editor was Tom Hayden, later founder of Students for a Democratic Society and husband of Jane Fonda.

"In 1963," Nagler said, "I went to work for Ford Motor Co. in product planning. But I got tired of working for someone else."

"I opened up two Midas Muffler shops in 1970, in Farmington and Taylor. I didn't get into photography until afterward. I needed a creative outlet. I didn't have that watching guys put mufflers on cars all day."

The West Bloomfield resident joined Motor City Camera Club in 1972 and became its president in 1973, rising to president of the club council in 1976.

A highlight of his life was studying with Ansel Adams, the patriarch of photography best known for his photos of Yosemite National Park and the American West.

Nagler has an exhibit in the Halsted Gallery in Birmingham and the Blixt Gallery in Ann Arbor. He also teaches a course at Bel-Crest Photo in West Bloomfield.

Toxic wastes to be conference topic

Causes, effects and prevention of contamination of groundwater supplies by toxic chemicals will be topics of an all-day conference Saturday, March 1, at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus, 1-696 at Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills.

This conference is designed to furnish a practical understanding of the ecological and human health problems associated with the release of toxic substances into the environment. It will be aimed at concerned citizens who lack a technical background.

Topics include the role of toxic chemicals and their cycling in the environment, their threat to human health, and state and federal legislation for regulation and control of toxic chemicals.

Experts from Michigan State University, Michigan Department of Natu-

ral Resources, Michigan Department of Public Health, the University of Michigan, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), and the Michigan Legislature will discuss advantages and disadvantages of methods to treat, store and manage hazardous chemicals.

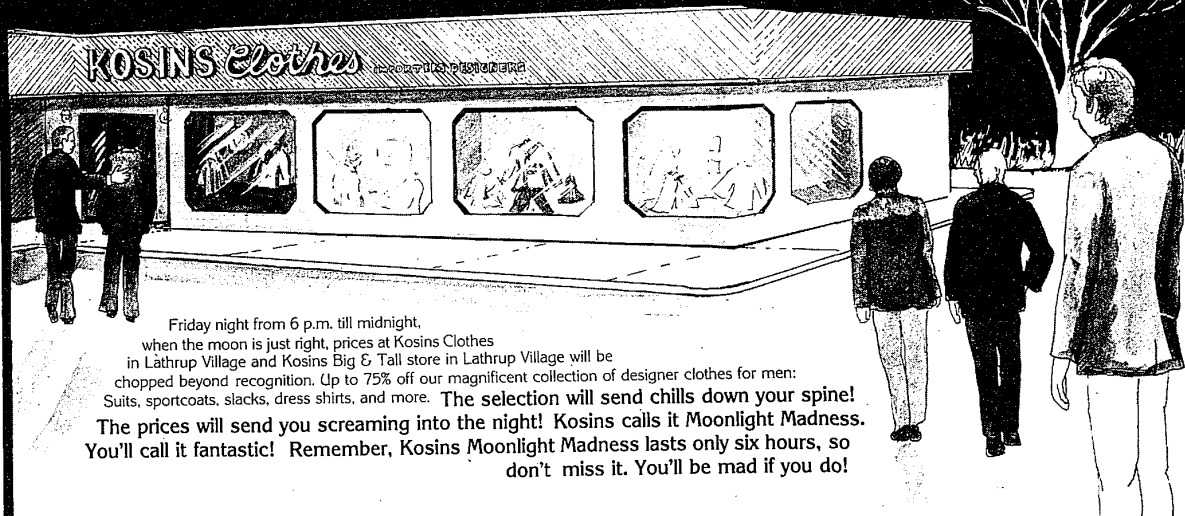
One session will inform citizens where to seek assistance in obtaining help with a toxic chemical contamination problem. In addition, a number of workshops will allow participants to interact directly with speakers.

The conference will be held in Room 305 of Building J. A registration fee of \$15 includes the educational sessions, lunch, coffee breaks and a conference workbook. For registration materials, contact Wayne H. Nierman, Oakland county extension director, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac or phone 658-0880.

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