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Summary Information

Repository:	Walter P. Reuther Library
Creator:	Weaver, Joe, 1928-2018
Title:	Joe Weaver Papers
ID:	UP001554
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Abstract:	Joe Weaver was an award-winning broadcast journalist for WJBK-TV2 Detroit (later Fox 2 Detroit). Weaver became an anchor for WJBK-TV2 in 1963, where he covered social, political, and economic issues in Detroit and developed a reputation for his understanding of the automotive industry's relationship with labor unions. The Joe Weaver Papers document Weaver's three decades of news coverage at WJBK-TV2 and consist of his research notes, sources, broadcast scripts and production-related documents, and viewer correspondence. Subjects of particular interest include the automotive industry and the UAW, and issues related to race, education, housing, crime, and transit in Detroit. Viewer correspondence illustrates a range of attitudes and opinions from Detroit-area residents on the issues covered on WJBK-TV2 and on Weaver's treatment of the issues.

Citation Style

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History

Joe Weaver was an award-winning broadcast journalist for WJBK-TV2 Detroit. Born in Muncie, Indiana in 1928, Weaver began his broadcast career in radio as a staff announcer for WTOD-radio

Toledo (1948-1950); staff announcer and news writer for WKJG-radio Fort Wayne (1950-1952); chief announcer, newscaster, and disc jockey for WTOL-radio Toledo (1952-1956); and program director and radio news anchor for WTOL-radio Toledo (1956-1960). In 1960, Weaver moved to television broadcast, serving as anchor on the 6:00pm and 11:00pm news for WTOL-TV Toledo until 1963 when he took over the same slots at WJBK-TV2 Detroit (later Fox 2 Detroit). Weaver remained at the Detroit news station until his retirement in 1993, serving as anchor, documentary and general assignment reporter, special projects editor, business and labor editor, and producer over his thirty-year tenure at the station. Weaver covered local issues related to race, education, housing, crime, and transit, and significant local events including *Milliken v. Bradley*, busing, and desegregation of the Detroit Public Schools and the 1967 Detroit uprising. The son of a plant worker and union representative, Weaver was known for his understanding of the automotive industry's relationship with labor unions, covering the United Automobile Workers (UAW) extensively. He died in 2018 in Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan.

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Scope and Content

The Joe Weaver Papers document Weaver's three decades of news coverage at WJBK-TV2 and consist of his research notes, sources, broadcast scripts and production-related documents, and viewer correspondence. Folders typically correspond with one or more stories by title or topic and are dated according to date aired; folder contents, including research materials, may fall outside the period noted. Series 1, Subseries 7 folders are titled by news segment and generally contain the same subjects and breadth as otherwise represented in Series 1. Subjects of particular interest include the automotive industry and the UAW, and issues related to race, education, housing, crime, and transit in Detroit. The *Perspective* segment and viewer correspondence illustrate a range of attitudes and opinions from Detroit-area residents on the issues covered on WJBK-TV2 and on Weaver's treatment of the issues.

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Arrangement

Arranged in 2 series – Series 1: News stories, segments, and subjects (Boxes 1-9), Series 2: Administrative files and project ideas (Boxes 9-10.). Folders are arranged alphabetically, except in Series 1 - Subseries G, which is arranged chronologically.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Acquisition

The Joe Weaver Papers were donated to the Walter P. Reuther Library by Joe Weaver in 1993.

Processing History

Processed and finding aid written by Leah Minadeo on February 23, 2022.

Access

Collection is open for research.

Use

Refer to the Walter P. Reuther Library "Rules for Use of Archival Materials."

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Related Materials

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LOH002327 Olga Madar Oral History

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Controlled Access Headings

- Broadcast journalism
- Television news programs
- Detroit news
- Detroit -- Economic conditions
- Detroit -- social conditions
- Labor unions -- Michigan -- Detroit -- History
- WJBK-TV (Television Station : Detroit, Mich.)

Collection Inventory

Series 1: News stories, segments, and subjects

Subseries A: Urban issues, housing, education, and transit

Title/Description	Instances	
Busing and desegregation, Detroit, 1972-1975	box 1	folder 1
Canned goods drive, "The Angel's Song", 1979	box 1	folder 2
City-Church Task Force, Detroit parish merger and closings, 1987-1988	box 1	folder 3
City of Detroit charter revision, 1974	box 1	folder 4
"Condominium Living", 1974	box 1	folder 5
Detroit 1967 uprising, "Riot Revisited", 1967, 1977	box 1	folder 6
Detroit high school demonstrations, "Confrontation in the Classroom", 1965	box 1	folder 7
Detroit history series, 1988	box 1	folder 8
Detroit special education and employment, 1974	box 1	folder 9
Education crisis panel, 1972	box 1	folder 10
"Education: A Search for Quality", 1972	box 1	folder 11
Electric vehicles, 1979-1981	box 1	folder 12
Electric vehicles, "The Electric Adventure", 1981	box 1	folder 13
Electric vehicles, "The Electric Adventure", 1981	box 1	folder 14
Housing and urban development, "Big City Crisis", 1974	box 1	folder 15
Housing discrimination, 1974	box 1	folder 16

Housing in Detroit, "A Place to Live: An in-Depth Report", 1971	box 1	folder 17
Housing problems in Detroit suburbs, 1971	box 1	folder 18
Mass, rapid, and commuter transit, circa 1970s	box 1	Folders 19-22

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Includes General Motors' response to claims raised by the Industrial Reorganization Act, "The Truth About 'American Ground Transport'—A Reply by General Motors."

Mass transit, 1975	box 2	Folders 1-2
Oakland County Planning Commission, 1968-1971	box 2	folder 3
Parks and recreation, Kerner Commission, 1971	box 2	folder 4
Quality of life survey, Detroit, 1975	box 2	folder 5
Race relations in Detroit, "How Green is My Ghetto", 1970	box 2	folder 6
Residential arson in Detroit, 1973	box 2	folder 7
Urban issues, "Michigan's Big City Crisis", 1971	box 2	folder 8

Subseries B: Policy, government, and crime

Title/Description	Instances	
"Anatomy of Justice," courts documentary, 1974	box 2	folder 9
Coleman Young, 1975	box 2	Folders 10-11
Commission on the Review of the National Policy Toward Gambling, 1975	box 2	Folders 12-13
DeLorean, charges and trial, 1982, 1986	box 2	folder 14
Detroit mayoral, "Ask the Candidates", 1973	box 2	folder 15
"Law Day Special", 1974	box 2	folder 16
Legislative Council and Symposium, 1971	box 2	folder 17
Mayor Coleman Young inauguration, 1974	box 2	folder 18
"Michigan Law Test", 1972	box 2	folder 19
Michigan legislature, "Ask the Legislators", 1971	box 2	folder 20
Michigan legislature, "Ask the Legislators", 1972	box 2	folder 21
Michigan penal code recodification, 1972	box 2	folder 22
Motor vehicle law changes, 1971	box 2	folder 23
Organized crime, 1971	box 2	folder 24
Organized crime, 1973		

	box 2	folder 25
Prison reform, 1970	box 2	folder 26
Prison reform, 1971	box 2	folder 27
Prison reform, "Behind the Wall", 1972	box 2	folder 28
Prostitution, 1974	box 2	folder 29
Racial diversity in Detroit Police Department, "The Black Cop", 1972	box 2	folder 30
Security guard probe, 1975	box 2	folder 31
United States Air Force, B-1 bomber, 1984	box 2	folder 32
United States Census, 1980	box 2	Folders 33-34
Youth crime, 1971	box 2	folder 35

Subseries C: Automotive industry and labor

Title/Description	Instances	
American Motors Corporation, reporting and news releases, 1978-1982	box 3	folder 1
Auto repair fraud, "Can You Trust Your Auto Mechanic?", 1974	box 3	folder 2
Auto Talks, 1976	box 3	folder 3
Auto Talks, 1984	box 3	folder 4
Auto Talks, UAW, 1970	box 3	folder 5
Automotive industry and sales, 1979	box 3	folder 6
Automotive industry and sales, 1981	box 3	folder 7
"The Chairmen," interviews with Roy Chapin, Lynn Townsend, Henry Ford II, and R.C. Gerstenberg, 1972	box 3	folder 8
Chrysler special, bailout, 1979-1982	box 3	folder 9
"Chrysler Suppliers", 1979	box 3	folder 10
Chrysler, history of Dodge, 1964, 1979	box 3	folder 11
Chrysler, news releases and sales, 1980-1984	box 3	folder 12
Chrysler, UAW and Lee Iacocca hire, 1978-1980	box 3	folder 13
Chrysler/UAW negotiations fact books, 1979, 1982	box 3	folder 14
Commercial automobile repair facilities survey report, 1974	box 3	folder 15
Commercial television repair facilities survey report, 1974	box 3	folder 16
Ford Motor Company union contract negotiations fact book, 1964	box 3	folder 17
Ford, annual report and news releases, 1980-1981	box 3	folder 18

Ford, reporting and news releases, 1978-1982	box 3	Folders 19-20
General Motors 75th anniversary, 1983, undated	box 3	folder 21
General Motors, reporting and news releases, 1978-1980	box 3	Folders 22-23
General Motors stockholders meeting, 1986	box 4	folder 1
General Motors, worker health and stockholders, 1980-1981	box 4	folder 2
General Motors/UAW, "The Strike Target", 1979	box 4	Folders 3-4
Newspaper strike, <i>Detroit Free Press</i> and <i>Detroit News</i> , 1971	box 4	folder 5
"No-Fault Auto Insurance", 1974	box 4	folder 6
Secretarial profession, 1987	box 4	folder 7
UAW, 1979	box 4	Folders 8-9
UAW convention, 1972	box 4	folder 10
UAW convention, 1974	box 4	folder 11
UAW convention, 1977	box 4	folder 12
UAW convention, 1980	box 4	folder 13
UAW convention, 1983	box 4	folder 14
UAW convention, 1984	box 4	folder 15
UAW conventions, news, and reporting, 1967-1971	box 4	Folders 16-17
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UAW general news, 1981	box 4	folder 19
UAW negotiations, 1967	box 4	folder 20
UAW negotiations, 1979	box 4	folder 21
UAW specials, 1973	box 4	Folders 22-23
UAW strikes and bargaining, 1976	box 5	Folders 1-2
Walter P. Reuther photographs, circa 1960s	box 5	folder 3

Subseries D: Culture, politics, and lifestyle

Title/Description	Instances	
Archbishop Edmund Casimir Szoka, "The Shepherd of Detroit", 1981, 1988	box 5	folder 4
Campus Disorders and Student Unrest, State of Michigan Committee to Investigate, 1970	box 5	Folders 5-6
Campus unrest, 1971	box 5	folder 7
"Country Music Boom", 1974	box 5	folder 8
Detroit Symphony, 1974		

	box 5	folder 9
Father Solanus Casey special, viewer letters, 1977-1978	box 5	folder 10
"Father Solanus, the Simple Man" special, 1977-1978	box 5	folder 11
"Father Solanus Update", 1983-1984	box 5	folder 12
"Generation Gap", 1971	box 5	folder 13
Interim Action Committee on Indian Problems, "The Forgotten Minority" and "This Land WAS Our Land", 1971	box 5	folder 14
Leftist organizing, "The New Radicals", 1975	box 5	Folders 15-17
"Meadow Brook Hall Tour", 1971	box 5	folder 18
Nixon special, 1972	box 5	Folders 19-20
Nixon special, Africa photographs, 1972	box 5	folder 21
Nixon special, China photographs, 1972	box 5	folder 22
Nixon special, Eleanor McGovern interview, 1972	box 5	folder 23
Nixon special, film and photographic sources, 1972	box 5	folder 24
Nixon special, Nixon and Eisenhower photographs, circa 1950s-1960s	box 5	folder 25
Nixon special, notes, 1972	box 5	folder 26
Political unrest, "A Case of Treason", 1970	box 5	folder 27
Singles series, single women and women's liberation, 1974	box 5	folder 28
"The Incredible 60's: A Decade Report", 1969	box 5	folder 29
The returning Vietnam veteran, 1972	box 5	folder 30
Veterans of war problems, 1974 July 27	box 5	folder 31
Vietnam trip, 1970	box 5	Folders 32-33
"What Do You Think," public opinion on controversial issues, 1971	box 5	folder 34
Widows and divorce, "Women Without Husbands", 1966	box 5	folder 35

Subseries E: Health, Safety, and Environment

Title/Description	Instances	
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"Aging: A Touch of Gold", 1984	box 6	folder 2
"The Alcoholic", 1972	box 6	folder 3
Alcoholism, "The New Alcoholics: Teenagers", 1975	box 6	folder 4
Birth control, 1977	box 6	folder 5

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Blood supply, Detroit, 1975	box 6	folder 6
Child abuse, "Child Beaters", 1973	box 6	folder 7
Child abuse, "Child Beaters", 1975	box 6	folder 8
Detroit Metropolitan Airport, "Metro Mania", 1971	box 6	folder 9
Drug abuse, 1970-1971	box 6	folder 10
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Drugs, "Can We Win Against Drugs?", 1974	box 6	folder 12
Food safety, hamburger, 1972	box 6	folder 13
Hospital charges, 1975	box 6	folder 14
Intimate partner violence, "Wives on the Run", 1977	box 6	folder 15
Kidney Foundation, "Public Enemy Number One: High Blood Pressure", 1976	box 6	folder 16
Medical malpractice, 1975	box 6	folder 17
Mental health, Pontiac and Northville State Hospitals, 1971	box 6	folder 18
Mental illness, Northville State Hospital, 1972, 1985	box 6	folder 19
Mercy death, "To Live or Let Die--and Who Decides?", 1974	box 6	folder 20
Natural gas special, 1979	box 6	folder 21
"Nutrition: Sense or Nonsense?", 1973	box 6	folder 22
Nutrition, Shape Up Detroit campaign, 1975	box 6	Folders 23-24
Oil crisis, 1979	box 6	folder 25
Pollution series, 1970	box 7	folder 1
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"The Problems of the Aging", 1971	box 7	folder 3
Senior citizens, 1972	box 7	folder 4
Senior citizens hotline, 1971	box 7	folder 5
Social ills, community and citizen involvement, undated	box 7	folder 6
Snowmobile safety, circa 1970s	box 7	folder 7
Syphilis, "The VD Epidemic", 1972	box 7	folder 8
Toy safety, "Jagged Edge of Christmas", 1973	box 7	folder 9
Traffic accidents, "The Accident", 1971	box 7	folder 10
Traffic safety, 1971	box 7	folder 11
World Energy Conference, 1974	box 7	folder 12

Subseries F: Economy, commerce, finance, and welfare

Title/Description	Instances	
"Black Business Boom", 1971	box 7	folder 13
"Black Business Boom", 1972	box 7	folder 14
Detroit finances, 1971	box 7	folder 15
Economy, "Surviving the 80s", 1981	box 7	folder 16
Federal budget news releases, circa 1970s	box 7	folder 17
Funeral costs, 1976	box 7	folder 18
Great Lakes year-round navigation, "Breaking the Deep Freeze", 1971	box 7	folder 19
Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce annual meeting film, 1972	box 7	folder 20
Imported goods, threat to U.S. jobs and economy, 1972	box 7	folder 21
Poverty and social welfare, "Miracle of Porter Street", 1975	box 7	folder 22
Recession and economic outlook in Michigan, 1978-1981	box 7	folder 23
Tax preparation investigation, "Danger: Tax Men at Work", 1973-1974	box 7	folder 24
Taxes, Taxpayers United, 1978	box 7	folder 25
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Subseries G: News stories by segment

Title/Description	Instances	
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<i>Eyewitness Journal</i> , 1971 March 21	box 8	folder 2
<i>Eyewitness Journal</i> , 1971 April 14	box 8	folder 3
<i>Eyewitness Journal</i> , 1971 April 18	box 8	folder 4
<i>Eyewitness Journal</i> , 1971 October 3	box 8	folder 5
<i>Eyewitness Journal</i> , 1971 October 10	box 8	folder 6
<i>Eyewitness Journal</i> , 1971 November 9	box 8	folder 7
<i>Eyewitness Journal</i> , 1971 December 21	box 8	folder 8
<i>Eyewitness Journal</i> , 1972	box 8	folder 9
<i>Sunday Report</i> , 1972 September 17	box 8	folder 10
<i>Sunday Report</i> , 1972 September 24	box 8	folder 11
<i>Sunday Report</i> , 1972 October 1	box 8	folder 12

<i>Sunday Report</i> , 1972 October 8	box 8	folder 13
<i>Sunday Report</i> , 1972 October 15	box 8	folder 14
<i>Sunday Report</i> , 1972 November 19	box 8	folder 15
<i>Sunday Report</i> , 1972 November 26	box 8	folder 16
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<i>Sunday Report</i> , 1973 March 4	box 8	folder 27
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<i>Sunday Report</i> , 1973 March 25	box 8	folder 29
<i>Sunday Report</i> , 1973 April 1	box 8	folder 30
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<i>Sunday Report</i> , 1973 May 13	box 8	folder 34
<i>Sunday Report</i> , 1973 May 20	box 8	folder 35
<i>Sunday Report</i> , 1973 May 27	box 8	folder 36
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<i>Sunday Report</i> , 1973 June 10	box 8	folder 38
<i>Sunday Report</i> , 1973 June 17	box 8	folder 39
<i>Sunday Report</i> , 1973 June 24	box 8	folder 40
<i>Sunday Report</i> , 1973 July 1	box 8	folder 41
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<i>Sunday Report</i> , 1973 July 15	box 8	folder 43
<i>Sunday Report</i> , 1973 July 22	box 8	folder 44

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<i>Sunday Report</i> , 1973 August 19	box 9	folder 1
<i>Sunday Report</i> , 1973 August 26	box 9	folder 2
<i>Sunday Report</i> , 1973 September 2	box 9	folder 3
<i>Saturday Report</i> , 1973 September 15	box 9	folder 4
<i>Saturday Report</i> , 1973 September 22	box 9	folder 5
<i>Saturday Report</i> , 1973 September 29	box 9	folder 6
<i>Sunday Report</i> , 1973 October 5	box 9	folder 7
<i>Saturday Report</i> , 1973 October 13	box 9	folder 8
<i>Saturday Report</i> , 1973 October 20	box 9	folder 9
<i>Saturday Report</i> , 1973 October 27	box 9	folder 10
<i>Newsweekend</i> , 1973 November 3	box 9	folder 11
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<i>Newsweekend</i> , 1973 November 17	box 9	folder 13
<i>Perspective News</i> segment notes, circa 1980s	box 9	Folders 14-17
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Series 2: Administrative files and project ideas

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Essential findings and recommendations for WJBK-TV, 1973	box 10	folder 2
Federal Communications Commission, 1972-1975	box 10	folder 3
Federal Communications Commission information, 1969-1970, 1973	box 10	folder 4
Germany trip, 1985	box 10	folder 5
Lakeshore Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe, circa 1980s	box 10	folder 6
Miscellaneous notes and sources, undated	box 10	folder 7

Personal appearances, circa 1960s-1980s	box 10	Folders 8-11
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Speech material, 1968-1969	box 10	folder 14
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