Atget photos touch inner longings

The Albert and Peggy de Salle Gallery of Photography at the Detroit Institute of Arts presents now through Jan. 1s "The Work of Atget: The Ancient Regime."

This is the third of four installments being brought to Detroit with support



The way Atget established a feeling of isolation with only the reflection of the building (Trianon, Pavillon Francaise) for company makes a powerful statement.

ing Industries Inc., and orga-the Museum of Modern Art, k. Sceaux, it was as if I was walking with someone who knew their secret es-

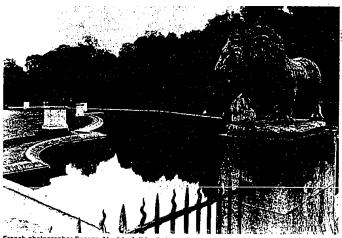
nized by the Museum of Modern Art, New York. I so look forward to seeing these rabibits of the great French photographer Eugene Atget (1857-1927) that I imag-ine them being titled "A Walk With At-get."

JOHN SZARKOWSKI noted that At-get takes tangential and fragmentary aspects.

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ings for unity.

Even today when many of us desire to be shocked and shaken by art, these quiet, unified expressions are worth our serious attention.



French photographer Eug

Yuppie profile creates baby boomer stereotype

EWSWEEK HAS declared the year just past as the year of the Yupple. The young urban professionals are profiled in the newsmagazine's cover story.

Michael Doonesbury and his wife are pictured on the cover in their dressed-for-success clothes. Cartoonist Gary Trudeau took a year's hiatus and returned with his once activist characters moving to the new beat of the times —

turned with his once activist characters moving to the new beat of the times — grappling with the pains of bloated financial success.

Gary Hart ran a political campaign aimed at this new breed, the baby-boomers come to power. But their vote, and almost everybody else's, went in the end to Ronald (no tax) Reagan.

The Newsweck article is superficial pitfle, a serie, of short takes on the McGeneration. But it suggests something

about a society mired in materialism. There is a suggestion here that these are people without values beyond acquisition and consumption. One woman says she could live "comfortably" on \$200,000 a year if she didn't have children. Another couple admits to giving up their former '60s ideals because they couldn't afford them.

THESE ARE people into their careers, making the big bucks, climbing the corporate ladder and . n. What else? There is little suggestion that any of these people think about other people. Even the married couples seem more married to each other's paychecks and "litestyles" than to each other.

Newsweck makes no critical evaluation of this, it merely says this is how it

Gallagher

crime Time pictured a nation of dedi-cated, radical, peace-loving, anti-rac-lst, nalve but dedicated college stu-dents out to save the world from wan-ton materialism. Those articles got a lot of chuckles at campuses all over the country. There were radicals, there were peace mareners, there were draft dodgers. But most college students just went to college, took courses aimed at crime Time pictured a nation of dedigetting a job and got a job. Most joined the anti-war movement because they didn't want to get killed in a war they heard wasn't all the government claimed it to be. Selfish solf preservation but understandable and more on target than any idea of altruism that observers thought they saw.

Now we are told these dedicated young radicals have in their late 20s to late 30s learned the American way, forsaken any taint of Marxism and joined the true revolution — the consumer revolution. These formerly self-less young people are now totally self-

HOGWASH! NO doubt there are people who perfectly fit the Newsweek-Time scenario or "The Big Chili"

scenario. Jerry Rubin did give up love' beads for a briefcase (as anyone could see he would). But most of these people never committed themselves to any cause but themselves and nevet- had anything to reject. Others (a small mi-nority) remain as dedicated to radical-change as ever, riding as well they can the shifts of American political life. It's so easy to build these generalizations and then go find someone to fill in the streetype. But it tells us nothing about the true makeup of American' life. It's a will sociology and not very good journalism either.

I'm of that generation and never felt. If it into any of those neat categories, when I was in college or now. And I'd doubt anyone eise would want to claim membership in this weird tribe that Newsweek calls the Yuppies.



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