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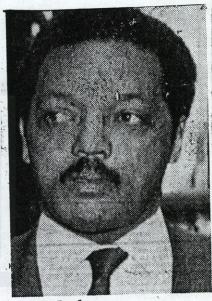
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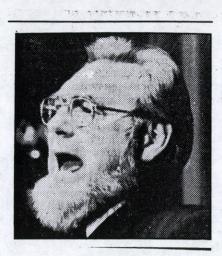
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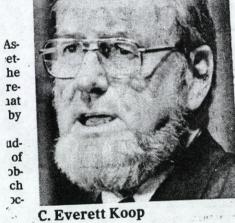
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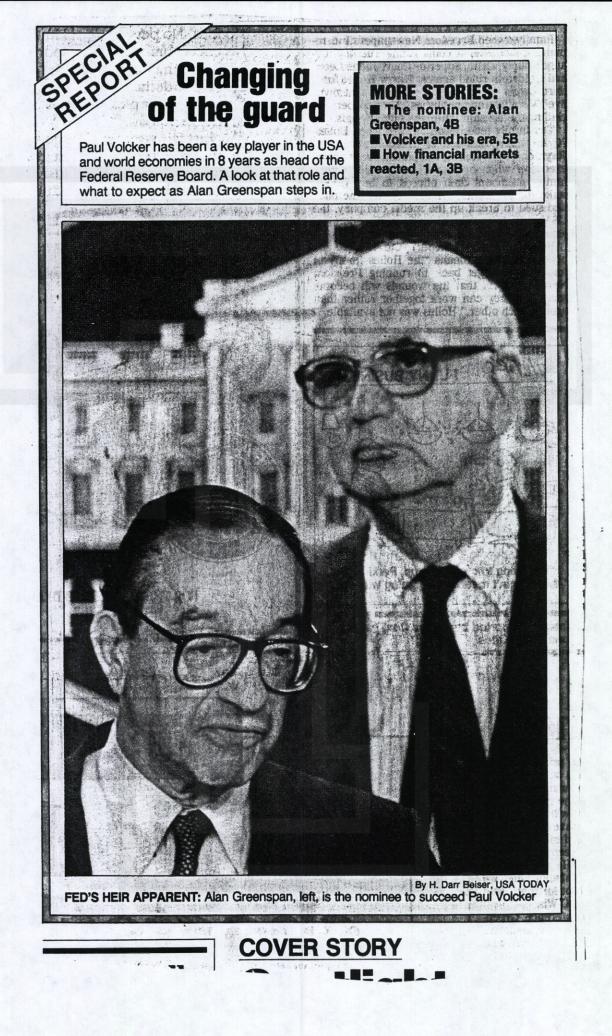
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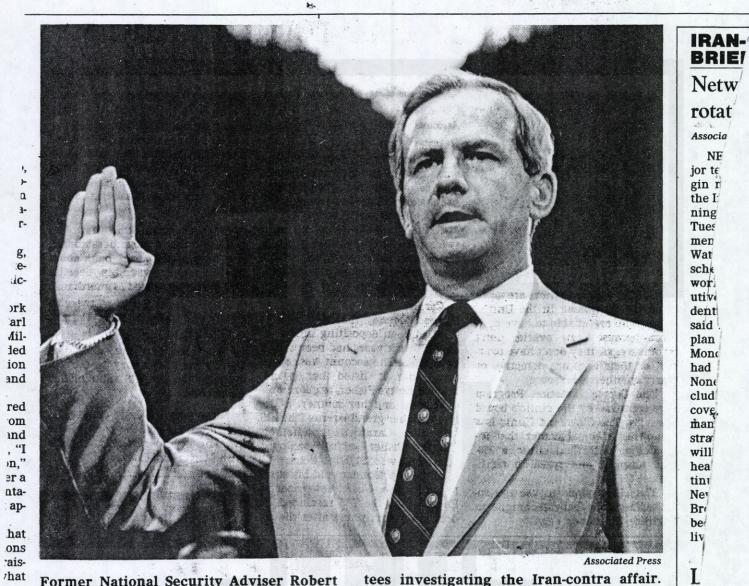
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The deal to form a more perfect union

The Genius of the People By Charles L. Mee Jr. Harper & Row 348 pp., \$19.95

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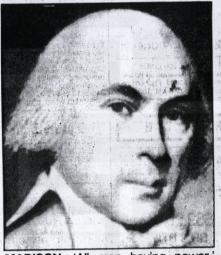
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By Timothy Foote Special for USA TODAY

The air is full of oratory about "what the Constitution means to me," much of it by people convinced the document somewhere states that you cannot have a Christmas creche in Pawtucket, R.I. For as Americans we tend to honor the bicentennial not by reading the Constitution but by rather wrongheadedly imagining it was the work of men who saw human nature and the world the way liberals do today.

James Madison, the delegate who more than any other contrived the convention and helped create a blueprint for strong central government, spoke for all his colleagues when he said "all men having power ought to be distrusted." A group of 18th-century "aristocrats, oligarchs, monarchists, lawyers and businessmen and bankers," who had just thrown off the yoke of King George III, the delegates certainly feared the abuse of executive power. But they also deeply feared the tyranny of the majority.

The sovereign states they represented were divided in other ways, too. Northern vs. Southern, large vs. small, agricultural vs. pre-industrial. The delegates were divided over slavery as well, though they mentioned it by name as little as possible. For however hotly delegates might decry slavery, it had been

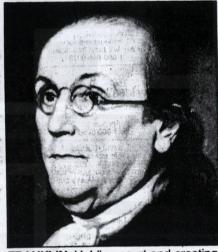


MADISON: 'All men having power,' he argued, 'ought to be distrusted.'

legally abolished in only one state. Every delegate understood that, under the heritage of English common law, the protection of property had served as the foundation of all political rights.

Every delegate knew, too, that previous attempts to run even faintly democratic republics, even on a small scale, had lapsed into tyranny and violence. The idea of trying to control such a huge place as the United States was, as a Yankee wit once put it, like "trying to rule hell by prayer." Yet these men found themselves "led by reason and experience to understand that their lives and interests were best protected in a democracy."

Gracefully and perceptively retelling the story, Charles Mee combines the descriptive power of a novelist with an



FRANKLIN: Holding court and creating constitutional compromises in 1787

ability to fascinate while explaining. He etches in the convention's background, the personalities (and political philosophies) involved, the state of the various states they represented, and the pressures that gave the delegates some urgency in seeking for central government: the toothless Articles of Confederation; the proliferation of worthless state currencies; the need to regulate trade, to tax, to raise defensive forces. France was a threat. England, too. Spain still held Florida and the mouth of the Mississippi.

Fortunately, to a degree that can still inspire awe and outright gratitude, the delegates managed to balance statesmanship with pure political horsetrading. Mee's sketches of them in action are remarkably compelling:

Little Madison, "idealistic and politically ruthless"; Hamilton, whose extreme centrist eloquence was described as "logic on fire"; aged Ben Franklin, holding court and creating compromises; Franklin's fellow Pennsylvanian James Wilson, a rich, apparently elitist lawyer and businessman who proved one of the convention's most insistent advocates of power to the people.

Acting as catalysts, each in a different way, Franklin and Penasylvania's large, voluble, sarcastic -Gouverneur Morris both helped to produce the key political deal that saved the convention from breaking down entirely in July of 1787, easing what had appeared to be an insuperable and complex deadlock over proportional representation and states' rights. (Among other things, it was here that fearful small states won a measure of protection from large-state tyranny by getting the convention to agree each state would have the same number of senators.)

The Genius of the People carries through as far as ratification. Yet the chapter about the great July compromise is its centerpiece, riveting in the suspense it generates, highly revealing in its details of dealing and debate. The compromise, of course, led not only to union but eventually to the Civil War. Anyone who thinks a working national government could have been had on more liberal terms should read Mee. This constitutional year, The Genius of the People may be the book to have if you're having only one.

Timothy Foote is a senior editor of Smithsonian.





Maria Mercado

Attorney finds fulfillment in community service work



Panoramic people: Maria Mercado 'Hispana of Year' reflects on humble start

By MARY HELEN AGUIRRE Evening Journal Staff

Maria Luisa Mercado said that as a child, growing up in a migrant farming community, her goal was to attend college and later become an attorney.

The oldest of 10 children, Miss Mercado started working at the age of 7 alongside her family in the fields. After a long day in the fields, it was not unusual to go home and help her mother take care of the domestic side of family affairs.

"I had more responsibility than the average child," she said. "But it was helpful, because once you're in the work field you're used to responsibility and taking on a lot of work."

After receiving a bachelor's from West Texas State University and a law degree from Antioch School of Law in Washington, Miss Mercado has accomplished her childhood goal, and she's working harder than ever.

Miss Mercado, who has been married for 4 and 1/2 years to Stephen McIntyre, decided to retained her maiden name partially to feminist ideals, but also for old-fashioned reasons. She was born in Zacatecas, Mexico, where women continue to use their maiden names after marriage."Besides, I don't look like a McIntyre," she said.



Maria Mercado

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the Consumer Protection Division of the Texas Attorney General's Office, School District, the board of direcshe helps consumers protect them- tors for the Women's Protective Serselves against fraudulent or unfair vices and the board of directors for business practices. Her community the League of Women Voters. involvement is also service oriented.

as Advisory Board of the U.S. Com- Law, the Texas Catholic Conference,

Their 7-month-old daughter, Lau- Advisory Committee for the City of the Legal Aid Society of Lubbock, As Assistant Attorney General in Inc., the Hispanic Advisory Committee for the Lubbock Independent

Other affiliations include the Na-Miss Mercado serves on the Tex- tional Conference on Women and The mission on Civil Rights, the Citizens the Lubbock Bar Association, the



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Southwest Voter Registration Project, the Lubbock County Young Lawyers Association, the Lubbock

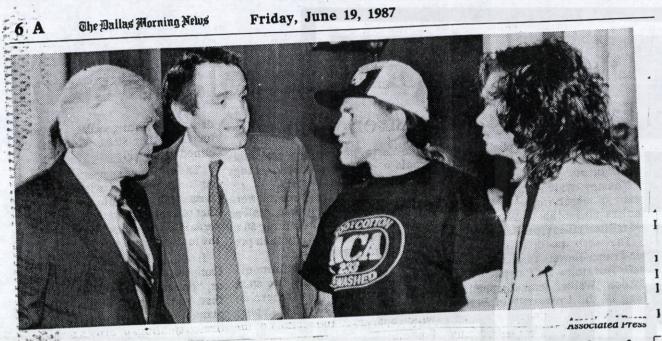
Catholic Diocese and the Hispanic Association of Women.

Miss Mercado was also co-founder and first president of the Lubbock **County Women Lawyers Association** and served as the coordinator of a Domestic Violence Seminar, She currently serves as co-chairman of the Fiestas Del Llano, a multicultural citywide committee organized to commemorate Mexican Independence Day.

"Those of us who do for others do it because we like to - because we want to," she said, "and if I have an opportunity to make things better for others than I do."

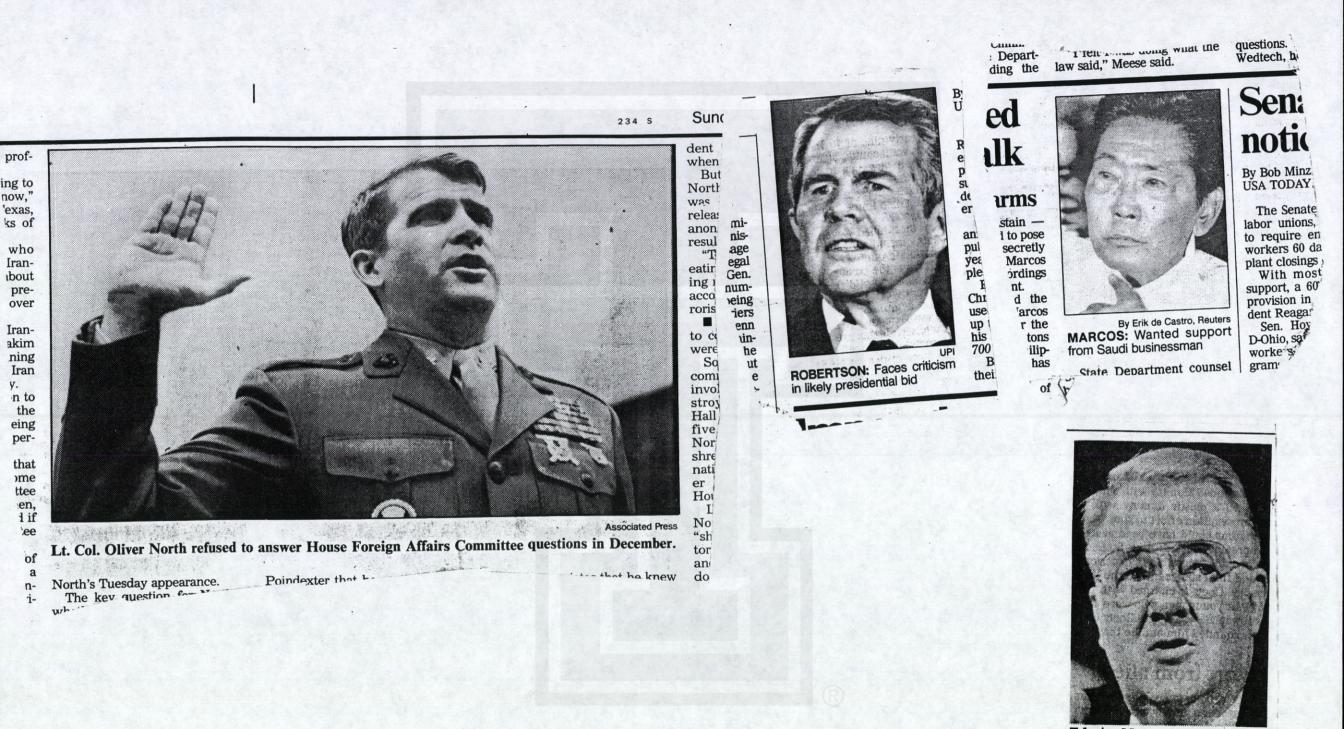
As co-host of "Que Pasa," a monthly talk show, Miss Mercado targets issues important to Hispanics, such as drop-out rate, farm workers' issues, voting rights and domestic violence.

In April, Miss Mercado was honored as "Hispana of the Year for 1986" by the Hispanic Association of Women for her work in the communitv.



Sens. John Melcher (left), D-Mont., and Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, meet singers Willie Nelson and John Cougar Mellencamp (right) before a meeting Thursday of a Senate Agriculture subcommittee considering legislation to help farmers.





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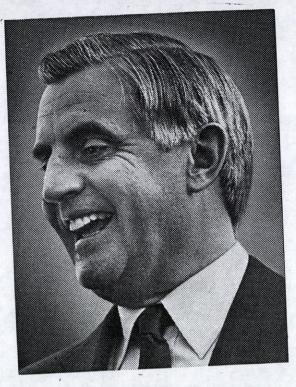


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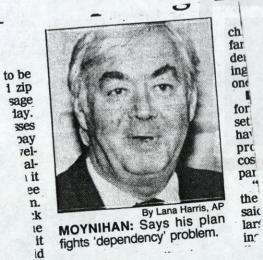
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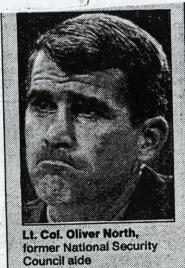
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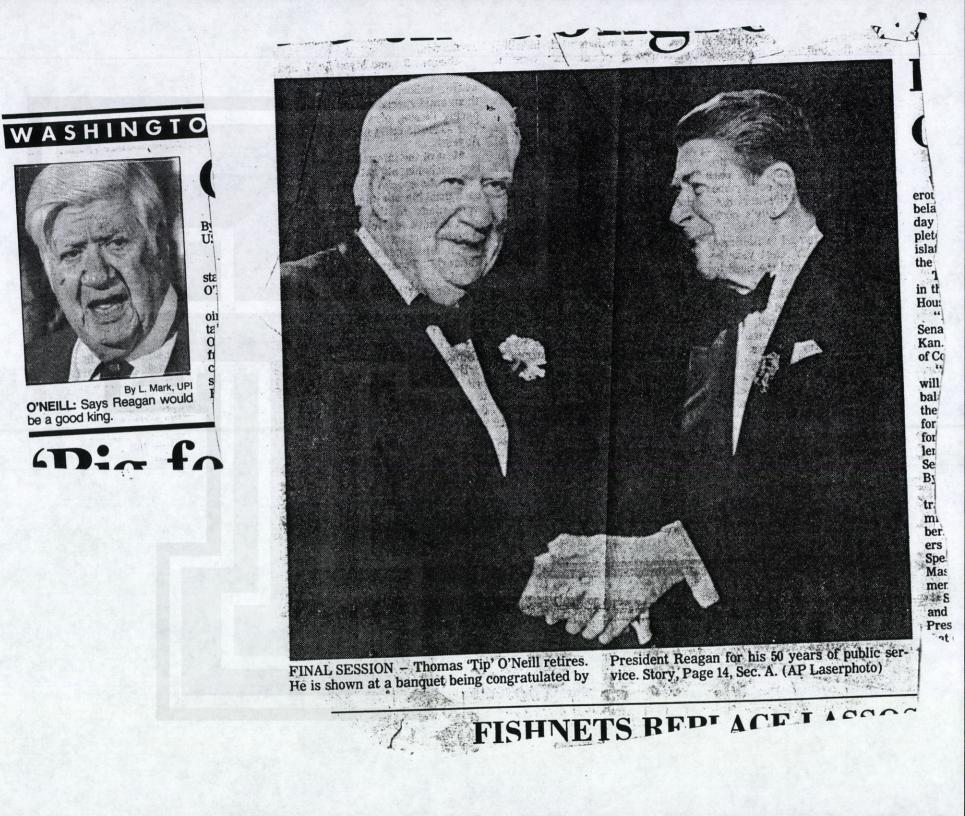
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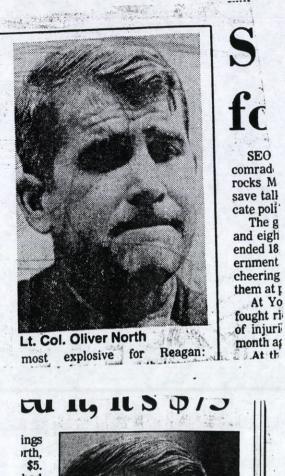
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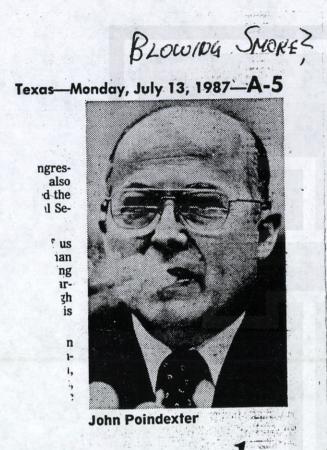
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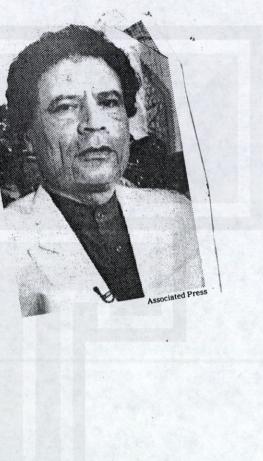
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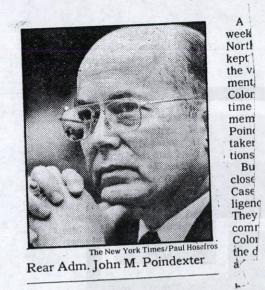


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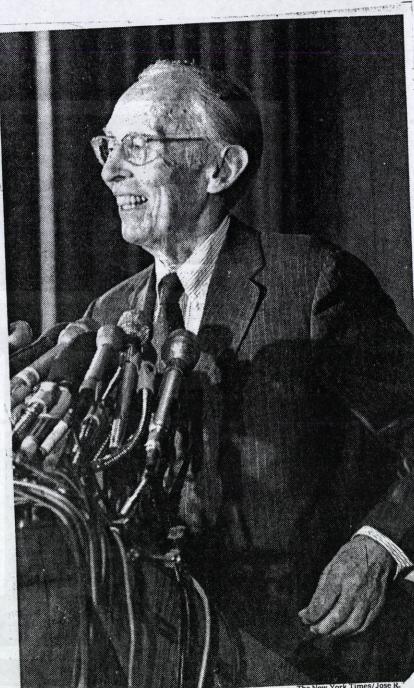




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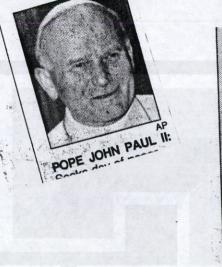


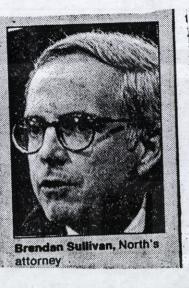
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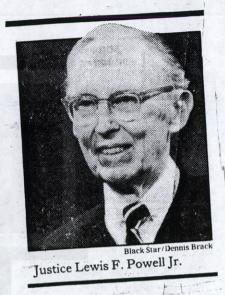
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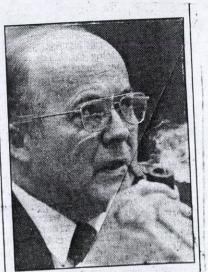
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