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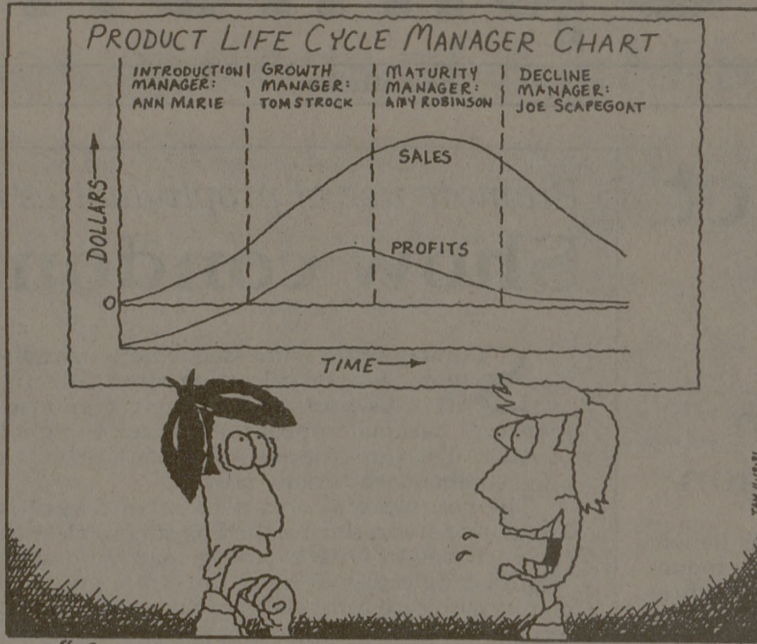
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by Tom A. Madison



"SORRY ABOUT YOUR PROMOTION, JOE, BUT LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE - EVERYONE EXPECTS YOU TO SUCK!"

## Richards warns against Medicaid changes

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was scheduled to vote on a measure that would block implementation of the rules until Sept. 30.

Medicaid was designed to reimburse states for up to 83 percent of their Medicaid spending, but in at least one state the government is paying \$4 for every \$1 paid in by states, Wilensky testified.

In October 1990, states sought \$497 million in matching funds. Seven months later, the requests had skyrocketed to \$2.5 billion and by July 1991 \$3.8 billion had been requested, she

said.

"HCFA currently estimates states will request at least \$5.5 billion in federal matching funds for donation and tax programs in fiscal year 1992," she testified.

States no longer are receiving Medicaid funding on the basis of poverty or need, but on "how aggressively they have been going after this new 100 percent federal money," she said.

But Richards noted the states are being hit hard. In 1984, Texas spent \$691 million on Medicaid. "The best estimates tell us that within the next two years, our share of that cost will be two and a half billion dollars," she said.

"It gets so easy to get within this... and suddenly start thinking about them... — them being the states," Richards said. "Our taxpayers were different. They're not the same people."

"Until we work cooperatively together... American people are getting the shaft... think the government's crazy and blame them."

Richards said there is nothing new about the issue.

"I see this as a human problem that... be dealt with and we've got to get away... lot of posturing about it," she said.

## Shevardnadze reappointed Soviet Foreign Minister

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as foreign minister. With approval from Yeltsin, Gorbachev named Boris D. Pankin, the Soviet ambassador to Czechoslovakia who had demurred the coup from the post.

Pankin replaced Alexander Bessmertnykh, who was fired for taking an ambiguous stand on the coup.

Before announcing Shevardnadze's reappointment, Gorbachev telephoned British Prime Minister John Major and asked if he would accept Pankin as the new ambassador in London.

Major called back an hour later and said he welcomed it, calling Pankin "an excellent appointment."

Shevardnadze joined the Communist Party in 1948, when Stalin ruled the country.

In 1985, he became General Secretary of internal affairs and came famous for purging Communist officials in the mountainous southern republic.

## Position offers plan to unify communication units at A&M

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of different places. Many of the university's have established kind of position."

Strong management experience and professional expertise in public affairs were among the qualifications required. Dempster, who led the selection committee responsible for the position. Henry's vast experience is in these and many other areas more than qualified him for the job.

Henry has served as the president and CEO of the National Institute of Building Sciences.

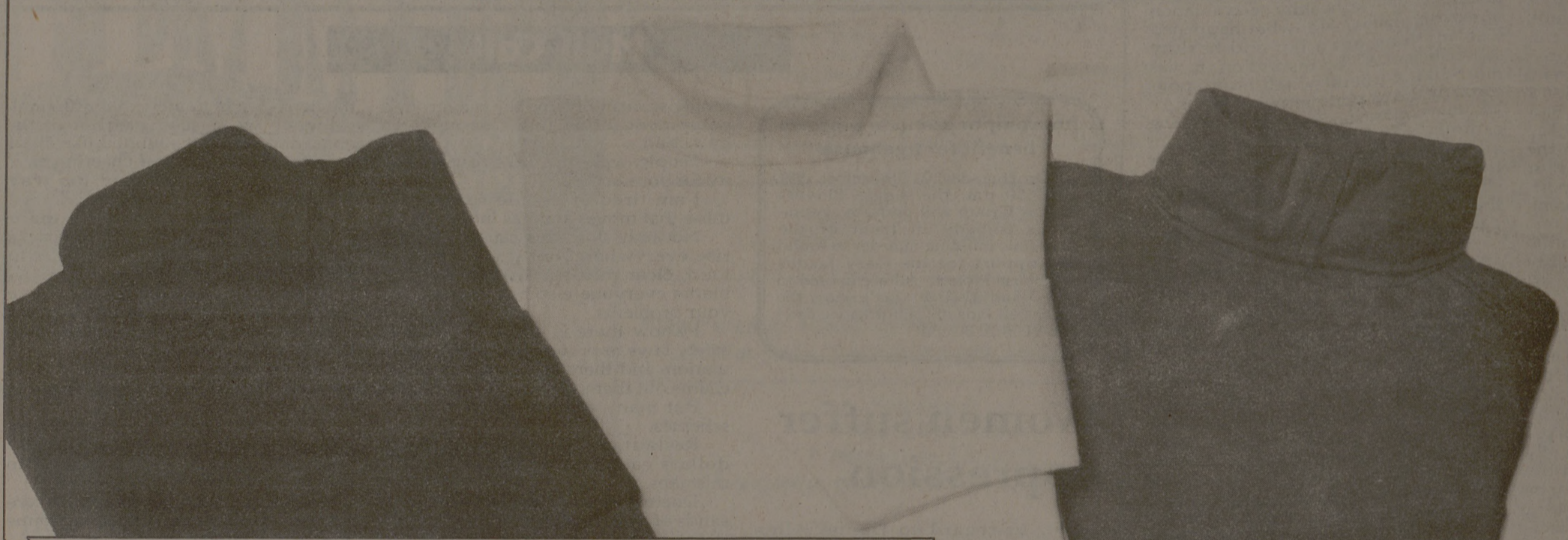
He established his own consulting practice, which merged with two other Los Angeles firms to create the second largest international public relations firm in the West and the largest in the United States to start with. Henry's consulting practice specializes in public and sports marketing.

In 1978 he was responsible for the worldwide media campaign that led to the selection of Los Angeles as the site of the 1984 Olympic games.

Henry is active in the Public Relations Society of America, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences and the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

He has been honored with awards from PRSA, the World Association of Public Relations, the National Institute of Black Communications, the Women in Communications Association and the Council on Non-Theatrical Entertainment.

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