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## Kirkpatrick planning to quit U.N. ambassador position

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WASHINGTON — U.N. Ambas-

She revealed her plans following a turn to. private meeting with President Reajob in the administration. White with Reagan.

House officials also declined. The President, who once la-

"If I had wanted a top foreign House, licy job in the second term, I would have remained as U.S. permanent representative to the United

Kirkpatrick, on leave from a post sador Jeane J. Kirkpatrick an- of teaching government at Georgenounced Wednesday she is quitting town University, said, "I am very the administration after a sometimes committed to teaching and writing stormy tenure and returning to tea- and the independence that goes with that. And it's the life I intend to re-

The ambassador said she wrote gan. Kirkpatrick refused to say out the announcement of her resig-whether she had been offered a new nation on the eve of her meeting

Asked if she was disappointed at mented he did not have a job of getting another top government "worthy of her" outside the U.N., not getting another top government "worthy of her" outside the U.N., post, Kirkpatrick said, "No. No, no, said last week he was ready to offer a suitable job outside the White

opment, the United States Informa tion Agency or the task of revitalizing the now-moribund International Development Cooperation Agency Kirkpatrick's associates let it known she was not interested in

Among those rumored as top candidates to succeed her at the U.N. Ambassador-at-large Vernon Walters; Frank Shakespeare, head of the Board of International Broadcasting and onetime chief of the USIS; Evan G. Galbraith, the U.S. ambassador to France; and Charles H. Price II, the U.S. ambassador to

Senate Republican leader Robert Sources who declined to be identified said it was the top post at either the Agency for International Develtransportation, as a candidate.

Dole of Kansas suggested his wife, Elizabeth, now the secretary of transportation, as a candidate.

## Analysts predict trade deficit will Co grow as U.S. dollar gains strength

WASHINGTON - The United States posted its worst trading year in history in 1984—a \$123.3 billion deficit that nearly doubled the old record, the government reported Wednesday.

Both the Reagan administration and private economists predicted the trade deficit will grow even larger

topped the old mark of \$69.4 billion set, in 1983 and was almost three times the 1982 level of \$42.7 billion.

The growing deficits have been blamed primarily on the strength of the U.S. dollar, which since the fall of

1980 has surged apward by more than 40 percent against major currencies.

Since the dollar is not expected to drop significantly this year, most analysts expect the trade deficit will worsen farther, hitting \$130 billion or more.

Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige did not give a specific figure, but he said the United States could expect another "record trade deficit for 1985" because "resumed growth in the economy and the continuing impact of the dollar's rise during 1984 indicates higher

The record deficit "is a pointed indictment of the Re what list, a gan administration's hollow trade policy," said Rep. De d like to Bonker, D-Wash., chairman of the House Foreign & "Basically fairs subcommittee on international economic policy arreally know

The trade deficit reflects the difference between win and University Americans buy in overseas goods and what U.S. fim Scott, a det are able to sell overseas. For 1984, imports surged % lice, also te percent above the 1983 level while exports rose a mode men also te

Analysts say the export level was held back by the Wiatt an strong dollar, which made U.S. goods more expensive exercise ros on overseas markets. That same dollar made foreign vital piece goods less expensive and thus more attractive to Usinvestigatio

In December, the deficit shrank to its lowest level firelosing of the year, \$8.2 billion, compared to a November deficition, it was \$9.9 billion. It was the lowest monthly total since a \$\mathbf{z}\square\text{ation}, they billion deficit in December 1983, but analysts said \$\mathbf{\psi}\square\text{ation}.

drop was an aberration which will not continue The strength of the dollar has been blamed in parton the record federal budget deficits, which many analy believe have driven up interest rates in this country? attracted record amounts of foreign investment.

## Collecting teddys need not be em-bear-assing

**Associated Press** 

WISCONSIN, Eau Claire James Benning is an arctophile. If that's Greek to you, try this

modern-day translation: lover of bears. Teddy bears, to be exact. And if you think that's a little strange for anyone old enough to tie his own shoelaces, Benning can call upon his expertise as a professor of psychology at the University of Wis-consin-Eau Claire to explain that an attraction to teddy bears is normal at

"Often you get a bear or stuffed animal when you're little," he says, "and that bear represents security."

The bear comes to be "a symbol of faithfulness, trustworthiness, loyalty. Bears never tell. You can tell them secrets...and they're always there."

In scientific terms, he says teddy bears have a "solacing effect" on young and old. As troubled adults look for psychological comfort, he explains, it's only natural for them to return to their trusted childhood

Bears are so deserving of Benning's professional regard that he maintains a teddy bear file, brings and delivers teddy talks to civic

Among the tidbits in the expert's

• A book on how to make stuffed teddy bears that includes an introductory chapter on the history of the creature. The most accepted explanation has them named after President Theodore Roosevelt because he refused to shoot a cub or sickly bear that had been caught by a member of his hunting party.

• The Arctophile, a newsletter

for bear collectors. It explains that arctophile comes from the Greek "arkto," meaning bear, and "philos," meaning friend or love.

• An article reporting on studies at three universities that found 80 percent of all female students and 40 percent of all male students keep a teddy bear or other stuffed animal in their room.

But Benning's interest goes beyond the professional.

They are all unique," he explains, sitting in his campus office stuffed with books and "bearaphernalia" accumulated in his 27 years at the west

bears to some classes for discussion, central Wisconsin university. "They have different expressions. They have a quality about them that's in-

Benning traces his affair with bears to his childhood — yes, he had a teddy bear — and to the bears he and his wife, Carol, have given to their three children.

At first, Benning found himself buying "a bear here and a bear there." Now he has bears everywhere.

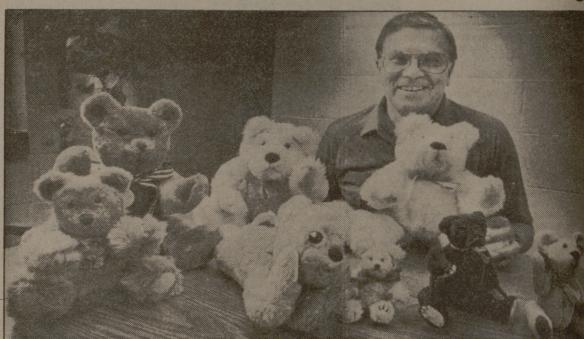
His campus office contains just the bear necessities: a few teddies, a bear calendar, an "anatomy of the

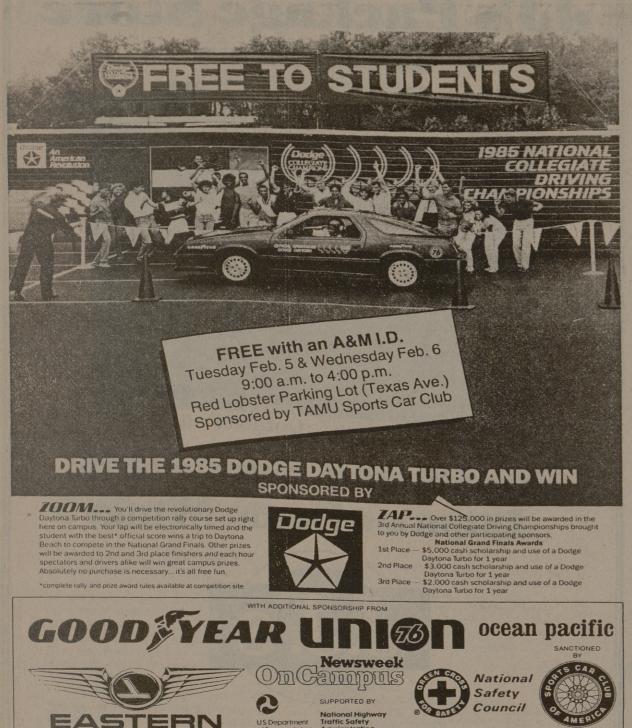
teddy bear" poster and the like.

The rest of the professor's four to five dozen bears stay at home, where the three bears first given to his children sit in their own chairs in front of the fireplace.

Then there's the bearaphernalia. He has a bear mug, teddy trays, pens, a "bear lovers are the best" T-

shirt, notepads — and a lot more. Benning also has made 15 to 20 teddy bears of different sizes and styles. Perhaps out of respect for his furry friends, Benning doesn't sell his hand-made bears. They become gifts for family and friends





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