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Matia tells Merrill
Steps taken to
increase winter
crop production

The government has taken necessary steps for the extension of winter crops to sustain the increased rate of agricultural productivity, reports UNB.

Agriculture and Food Minister Begum Matia Chowdhury said this while talking to US Ambassador David N Merrill in her office yesterday.

Begum Matia Chowdhury said the present government has given emphasis on increasing winter crop production, specially wheat, maize, pulses and oil-seed.

During the meeting, they discussed about the overall agricultural system and new strategies of agricultural production in Bangladesh.

Govt planning to set up
'satellite towns': Nasim

Post and Telecommunications Minister Mohammad Nasim yesterday said the present government has given priority to the country's human resource development to attain sustainable development, reports BSS.

The minister was speaking at the fifth national conference of Bangladesh Population Association, held at the auditorium of the Academy for Planning and Development in the city yesterday.

Nasim, who is also the Minister for Housing and Public Works, said the government is planning to set up "satellite towns" around Dhaka city to reduce pressure of population and infrastructural load. "We will encourage private investment in this regard," he added.

Referring to the problems of urbanisation in Dhaka city, he said, the government has decided to take action against the owners of illegal shops and houses and that the "hawkers would be evicted from the streets of the city."

State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Prof M Amanullah, Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof A K Azad Chowdhury and general secretary of the association Abu Yousuf Chowdhury also spoke on the occasion.

US envoy meets FM

The outgoing US Ambassador David N Merrill and his wife made a farewell call on Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad at the latter's residence in the city yesterday, reports UNB.

Bhutanese envoy
calls on President

Lyonpo T Tobgyel, Ambassador of Bhutan to Bangladesh, made a courtesy call on President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports UNB.

The President welcomed the Ambassador and expressed his satisfaction over the fine cooperation that exists between the two countries.

He hoped that the fruitful cooperation between the two countries will grow further in future.

The Bhutanese Ambassador thanked the President for receiving him and said Bhutan values its relationship with Bangladesh and added the existing cooperation would continue for the welfare of the people of both the countries, said an official handout.

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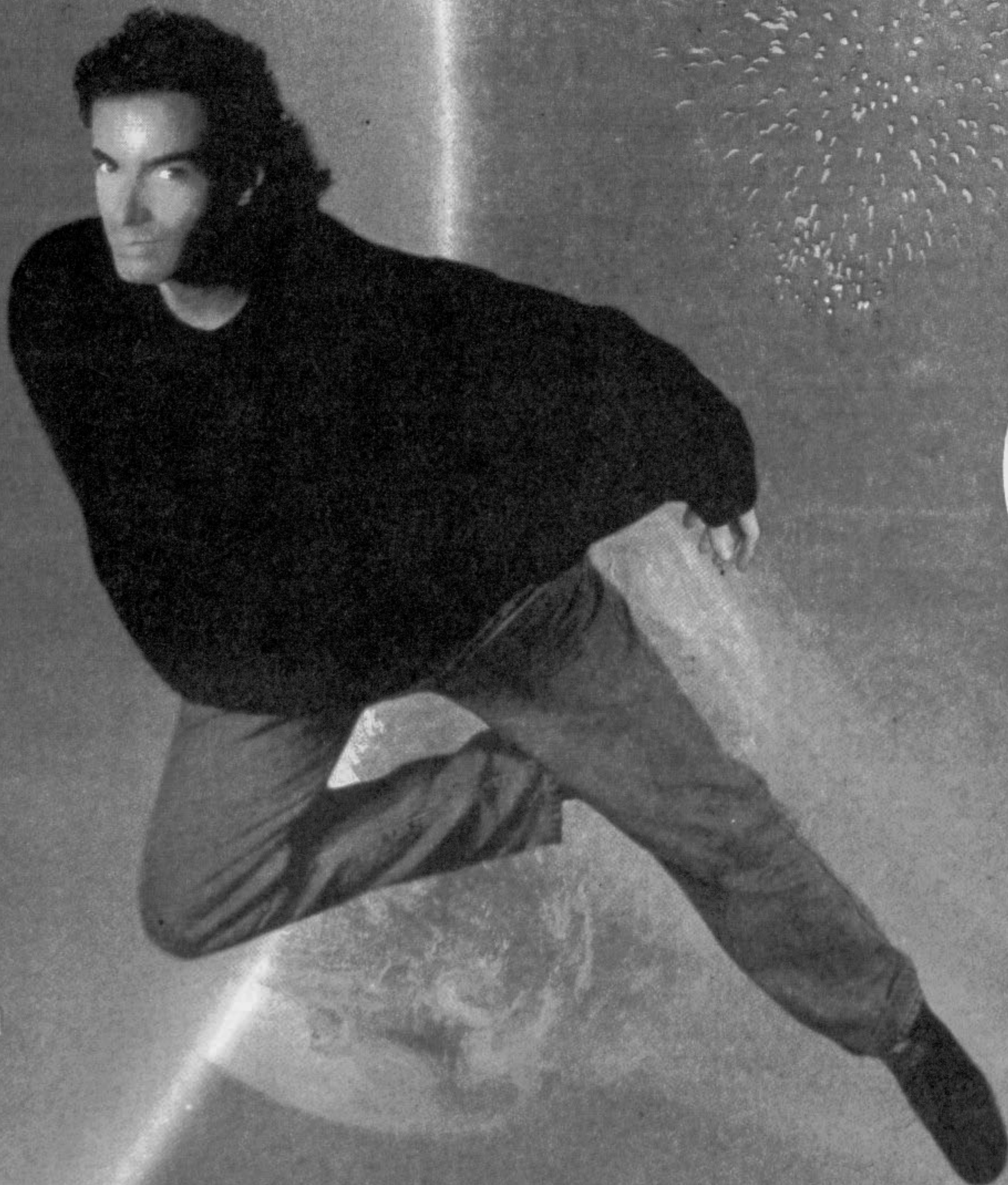
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