

Conflict alleged with Angola

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WASHINGTON — A proposed Angolan diamond mining venture by a dealer with personal ties to the White House won Clinton administration support in talks with leaders of the African country, a newspaper reported Saturday.

Maurice Tempelman, a long-time companion of the late Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis,

won support in both the State Department and the White House National Security Council for a mining consortium that would include both Angola's government and former rebel leaders.

He used a letter of support from Assistant Secretary of State George E. Moose to help try to sell his deal to the Angolan government of President Jose Eduardo dos Santos and rival UNITA

party leader Jonas Savimbi, The Washington Post said.

Despite a two-decade-old ban on U.S. lending for ventures in Angola, the National Security Council told government lending agencies that Tempelman's proposal "had merit" from a foreign policy perspective, officials told the Post.

Tempelman has been a guest at the White House nearly a dozen times.

Transplants may hold key to S. Africa

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JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — If it hopes to achieve the six-percent annual growth rate it is aiming for, South Africa would do well to open its doors to skilled African migrants, a new study has shown.

In its report titled "People On the Move: A New Approach to Cross-Border Migration," the non-governmental Center for Development and Enterprise concluded that the perennial short-

age of skills in the country mean South Africa can only gain from lifting restrictions.

"In some fields where training and education are expensive, it will be optimal for South Africa to import skills rather than to try to produce them locally. Moreover, studies of South African development and competitiveness all stress our weakness in respect of human capital.

"Economic growth requires as many skills as we can grow, hire, or import," notes the report.

Migration is an emotional issue in an increasingly xenophobic South Africa. Whenever the topic is brought up, the images of Nigerian drug dealers, Senegalese street hawkers, Zimbabwean hit-squads, and Mozambican farm laborers come to the mind of many in a country that only recently opened up to the rest of the world.

Xenophobic sentiments are common as nationals compete with foreigners for scarce economic resources.

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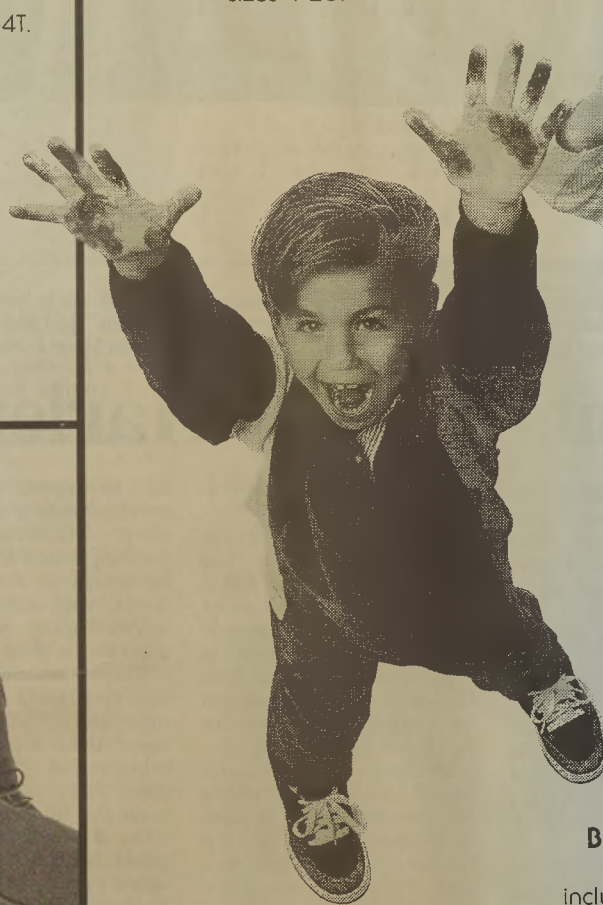
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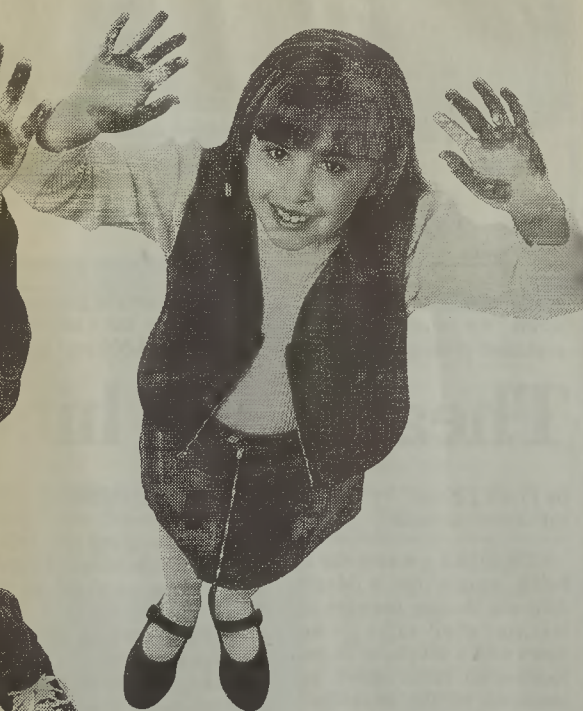
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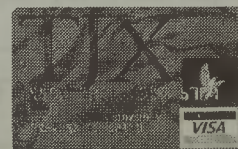
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