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"Accustomed to the eternal and the true,
Her being conscious of its divine founts
Asked not from mortal frailty pain's relief,
Patched not with failure bargain or compromise."
Savitri, Book I, Canto 2

"In Mother's Room: 1960 - 1972"

*You are invited to see
rare photographs of Mother
and some of Her personal possessions .*

August 1 - 31, 2002
Mon - Sat 8 am to 5 pm
Pitanga, Auroville

HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

J'ai l'impression que l'histoire de ma jambe est symbolique.

Oui, oui.

Il y a deux êtres en moi.

Oui.

Je vois de plus en plus clairement l' « autre » d'ailleurs. Mais on a l'impression d'un être qui a une existence à soi, qui est parfaitement indépendant.

Aah !...

Et on ne sait pas quelle prise on peut avoir sur lui.

(silence)

On a réellement comme deux êtres.

Oui, ça, j'ai remarqué. J'ai remarqué. Mais cela ne fait rien. C'est un peu plus difficile, c'est tout.

Oui, c'est difficile.

(silence)

Je ne sais pas ce qui a le pouvoir sur cet autre être-là ?... Je ne sais pas ce qui peut le convaincre.

(silence)

C'est pour cela. C'est cela que je veux dire : offre cet être-là au Divin. Toi qui sais (la partie qui sait), offre-offre... Ça ne fait rien si, lui, rouspète, ne fais pas attention – offre-le OB-STI-NÉ-MENT au Divin, matin et soir, matin et soir... , prenant ta jambe comme symbole. Nous verrons.

Nous verrons.

Bien, douce Mère.

C'est le seul moyen.

Le Divin sait.

Oui.

Il sait comment faire.

Tu Lui donnes, n'est-ce pas. Même s'il rouspète, même s'il ne croit pas, cela n'a aucune importance, tu le donnes tout de même – tu comprends ?

(silence)

En fait – en fait, il y a un GRAND changement.

??!!

Il y a un grand changement. Mais ce sont ses derniers efforts pour rester ce qu'il est. Et alors il met tout ce qu'il peut dedans – il faut faire plus que lui, mettre une pression. Et ça, la seule manière, c'est : « Tiens, prends-le. » Donne-le, cet être, donne-le au Divin ! Dis-Lui : « Tiens, je te le donne (*riant*), je n'en veux plus, prends-le ! »

Comme cela.

Mais tu trouves qu'il y a un changement ?

OUI – oui-oui, oh ! il y a un grand changement. Un grand changement. Seulement c'est... c'est devenu plus évident, comme si la résistance (*Mère serre son poing*) s'était concrétisée un peu pour résister. Voilà. Il faut être plus obstiné. Plus obstiné. Je te dis, tu l'offres, cet être ; tu en es conscient, tu l'offres matin et soir au Divin : « Fais-en ce que Tu veux, fais-en ce que Tu veux... » Tu comprends ?... À travers ta jambe.

Oui, douce Mère.

On réussira,

Oui, douce Mère, oui.

(concentration)

HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

I have a feeling the problem of my leg is quite symbolic.

Yes, yes.

There are two beings in me.

Yes.

Besides, I see the "other one" more and more distinctly. And I find it has a totally self-contained and independent existence

Aah! ...

Nothing seems to have any influence over it.

(silence)

We really have two beings in us.

Yes, I have noticed that. I noticed. But that doesn't matter. It makes things a little more difficult, that's all.

Yes, difficult.

(silence)

I don't know what could have power over that being.... What could sway it.

(silence)

Well, that's the reason. That's what I meant - offer that being to the Divine. You who know (the part of you that knows), offer it, just offer it.... Never mind if it protests, don't pay any attention - offer it OB-STI-NATELY to the Divine, morning and evening, morning and evening ... using your leg as a symbol. And we will see.

We will see.

As you say, Mother.

That's the only way.

The Divine knows.

Yes.

He knows what to do.

You just give it to Him, you understand. Even if it protests, even if it is skeptical, it doesn't matter at all, you give it anyway - you follow?

(silence)

In fact - in fact, there's a BIG change.

??!!

A big change. But these are its last attempts to remain what it is. So it goes all out - you just have to outdo it, to put a special pressure. And the only way to do that is: "Here, take it." Give that being, give it to the Divine! Tell Him, "Here, I give it to you (laughing), I don't want it anymore, take it!" Just like that.

But you do find there's a change ?

YES - yes, oh, yes! There's a big change! A big change. Only, the resistance has sort of (Mother clenches her fist) crystallized a little to resist, so it's become more evident. That's all. You have to be more obstinate. More obstinate. I tell you, just offer that being; you are conscious of it, you offer it to the Divine morning and evening: "Do whatever You want with it, do whatever You want...." You understand? Using your leg as a practical reference.

Yes, Mother.

We'll succeed.

Yes, Mother, yes.

(concentration)

MOTHER'S AGENDA, JANUARY 15, 1972

MOTHER

Meeting AVFG 073002 at Verite Hall

Present: Herbert, Priya, Charlie, Jai, Murthy, Krishna, Lucas, Amudha, Sumathi, Kala, Mechtild, Gerard, Kumar, Margarita, Tomas (chair), Friederike, Jeff, Lloyd (notes).
Guest: Aviram (Priya's place).

SHORT POINTS:**GREEN GROUP:**

After some explanation by Jeff of the tasks of the GG and what the GG has done so far, the group commented that the balance in the GG (members: 5 forest/2 farm) is not really as it should be. In the hope that in the future some FG members will show some interest in joining, the group endorsed the present setup of the GG and agreed that Jeff and Lucas can go ahead.

MURTHY MEMBERSHIP:

Murthy has filled in all the forms needed for his membership. A small group of AVFG members (Kala/Mechtild) visited the farm and concluded that Murthy is doing fine. During the meeting, Murthy explained that he is repaying the Rs. 26.000 loan from the revolving fund at a rate of Rs. 2000 per month. He was strongly advised to take care of his backlog in monthly accounts, but there were no objections to accepting him as a member of the AVFG.

BRIHASPATI:

Jeff: The present situation is that the affair is in the hands of FAMC. Meanwhile, without any decision being taken, Ayanar is investing in the place. There is a new proposal (072902) from the two horse farms for sharing Brihaspati with Ayanar.

Tomas recalled that a couple of months ago, in a recommendation to the Development Council, the Farm Group had said no to farming activities. The AVFG recommended that the place could go to Red Earth Riding School and the Pony Farm. In terms of involvement of the AVFG, the group decided that they leave it up to Ayanar to contact the AVFG, to apply for AVFG membership, once a decision has been taken by the FAMC, and see from thereon.

CHARLIE 20.000 WELL:

Charlie urgently requests Rs. 20.000 for a new well. It was suggested that he find room for this budget in the St. de Zaaier grant, that is coming around soon and that the point be further discussed at the next F&F meeting.

HANDICRAFT/SIDDARTHA:

The District Administration, advised through the Working Committee and by all concerned, has decided (ca. July 10 2002) to site a handicrafts complex, on two acres of Siddartha land, near perembeke land. The land lies separate from the farm, along the road to Kottakarai (old no; 230/11 - new no: 232/9 - 1.08 ha.).

Herbert invested in the soil of the land. He has been offered suitable farmland near the Irumbai tank. LEM suggested

that Herbert apply for funds for a bore well and work this land. At the meeting Herbert explained that he has no problems with the proposal, though it is unclear where the money for a bore well should come from. It was agreed that Priya visits the Secretary of the Foundation, to find out which AV groups are involved in the handicraft complex.

MAIN POINTS:**HERBERT/WATER HARVEST:**

It was decided that Herbert takes up 2,5 acre of the Water Harvest land for growing rice as monsoon crop, to see whether he can manage this amount of land on top of his work in Siddartha. If this experiment works out well, he could then expand to the remaining 4 acres. Herbert has to report on the work he does on these acres. This means that for the time being the remaining 4 acres also fall under AVFG stewardship (not LEM).

Margarita, feeling that Herbert can handle all the land, asked that it be noted that she does not agree with this decision.

Tractor: Herbert wants all to know that the Farm Group tractor, formerly at Water Harvest, is now at his place. Those who need it can contact him.

KUMAR/WINDARRA:

The Housing Group has registered the application for a house for Kumar in Windarra and Kumar has been told by the Housing Group that the extra money needed for the building will be available. There are no objections from Windarra against him starting to build on the plot of land near the Kottakarai road. The Farm Group approves of the application and will forward a recommendation to the Green Group. He will work the land in cooperation with Friederike.

ANBU/PLOT NR: 274/2:

After looking at this plot, Tomas reported that it is ¼ acre of neglected land, situated on the edge of future village expansion. He sees no use in it for the AVFG. The group agreed with his suggestion that the AVFG recommends to the Green Group that Anbu can be given stewardship of the plot.

KOTTAKARI FARM:

During the meeting a letter was received from the Interim Development Council. (see info letter). Given the complexity of this issue it was decided that a subgroup consisting of: Thomas, Krishna, Kumar, Friederike and Lloyd (notes) will work things out.

FARM GROUP OFFICE:

Given the complexity of this issue it was decided that a subgroup consisting of: Kala, Mechtild, Jeff and Margarita will come with a workable proposal. Jeff recommended that in talking about the issue the roles and functioning in the office need to be made clear.

POINTS MOVED ON TO NEXT MEETING:**SELVI/MOONLIGHT:**

Selvi (formerly Siddartha) requests stewardship of "Moonlight", formerly part of Water Harvest. Characteristics:

- area: 1,7 acre open field plot, with open well
- fences: two sides pillars/wire - two sides canyons/vegetation.
- movable assets: 8hp diesel - centrifugal pump with suction pipe.
- intended use: organic millet, oilseed, dry land rice, pulses and vegetables.
- building plans: 40 square meter house (incl. storeroom and tool-room). She contacted Housing Service.
- infrastructure plans: water tank and a cow house for 2 cows.
- workers: one year budget for wages available, including full time one amma and one watchman.
- first returns: surplus crops, vegetables and milk available for AV.
- maintenance: Selvi receives a farm maintenance of Rs. 2500. She suggests that during a trial period of 6 months in Moonlight the AVFG recommend her for a half maintenance.

ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION PROJECT/HOUSING (LAXMAN):

Laxman has worked on AV maintenance for ten years. During the last two years he received a AVFG maintenance for doing artificial insemination (AI). He is presently living in a keat house on a one acre AV plot (LEM) near Kottakarai, with his wife and two children. He has the use of a house that was available, for which he has tried to AV get funds for improvement. However, the Housing Group is not willing to finance the house and suggested he find some more permanent housing (he later obtained a Rs. 10.000 personal loan from Housing Service to improve his house). Laxman intends to combine building a house with setting up a station for artificial insemination; with the idea of servicing cows for AV as well as villagers. For this he seeks to be in close contact with veterinarian centers in the area. One of these is close to Windarra and another is close to AuroAnnam. Both places would set him central within his field of work, but good alternative locations would be: Buddha Garden, Solitude, Siddartha Farm and Ayarpadi. He has, over a period of four years, been asking the above mentioned communities for permission to set up his house and project, so far with no result.

His (rough) estimate for his investments is:

- 2 lakh for a house for his family
- Rs. 50.000 for an office/laboratorium and shed in which to treat cows
- suggesting that he applies to AV for a loan to realize his project.

There is an outstanding loan for a moped, for which Charlie has taken responsibility.

COMMENTS: Isha will bring additional information.

FOR F&F MEETING:

SOLITUDE RS. 5000:

COMMENT: Isha reports. Also, Angamma passed by asking about running the place now that Krishna is back. Lloyd has been trying to trace Krishna, so far without success.

FOREST GROUP MEETING august 2nd Cetre Field

Present: (24!!) Hans(Eg.) , Cristo , Matirprasad , Biggy , Jaap , Dirk , Michael , Gemma , Paul , Saravanan , Peter T , Kumar , David (Adv.) , Islan , Patrick (Rev.) , David , Auradha , Rita , Marti , Glenn , Anita , Kanniapan , Sydo (notes) , Jaap .

A meeting between GG members , IDC and Evergreen community on the proposed service area was announced for mon. 5/8 at Evergreen. It was mentioned that there is an agreement about an 80 meter strip from the North-East corner to the North-West corner of Evergreen and that this service area was in principle agreed upon , on condition that the proposed road to the south of it was not included The GG will follow-up on it.

Adventure members reported about their meeting with Peter CS , who suggested a 4 acre sportsground (including a cricket pitch) for village use in the North of Adventure where as they had thought in terms of a beginning of 1 acre only that could expand in case of it being a satisfying experience. The cremationground is already in the 80 meters Northern- service-strip bordering the tar road and logically Adventure sees the North West corner of this strip as the appropriate location. It was felt that such a sportsground will best serve everybody when it is run by Auroville rather than by one group in the village so it can be another meeting ground in the fashion of New Creation sportsground. We'll stay in touch.

Auradha announced her intention to join Evergreen. She had approval of its members and now came to seek Forest Group approval. There followed some discussion on greenwork commitment and population density.

Saravanan's letter To the FG : This is about the upcoming 30 year leasing of two fine natural ravine habitats close to Aranya , Hermitage and Aurobrindavan by the Govt. of T.N. Watershed Development Agency who might after filling the land give opportunity for industries to settle there. He requested the group's support. The GG will draft a letter to be send to WC , Secr. Of AV and to Dr. Swaminathan. David will work with Dr. Das who has contacts that will make lobbying possible so that these natural habitats could become part of Auroville for the next 30 years.

Adventure requested and was granted a personal maintenance for Kumar now that the cashew yields were only 10% of two years ago.

Tree cutting along the Fore Comers road by local landowners was reported. This can be understood as boundary adjustments Islan wants to start work on a new plot between Revelation and Minati. We were reminded of the much needed meeting

still to be called on the priorities of development in this Northern Greenbelt. It was agreed that the work on the land can start and that we'll see about the rest later.

PLANTING : Make your applications to Glenn for the amount and model of planting you want to do before the next FG meeting. The price of seedlings is 4 Rs. This year The EC projects' 100 acre TDEF plantation have been finalised the plots and stewards have been selected .

Paul informed us on the request of the Theosophical Society in Chennai , who have a 200 acre property , to plant some TDEF. This will be coordinated with the FG nurseries.

Marti read her letter of agreement about building a capsule in Success in which she put conditions. Dirk and Marti both signed the letter.

She is going to Johannesburg soon and would like to take environmentally oriented project proposals to that meeting to find funding. If you have let her know soon !.

Next meeting will be in the Botanical Gardens.

ATTENTION ALL EMPLOYERS,

We all know about the tragedy that occurred at New Creation last week. A gardener died while cutting trees, a tree fell on his head and he died on the spot. This shows that Life is not a permanent one and death will occur at any time to any body. The Employer paid nearly Rs.3 lakhs as compensation to the gardeners family. It really helped the suffering family. But it may not be possible for all employers to meet out such huge sudden unexpected expenditures. To reduce such risk SEWA is suggesting to the employers to take "PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE" for their employees. After the above accident SEWA feels it is necessary that All the Auroville employees must get insured. To Insure a person for Rs. 1 lakh, you have to pay a small amount of Rs.252/= as premium for one year.

SEWA is doing a service for taking such insurance. SEWA has a good contact with THE NATIONAL INSURANCE (Undertaken by Government of India). At present more than 100 individuals and more than 10 unit employees covered by this insurance through SEWA. Apart from the death claim, the Personal Accident Insurance giving some additional benefits to the unit Employees. – For further details please contact SEWA - V.BATMANABANE & J. MOHAN - phone no.622709.

Kuilapalayam School Trust II Keet structure for a classroom Bommayapalayam

From The Telephone Service

1. The Telephone Department (formerly DOT, now BSNL) has supplied one Pondy Telephone Directory cum Yellow Pages for each phone connection of the Auroville Foundation (that is well over 900), so we have no shortage there. If you have use for one, please collect it from our desk at Aurelec.

2. This is to anyone who has ST/ISD facility enabled on his line and still hasn't acquired the practice: use the dynamic lock to bar long distance calls at all times! It is the only effective way to prevent misuse, not only by individuals that might have access to your telephone but also, or even more so, by people who are in the position to tap into lines within the switching centers of the Telephone Department.
3. And once again: during Monsoon, all sensitive appliances have to be equipped with a lightning protector. They are available at our desk for only 60 Rupees. No installation required, just plug and play. Alternatively, we recently discovered another protective device, which can be installed already in the distribution box. This way, the protection is effective for all appliances on that line (parallel connections) plus the whole wire from the box to the house. These protectors are professional equipment that carries a German brand name. The installation has to be done by our personnel, though. For as little as 105 Rs. including work, they can be recommended wherever the technical conditions allow their use.
4. Our Public Call Office (PCO) at the new creation corner will be renovated and remodeled coming week. This might cause some temporary interruptions in the services.

Cellular Phone Service

The demand for reliable cellular phone services in Auroville has gradually increased over the recent past. The present providers, though, BPL and Aircell, cover only a small part of Auroville's area with their signal and are therefore of little use. The purpose of this article now, is to determine just how many people in Auroville would ultimately be interested in such a service, if it was state-of-the-art.

At present, India's biggest service provider in the field of telecommunication, the Bharti Corporation, is about to include the rest of Tamil Nadu into their cellular network, which is operated by **Airtel**. After getting in touch with them, series of meetings with their executives has paved the ground to what seems to become a very promising cooperation. Similar to the arrangement we have with BSNL for regular phone lines, Airtel would treat us like a big corporation because all subscriptions would actually be in the name of the Auroville Foundation. Contrary to BSNL, however, they would offer us the advantages and treatment that becomes possible in a business relation of such scale of size. Here some of the terms and conditions we are negotiating, some of which are already approved:

- Airtel would waive initial fees. For individual user these are up to 10,000 Rupees. For our own security, we might have to raise a certain (flexible) deposit, though. Details of that to be worked out.
- Additional features like Itemized Bill, Caller Identification, Voice Mail and Data/Fax Transmission usually add up to another 300 Rs. per month. We would

like to see these free of charge.

- The "Closed User Group" feature is the equivalent of an intercom. That means: calls between internal Foundation cellular phones are for free.
- Flexible price packages from 299 to 1000 Rs. per month. The smallest one gives 150 minutes of "Airtime", which is the time you are online, either calling out or receiving a call. The biggest one, again, is a special offer that allows for an unlimited amount of airtime. In between these two, several variations are available.
- A support hotline, exclusively dedicated to corporate customers, which is available 24 hrs a day.

Some general information:

- Calling a BSNL (DOT) phone number from a Cell Phone always entails the regular DOT charges in addition to the airtime charges.
- On the other hand, whoever calls a cellular phone number pays the same amount he would pay calling up a landline number at the same location. The cost of the radio connection will go to the account of airtime of the cell phone holder.
- Health concerns in this matter are difficult to assess. On the one side many claim this technology to be a health hazard while on the other side, nobody seems to have ever met somebody personally who has suffered damage from it. These concerns should not be fully discarded, though, and the technological development has already addressed this aspect by devising ways of minimizing the radiation involved. In that respect, the service of Airtel is the least objectionable since they are utilizing the highest available frequency, which makes it possible to operate at half the intensity that the regular band requires (1800 MHz as opposed to 900 MHz). To maximize this advantage, appropriate equipment should be used. A respective research will be undertaken by us to identify handsets, which can be recommended in this respect.
- Little can be said about the prices for the handset, as of now. On the local market they range between 3500 and 10000 Rupees. But any instrument brought or donated from the West, which supports the frequency, can be used. Once the time is ripe for it, we will identify a suitable supplier for a high quality product who can offer an attractive bulk rate.

To assure full coverage of our area, an additional antenna will have to be provided, which constitutes an investment of nearly 5 million Rupees by Airtel. So, in order to get a sense of how many of us might eventually be interested in this service, we are inviting your feedback. Quite immediately, it will be interesting for those who already have a cell phone and who would benefit from better conditions. Also some of those who live too far off from any access to the cable grid might happily opt for this solution. But many more have just waited for cellular telephony to become more attractive, up to now. Someone else might see a possible use for it the future. In whatever category you classify, please send us an email or give us a call:

telephoneservice@auroville.org.in
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Residents' Assembly

As agreed in the General Meeting on the Sunday the 4th August 02, a Residents' Assembly is being called for:

Sunday the 18th at 4pm at SAWCHU

Agenda:

- 1.) Feedback to the proposals "The Experiment".
- 2.) The next Working Committee.
- 3.) Approval of creation of the Auroville Resource Group (ARG).

Working Committee

Agenda for the General Board Meeting on 21st September 2002

The acting Secretary, Mr. Srinivasamurty, has asked the Working Committee to alert every Aurovilian and, particularly, the Working Groups, especially SAIER, CSR, FAMC, ENTRY-, DEVELOPMENT-, HOUSING- AND ECONOMY GROUP, to prepare a progress report for inclusion in the agenda for the Governing Board Meeting, scheduled for the 21st September. Any information regarding this subject should reach the Working Committee on the 15th of the August.

Working Committee

55th INDEPENDENCE DAY OF INDIA

A celebration to mark the occasion of the **Independence Day of India** will be at **8.00 A.M.** on the **15th August 2002** at Bharat Nivas Premises. Dr. Kamala Tewari will hoist the National Flag of India. Children of Auroville Schools will sing patriotic songs. All are requested to grace the occasion by participating in the Republic Day Celebrations. Light refreshments will be served after the Flag hoisting.

SECRETARY-IN-CHARGE
AUROVILLE FOUNDATION

**CINEMA - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM
FRIDAY 16 AUGUST – 7.30 PM (Film show
starting at 7.45 sharp)**

PLACE VENDÔME

Directed by **Nicole GARCIA**, France, 1998

With: Catherine Deneuve, Jean-Pierre Bacri, Jacques Dutronc, Emmanuelle Seigner

Synopsis: The death of the director of one of the prestigious jewellery shops on Place Vendôme in Paris, leaves his wife at a terrible crossroads in her life. Industrious and ambitious, Marianne was once a great broker herself. She loved a man, Battistelli, who was unfaithful to her. Ever since, her life has been marked by sadness and she lives in a boozy stupor most of the time ... until the day, she discovers seven magnificent diamonds stashed away in her husband's hidden chest... (Best Actress award for Catherine Deneuve, Venice Film Festival, 1998)

Original French version, with English subtitles - Duration: 1h57' – Colour – 35mm film

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The ashtanga yoga classes have started again in Petite Ferme. the schedule is from Monday to Friday 7.30am to 9.30am. some Aurovilians who cannot come in the morning have asked me to do some classes in the afternoon as well. so for a month there will be classes on Monday and Wednesday at 4pm, as a trial period and if it works the classes will go on a regular basis. for more info call Gerald at 623425. I am looking forward to work with you again, see you on the mat.
Love from Gerald.

Transition School Needs Help

Transition cherche un professeur de Francais langue estrangere.
Formation possible.

Transition School needs an Arts and Crafts teacher.

If you would like more information please contact:

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Francoise at Transition School 62-2145

How to preserve canned items

1. Sterilize the jars and the top-lids by putting them into boiling water for 10 minutes.
2. Fill the jam, chutney etc. immediatley after cooking into the jars and close the lids. (option: before closing the lids, a little Colloidal Silver can be sprayed on top of the filling, in order to kill fungus / mould spores almost totally)
3. Put the jars up-side-down. Leave it like this for 3 minutes.
4. Put the jars again into the pot of water (turn again to „normal“ position) and boil for another 15 minutes - all the air will come out leading to air-tightness and sterility.

With best Wishes,
Your PourTous-Team

PLAY WITH SHIVA AND NOW ALSO KRISHNA

I received in Sri Aurobindo's bathroom on 17.8.1990 through Champaklal the name GANGALAKSHMI. During 10 years I used only GANGA, now since 17.8.2001 I take the full name GANGALAKSHMI only.

With lot of love,
GANGALAKSHMI.

Video in French présente :**Le Patient anglais**

En pleine seconde guerre mondiale, dans la moiteur d'un monastère italien, une infirmière qui a perdu tous ceux qu'elle aimait, décide de se consacrer à un seul patient, mort-vivant, rescapé de son avion en flammes dans le désert.

Le film retrace l'épopée du comte hongrois Laszlo de Almasy qui aura souffert jusqu'au bout de ne pas avoir su extérioriser ses sentiments.

Le film d'Anthony Minghella (9 Oscars à Hollywood), est emporté par une technique irréprochable, une musique envoûtante et des acteurs superbes dont Juliette Binoche qui devient ainsi le personnage le plus attachant du film, la lumière de ce drame.

Version française, 160 minutes

Avec Ralph Fiennes, Kristin Scott-Thomas et Willem Dafoe

Visitor's Center, Jeudi 15 août, 7.30 pm

German Video@Visitor's Center

Mittwoch, 14.8.2002 20.00 Uhr

KELLY BASTIAN

(D 2001, 90 Min)

Regie: Andreas Kleinert

Darsteller: Dagmar Manzel, Michael Mendl, Nicole Heesters

Drama um den Aufstieg von Petra Kelly bei der Gruenen Partei Deutschlands, ihre Affaere mit dem ex-General Gerd Bastian und dessen tragisches Ende. Interessantes Zeitdokument der Atomkraftgegner-Aera, die Geschichte einer der engagiertesten Parteien Deutschlands sowie die Schwierigkeiten einer Beziehung zwischen juengerer Frau und aelterem Mann.

Filme fuer die kommenden 2 Wochen

21.7. Chocolat (F) mit Johnny Depp

28.8. Es geschah am helllichten Tage (D, 1958) mit Heinz Ruehmann, Gerd Froebe

FOR OUR GUESTS AND FUTURE NEWCOMERS

FIRST Guest Introduction Week of the coming season will be offered on

MONDAY 19TH OF AUGUST at 9 O'CLOCK AT CENTER GUEST HOUSE

See you then....with love. Ambre, Joseph, Renate. If you need more information call 623019

-ANOUNCEMENT-

Please, note that at the PourTous Stall you will find the Auroville Products in the new section (blue shelves & Bakery corner) whereas the products from outside are displayed in the "old" area.

New Products at Pour Tous – made in Auroville!

Unit	Product
Celebration	Lime Pickles, Extra Hot
KOFPU	Organic Sunflower Seeds, roasted Org. Sunflower Powder, roasted
Pommo D'Oro	Sun Dry Tomatoes in Oil
Royal	Frillantines Cake 10 Element Cookie (low sugar) Ready-made French specialities – Fish, Chicken, Veg (Pre-Cooked Meal with Rice)
Satsanga	Organic Tarragon

At your service,
PourTous Team

Cape Gooseberry (*Physalis peruviana* L., Solanaceae) These plants grow all over the Andes and were fruit of the Incas (Veitmeyer 1991). Cape gooseberries (which are neither gooseberries nor from the Cape; seeds were obtained from the Cape of Good Hope late last century) are grown on a few small properties in New Zealand. Production is small and fruit is supplied mainly to the local market. Removed from the paper-like husks, the attractive yellow marble-sized fruit makes one of the world's finest jams. Fruit has a high vitamin A, B, and C content, is a rich source of carotene, phosphorous, and iron, and also contains vitamin P. It may be eaten fresh, in salads or in cocktails.
- from an article on South American fruit grown in New Zealand.

Cape gooseberry and papaya jam made at Discipline Farm is available from Pour Tous or direct from Discipline Farm.

AUROVILLE ELECTRICAL SERVICE

We are to announce and to introduce to all groups, project holders and communities that one Mr. R. Jothi Charles, B.E. (Electrical Electronics) designated as Project Engineer (Electrical) is current working with AVES w.e.f. 01/08/02.

He is also a new comer in Auroville.

He will be looking after Job works, Petty Job works and fault works etc., In discharge of his duties he will be visiting and supervising all the work sites.

This is for the community information and if need be regarding any electrical works can please contact Mr. Charles.

Ponnusamy.
Executive.

Every Tuesday At 5:00 p.m. At Savitri Bhavan

We shall listen to a series of recordings of Playground Talks by the Mother.

This coming Tuesday, [13 -8-2002] it will be the recording of the talk from October 8 1958.

This talk is centered upon a question by a student about intermediary states between man and superman.

Aster, an Aurovilian will remain present with us in this series where we would like to simulate learning from the Mother directly, through the recordings, a bi-lingual text preparation and sharing of insights that might ensue from the class.

I would especially like to invite all young Aurovilians to come and study with us.

Time duration will be of 45-60 minutes.
Everyone is welcome.

Savitri Bhavan team

FOR SALE

2 MOUNTAIN BIKES

MADE IN FRANCE

IN GOOD CONDITION

PHONE: 623 431-Jean-Luc

THANK YOU

For sale: - 1 round wood table diameter 119 cm, height 75cm with 4 arm-chair and 2 chairs

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Please contact Varada 623277

Dot Matrix Printer for Sale

Panasonic 24 pin dot matrix printer in good working condition for sale. Contact Ajit or Ratna at Samasti - 622 258



New
Services
at Pitanga

Reiki Sessions with Sumitra

Ms. Sumitra is a guest at the Ashram for about half a year. She wants to learn about Auroville and offers to us her many years of experience in giving Reiki to people of any age - and **specially pregnant women**.

If you feel like "charging your batteries" with the help of Reiki why don't you meet Sumitra at Pitanga? For a start she will be available:

Foot Reflexology with Yvon

Yvon is already known to many as he has been working for some time in Quiet. He is now offering his skills in Foot Reflexology at Pitanga.
Timings:

**Every Friday:
2.00 to 4.00 pm
starting from:
23/08/02**

Duration of session:
approx. 1 h

**Every Thursday:
1.00 to 6.00 pm
starting from:
22/08/02**

Duration of session:
first time approx. 1 h
follow up 1/2 hr

Please make your appointments with Sumitra and Yvon at Pitanga entrance desk or by phone.

Pitanga Ph. 622 561, mail: pitanga@auroville.org.in

NEWS FROM QUIET

Beginning on the 12th of August there will be a hatha yoga class at Quiet every Monday from 3:30 - 5:00. These classes will be taught by Heidi. Please note that this is in addition to Dodo's Wednesday and Saturday classes which continue.

BODY AWARENESS

-a workshop of 5 sessions-

Movement is Life. Life is a process. Improve the quality of the process and you improve the quality of Life itself. The workshop provides tools to become aware of tension.

-Gentle exercises that are proposals for change.

-Relaxation

When tension is released, Well-Being is re-established.

In Tadvanam Hall, Evergreen community- next to Abri/Ami roads. Timings: 10.30-12.00 on 24,25,26,27,28 August.

For info please contact Hansa 622586

Tadvanam@auroville.org.in

Urgent

Auro-Traductions

Nous recherchons une ou deux personnes pour traduire des articles de l'anglais en français.

Jeunes étudiants Aurovilliens, News-commers sont les bienvenus.

Ce travail peut être à mi-temps, quelques heures, à domicile selon votre convenance.

Cela peut permettre à des jeunes de perfectionner leur anglais et leur français. Nous pourrions apporter notre aide dans ce sens s'il y a un minimum d'engagement.

Tel : 622713

E-Mail : avtraductions@auroville.org.in

Contacteur : Claude.J. et Thillai

SOLARKITCHEN UPDATE

* Soon the new blue Aquadyn-machine will be properly installed and supply you with dynamised water. The Solarkitchen is regularly checking the microbiological waterquality of this machine and also of Rolf's waterenergizing-machine which is outside the Dininghall. Any further details and responsibilities concerning the health effects of these specially treated waters are either available at the Aquadyn-station near Aureka or with Rolf at Petite Ferme.

* Still some people are taking their dinner-tiffin very late which is neither good for the foodquality inside nor can we guarantee that your tiffin does not get stolen as the Solarkitchenstaff is leaving the Kitchen latest around 4.30 pm.

* We continue to appreciate when the small hand-towels of the bathrooms are remaining inside the Solarkitchen and the flowers in the Dininghall.

* Most probably everybody would be happy if small children are not sitting or walking on the tables inside the Dininghall simply because of hygienic reasons. Also the children should not run around making too much noise during lunchtime. We ask all parents to respect this.

* Last but not least the Dininghall is open from 12.15 pm to 1.30 pm; Please follow this timeframe.

Thank you for your collaboration,
Solarkitchenteam

15th August, 2002
**India's Independence Day and Sri
 Aurobindo's Birthday Celebrations**

THE FUTURE OF INDIA IS LUMINOUS IN
 SPI TE OF ITS PRESENT GLOOM.
 (1957)

In the whole creation the earth has a place of distinction, because unlike any other planet it is evolutionary with a psychic entity at its center. In it, India, in particular, is a divinely chosen country.

Sri Aurobindo does not belong to the past nor to history. Sri Aurobindo is the Future advancing towards its realisation. Thus we must shelter the eternal youth required for a speedy advance, in order not be to become laggards on the way.

Sri Aurobindo is constantly among us and reveals himself to those who are ready to see and hear him.

The Mother

Venue: Bharat Nivas. Time : 8.00 AM

After the Flag hoisting ceremony, short cultural programmes of the students of Auroville Schools will be performed.

All are cordially invited.
ARULVAZHI CENTRE.

Looking to serve:

A young dynamic Mechanical Engineer of 69 years having loads of experiences and innovative initiatives want earnestly to be of noble use to new dimensional projects of Auroville. If there is any opportunity to utilise his diligent service in and around Auroville, then please call PH: 249591, R.C.Bose.
 Thankyou.

LOOKING FOR :a 2nd hand Hero Splendor in good condition and with correct papers to buy please call Myriam 622848 or mail:myriam@auroville.org.in
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**- REDUCTIONS for BULK-Purchase of COLLOIDAL
 SILVER -**

... for Aurovilians, Newcomers and Long-Term-Guest
 Usually one bottle of 100ml Colloidal Silver (20 ppm) at
 Pour Tous is 110/- Rs.

Pick it up in bulk at KOFPU (next to Ganesh Bakery,
 Kottakarai area)

- EVERYDAY between 9 and 9.30 am -
 and you will get the following Reductions:

- * Purchase 3-5 bottles: you pay 90 Rs. for each bottle
 of 100ml Colloidal Silver
- * Purchase 6 or more bottles: you pay 85 Rs. for each
 bottle of 100ml Colloidal Silver

Purchase of larger Quantities can be negotiated
 individually.

Empty bottles can be reused. If you pick up new stock
 for yourself, refund will be
 Five Rs. for each empty bottle !!

All the best
 Krishnaprem at KOFPU

Certification for Electrical Works done in Auroville

It is observed that a few of the Electrical works in Auroville are being done through sources other than Auroville Electrical Service. Most of such works were carried out by people without Electrical Contract License and then AVES was approached for certification of the work and obtaining Electricity Supply. If any Electrical works in Auroville is done through other people, AVES needs to query the people through whom the wiring was done to check their credentials and verify that the standards were followed in the work. This is required as the subsequent maintenance and repair of the electrical work, done through other sources, often becomes AVES' responsibility.

(M.Ponnusamy)
Electrical Executive

MARTIAL ARTS IN AUROVILLE ;

Philippe propose new classes of the main TAOIST practises in PITANGA :

QI QONG - TAI CHI (chi work, concentration, meditation, use of the breath, towards a 100% healthy life)

tuesday thursday sunday from 5.30pm to 6.30 pm

KUNG FU (danse of shaolin , fitness training, coordination and power)

monday wednesday friday saturday from 5.30 pm to 6.30

beginners are welcome

HEALTH FIRST

Classical homeopathy child care personal development Consultation in eng, french, german and tamil

with Sigrid, healing practitioner

timings for consultations every morning :

Mon, Wed. Fri 9 a.m. to 12.30 a.m.;

Tue, Thu 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 a.m.

And on appointment at Prayatna , phone 623669

Une introduction a la "Premiere Aide

Homeopathique" aura lieu vendredi 16.8. a 10.00

Tous sont bienvenu !! Sigrid

ANNADANA SEED SAVERS IS PRESENTING: ASSISTANCE TO GROW YOUR OWN KITCHEN GARDEN

Dear friends,

The Annadana team would like very much in the coming year to help 30 to 50 Aurovilians and Newcomers to grow their own vegetables gardens. We will conduct, on the same model as last year, a series of workshops at the AV Botanical Gardens, starting September 2002 and continuing to April 2003, at the rate of one or two workshops per month. The sessions will take place mornings from 8:30 to 11:30.

These workshops will cover all aspects of growing your own vegetables, like composting while using your local resources, germination, transplanting and planting, direct sowing of appropriate species, making vegetables beds using various methods, introduction to the particulars of common vegetable plants (planting time, growth duration, growth patterns), pest and disease control using locally available EM (thanks to Margarita). Like last year, we are happy to have direct participation of Aurovilians, but we do not mind also to train your gardeners.

New theme!!! Personal assistance!

This year among various activities in India, Annadana welcomes for a duration of nine months, for our Tropical Agro-Ecology course, six students from abroad. Together with these students and the Annadana team, we would like to help you personally in setting up your vegetable garden, at your place.

No... we won't do all the digging...but we will come to your place, see with you the best location for the garden, the appropriate size, how to do the beds, provide you with seed or seedlings, help you to choose vegetables species and varieties according to your taste, help you in the after care, pest and disease control and answer all your questions about the veggies... (free of charge)

We will announce end of August the date of the workshops. You are encouraged to book in advance with Isha (isha@auroville.org.in) for participation in the workshops and with Stephane (stephpoo@auroville.org.in) for a personal assistance with the students of the Agro-Ecology course.

Hoping to provide us all with more fresh products from home kitchen gardens!

The Annadana Team

ps: Many people had stopped us on the road to ask us if Dominique (founder of Annadana, director of Kokopelli Association of international seed savers, recipient of the French Ecological prize for the year 2000) will return and if the project will go on. Dominique and his family won't come to live in Auroville, but he is still very much a part of the Annadana project through his financial and technical support. He now plans to come one month every year, to be involved in inputs for our work in India. This year he is expected in January.

A Correction

Merry misunderstood, I did not write that Mother was against a person having an operation where they extract part of the body. Such an operation may be necessary although dreadful. I made no comment on the sterilization of animals-in-general in an article.

Ann

Do you Like to Sing?

Be in touch with gerald visit. Center (622 248)- In any style you will sing on stage, life with the choice of your favorite song! (Be ready for in a month!) Tell a friend, for fun!

Lost my reading glass (with a black cordon). Tea or Coffee reward!!!

Thank you, Gerald 622 248.

Bulldozer against Wilderness

"Snakes are not interested to bite humans" (Encyclopedia of Indian Natural History, New Delhi, 1986, page 515).

Without doubt animals are more peaceful than mankind. In every place of planet people wage war upon nature. A next step is industrialization in Auroville, not according to Auroville's Master plan. Around Hermitage land is to be leased by Wasteland Development Board, for Agro-based industry. In most probability land will be filled (JIPMER is a land fill site, once extensive ravines).

There is a bright example of agro industry in Kerala which includes the cashew plantations, planes with endosulfan and awful diseases of villagers. A war against wilderness around Hermitage means a great pollution and destruction of Ousteri lake which is home for thousands of migrant waterfowl. A land around Hermitage isn't waste, enormous numbers of plants and animals live in it.

A lot of creatures tell: "Will Aurovilians be passive witnesses of a nature tragedy, violence against life? We are a heritage of evolution during millions years. Stop bulldozer! We need to collect millions of signatures for saving our lives. Help us!"

Boris

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-1 round wood Table diameter 119cm, height 75cm with 4 arm-chair and 2 chairs

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Please contact Varada 623 277

Support Required for Ecocity Conference, China**Dear Community**

As stated in the last AV News, I have been invited to present the Auroville as a case study for 'An Ecocity in

Making' in 5th International Ecocity Conference in Shenzhen, China. Air far and local expenses are bring covered by the conference organizers. I needed approx. Rs. 20,000/- of which Rs. 10,000/- have been provided for. I am still in need of Rs. 10,000/- to cover related expenses. It would be a great help if individuals/groups/units could contribute towards this amount, in full/part. I leave on 14th August. Acc. No. 251107. Thanks. **Lalit**

NEWS FROM QUIET

Traditional Thai Massage-intensive ten day course.

The course includes six hours a day of instruction and practice. Participants will receive a certificate upon completion of the program.

Dates: August 19th-28th

Place: Quiet Healing Centre

Fee: Rs.9600

For further information, or to register please phone the Quiet office: 622 329 or 622 646.

Office hours : 8.00-noon and 1:30 – 5.00, Mon. – Sat

NEWS FROM QUIET

Auromira, a fourth year student at the Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine, a four year post graduate medical school in Toronto, Canada, will be working with us at Quiet this month. She will see patients for:

1) Bowen Therapy. This is a dynamic system of muscle and connective tissue therapy involving gentle moves on soft tissue which stimulate energy flow and rouse the body's own resources for self healing. It is especially useful for musculo-skeletal complaints, herniated discs, frozen shoulders, asthma, TMJ, allergic conditions and carpal tunnel syndrome.

2) Korean Hand Accupressure. This is a traditional technique in which seeds are used to apply pressure on a precise point (no needles). It is particularly useful in providing pain relief for acute injuries, headaches, etc.

3) Nutritional / Lifestyle Counseling. Optimiz health by correcting imbalances discovered through traditional Chinese tongue and pulse diagnosis.

Please phone the Quiet office to schedule appointments.

Roma's Kitchen

Special buffet lunch thursday 15th august 12.15pm onwards

Alu Chaat

Baked Pasta

Vegetable croquettes

Keora Palao

Mixed veg Jhal Farezie

Chickpeas masala

Palak raita

Tandoori chicken

Naan / Roti / Papad / Pickles

Gulab Jamun / Phirni

Adluts Rs 145/- Per head

Childern under 8 years Rs 95/- Per head

Reservations at 622032 10am to 1pm
and 6.30pm to 8.30

AUGUST 15, 2002

SRI AUROBINDO'S BIRTHDAY

COLLECTIVE CONCENTRATION

AT THE MATRIMANDIR AMPHITHEATRE, 5.15 A.M.

EVERYBODY IS REQUESTED TO ENTER VIA THE MAIN GATE

THE DAWN FIRE WILL BE LIT AT 5.30 A.M.

FROM 6.30 A.M. EVERYONE IS INVITED TO SEE
PAOLO'S RECENTLY COMPLETED STUDY OF THE
ENTIRE "PEACE" AREA WHICH INCLUDES THE OUTER
GARDENS / PARK, LAKE AND INNER GARDENS.

THIS EXHIBITION WILL BE IN THE MATRIMANDIR UNITY OFFICE.

Dear Friends, this is to inform you that the Chief medical Doctor, Dorjee Rabten will be giving his consultation on Saturday 17th August. For appointments call Kalsang at 623-338 Or 622-401. From the 16th onwards no appointments will be given.
Thanking you in advance. Kalsang Dolma for Pavilion of Tibetan Culture

**PHONE AVAILABLE FOR IMMEDIATE TRANSFER
CALL MOHAN AT 622 709**

Yoga Nidra

(Deep Relaxation)

From the 16th of August, yoga nidra sessions will start again, on Friday afternoons at 4, in Transition's Awareness through the Body Hall.
For more information contact Aloka 622336

Frozen Yoghurt Ice Cream from Sorbet

Many of you have enjoyed Sorbet's yoghurt ice cream at Auroville café's and restaurants. These frozen confections can now be found at Pour Tous. We hope that you will take a pack home and enjoy the fresh, tangy taste after dinner. How about a scoop on a delicious slice of home-made cake? There are various fresh fruit flavours in 500gm packs. To avoid using plastic, Sorbet has packed the yoghurt in stainless steel containers, which we ask you to return to Pour Tous. Enjoy!
The Sorbet team, Marie-Ange and Hans

AUROVILLE - from utopia to reality

The English version of the 52 mnt documentary on Auroville, which was filmed here in March of this year by Mr Harry Haener (camera, producer) and Ms Laurence Bolomey (journalist) of Swiss/Italian TV, has now been completed and can be perused by all.

The documentary features a good number of Aurovilians as well as Prof. M. S. Swaminathan (UNESCO Cousteau Chair in Ecotechnology & Chairman of the Swaminathan Research Foundation; previously Chairman of Auroville's IAC) and Prof. Albert Jaccard, well-known French genetician and humanist.

(The film will be aired, in Italian, early in the coming season, via Swiss/Italian TV. At present, we're also working on Spanish and German versions.)

Showing of English version:

Place: Visitor Centre

Time: Next week Sunday, August 18th, 7.30 pm
Auroville Outreach