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FAREWELL KENNETH

The community is mourning the recent demise of Kenneth Fator who passed away at the age of almost 70. His body was buried on August 23rd, in Adventure.

Kenneth has been with us, living and working in Mother's Auroville, from the early years onwards. In the later years we know him from his poetry inspired by his experience here.

Please hold this longtime friend and brother up to Mother in your awareness for some time.

Our love and sympathies go out to his Auroville-born daughters, Durgaura and Aurienne.

Farewell, Kenneth..

HER ALMOST FLEDGLINGS

On a halcyon day I found the blue
one-inch egg, pale afloat on the lily
pond – not on a leaf, on the water still.
And I thought of the kingfisher gone so
many days past; I wondered at the egg:
no tree stood near except the mango,
its branches clear of the water or nest.
So I took the orphan for hatching;
-don't laugh, it happened, astounding me too.

There is a bronze of Kali seated in my house,
of benevolent mien, the mudra allows
approach, annihilation deferred; behind bent leg
I cached within Her cosmic wrap the egg.
For half-a-month it lay lapped getting
ready to hatch for its second's reprieve;
its minute of mystery to live cleaving
time; I found it dead, dank, half-out of its shell
and Kali brooding on Her almost fledglings.

Kenneth

HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

Il est donc de la plus haute importance que l'être psychique caché en nous fasse son émergence et prenne la direction du sacrifice, car seul cet être profond peut apporter le plein pouvoir de l'esprit dans l'acte et de l'âme dans le symbole. Lui seul peut assurer au symbole une éternelle fraîcheur, une sincérité et une beauté impérissables même quand la conscience spirituelle est incomplète, et empêcher le symbole de devenir une forme morte ou une magie corrompue et corruptrice ; seul, il peut conserver à l'acte son pouvoir et sa signification. Toutes les autres parties de notre être – le mental, la force de vie, la conscience physique ou corporelle – sont beaucoup trop sous la domination de l'ignorance pour être des instruments sûrs, et encore moins peuvent-ils être un guide ou la source d'une impulsion qui ne s'égare point. Toujours, la plupart des mobiles et des activités de ces pouvoirs s'accrochent à la vieille loi, aux tables trompeuses, aux mouvements inférieurs chéris de la Nature et c'est à contrecœur, avec crainte ou révolte, ou en opposant une inertie obstructrice, qu'ils répondent aux voix et aux forces qui nous appellent et nous pressent de nous dépasser et de nous transformer en un être plus grand et en une Nature plus vaste. Le plus souvent, ils répondent par une résistance ou un acquiescement mitigé et temporisateur ; car même quand ils répondent à l'appel, ils tendent encore par habitude automatique sinon consciemment, à introduire dans l'action spirituelle leurs propres incapacités naturelles et leurs erreurs. À chaque instant, ils sont poussés à tirer égoïstement avantage des influences psychiques et spirituelles ; à chaque instant on peut les surprendre à se servir du pouvoir, de la joie et de la lumière que ces influences nous apportent, dans un dessein vital inférieur. Plus tard aussi, même quand le chercheur s'est ouvert à l'Amour divin transcendant, universel ou immanent et qu'il cherche à l'infuser dans la vie, il se heurte au pouvoir d'obscurcissement et de perversion de ces forces inférieures de la Nature. Toujours, elles attirent vers les pièges, infiltrent dans cette intensité plus haute leurs éléments amoindrisants, cherchent à capturer pour elles-mêmes et à leur fins le Pouvoir qui descend, et le dégradent, en font un instrument mental, vital et physique glorifié, au service du désir et de l'ego. S'il ne tenait qu'à elles, l'Amour divin, au lieu d'être le créateur de nouveaux cieux et d'une nouvelle terre de Vérité et de Lumière, serait gardé ici prisonnier et utilisé comme une légitimation formidable, une force de glorification sublimante, pour dorer la boue de la vieille terre et colorer de rose et de saphir les vieux cieux troubles et irréels de l'imagination vitale sentimentaliste et les chimères idéalisées du mental. Si cette falsification est tolérée, la Lumière, le Pouvoir et la Béatitude d'en haut se retirent et il y a une chute à un état inférieur, ou bien la réalisation reste à mi-chemin, enchaînée, prise dans un dangereux mélange, à moins qu'elle ne soit recouverte ou même submergée par une exaltation inférieure qui n'est pas le véritable Ânanda. Pour cette raison, l'Amour divin, pourtant au cœur de toute la création et la plus puissante de toutes les forces créatrices et rédemptrices, a été jusqu'à présent la moins visiblement présente dans la vie terrestre, la moins efficace dans la rédemption, la moins créatrice. La nature humaine n'a pas été capable de la supporter dans toute sa pureté, justement parce que c'est la plus puissante, la plus pure, la plus rare, la plus intense de toutes les énergies divines ; l'homme a immédiatement corrompu le peu qu'il en pouvait saisir pour en faire une ardeur vitale pieuse, une sentimentalité religieuse ou morale incapable de se défendre, un mysticisme voluptueux ou même érotique et sensuel sorti d'un mental en rose ou d'une impulsion vitale passionnément trouble, et par ces faux-semblants, il a voulu compenser son incapacité à abriter le Feu mystique qui pourrait reconstruire le monde par sa flamme sacrificielle. Seul, l'être psychique profond, quand il se dévoile et émerge avec son plein pouvoir, peut conduire le sacrifice du pèlerin sans dommage à travers ces embûches et ces pièges ; à chaque moment, il surprend, démasque, rejette les mensonges du mental et de la vie, saisit la vérité de l'Amour divin et de l'Ânanda, et les dégage des ardeurs excitées du mental ou de l'enthousiasme aveugle et fallacieux de la force de vie. Mais par contre, toutes les parties essentiellement vraies dans l'être mental, vital et physique, il les désembourbe et les prend avec lui dans le voyage, jusqu'à ce qu'elles se tiennent droites sur le sommet, neuves en esprit et sublimes en leur forme.

HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

It is here that the emergence of the secret psychic being in us as the leader of the sacrifice is of the utmost importance; for this inmost being alone can bring with it the full power of the spirit in the act, the soul in the symbol. It alone can assure, even while the spiritual consciousness is incomplete, the perennial freshness and sincerity and beauty of the symbol and prevent it from becoming a dead form or a corrupted and corrupting magic; it alone can preserve for the act its power with its significance. All the other members of our being, mind, life-force, physical or body consciousness, are too much under the control of the Ignorance to be a sure instrumentation and much less can they be a guide or the source of an unerring impulse. Always the greater part of the motive and action of these powers clings to the old law, the deceiving tablets, the cherished inferior movements of Nature and they meet with reluctance, alarm or revolt or obstructing inertia the voices and the forces that call and impel us to exceed and transform ourselves into a greater being and a wider Nature. In their major part the response is either a resistance or a qualified or temporising acquiescence; for even if they follow the call, they yet tend—when not consciously, then by automatic habit—to bring into the spiritual action their own natural disabilities and errors. At every moment they are moved to take egoistic advantage of the psychic and spiritual influences and can be detected using the power, joy or light these bring into us for a lower life-motive. Afterwards too, even when the seeker has opened to the Divine Love transcendental, universal or immanent, yet if he tries to pour it into life, he meets the power of obscuration and perversion of these lower Nature-forces. Always they draw away towards pitfalls, pour into that higher intensity their diminishing elements, seek to capture the descending Power for themselves and their interests and degrade it into an aggrandised mental, vital or physical instrumentation for desire and ego. Instead of a Divine Love creator of a new heaven and a new earth of Truth and Light, they would hold it here prisoner as a tremendous sanction and glorifying force of sublimation to gild the mud of the old earth and colour with its rose and sapphire the old turbid unreal skies of sentimentalising vital imagination and mental idealised chimera. If that falsification is permitted, the higher Light and Power and Bliss withdraw, there is a fall back to a lower status; or else the realisation remains tied to an insecure half-way and mixture or is covered and even submerged by an inferior exaltation that is not the true Ananda. It is for this reason that Divine Love which is at the heart of all creation and the most powerful of all redeeming and creative forces has yet been the least frontally present in earthly life, the least successfully redemptive, the least creative. Human nature has been unable to bear it in its purity for the very reason that it is the most powerful, pure, rare and intense of all the divine energies; what little could be seized has been corrupted at once into a vital pietistic ardour, a defenceless religious or ethical sentimentalism, a sensuous or even sensual erotic mysticism of the roseate coloured mind or passionately turbid life-impulse and with these simulations compensated its inability to house the Mystic Flame that could rebuild the world with its tongues of sacrifice. It is only the inmost psychic being unveiled and emerging in its full power that can lead the pilgrim sacrifice unscathed through these ambushes and pitfalls; at each moment it catches, exposes, repels the mind's and the life's falsehoods, seizes hold on the truth of the Divine Love and Ananda and separates it from the excitement of the mind's ardours and the blind enthusiasms of the misleading life-force. But all things that are true at their core in mind and life and the physical being it extricates and takes with it in the journey till they stand on the heights, new in spirit and sublime in figure.

REVE II

This is a housing project of the Development Group and the Auroville Housing Service. It is centrally located and already nearing completion. There are still apartments available on ground, first and second floor.

For more information please contact Auradha at the Housing Service.

Meeting of the subgroup for the restructuring of the Auroville Water Service

Mon 19/8/2002, Aurelec, 11 am

Rathinam/ Rolf/ Ulli/ Ponnuswamy/ Hari/ Nico/ Tency (notes)

1. Auroville Water Service is closed and will not restart from the same place, or with the same name.
2. The space which becomes available will remain empty and re-allocated by the FAMC till all the issues regarding the Waterservice are solved.

3. Proposal to start a new unit under care of Kumar and the four Aurovilians working before at AVWS.

Proposal to relocate the activity in Reve, in the vicinity of the road service place. See with Muni and Sukrit.

A new name has to be given for the unit and activity.

4. New Water team would receive equipment for undertaking the following activities :

- compressing of wells
- supply of water (one water vandi & tractor, second water vandi to be handed over to road service)
- repair and removal of pumps
- plumbing work
- shifting of equipment and incidental expenses related to this move.

5. The new team would receive a recommendation from the Famc to receive two [Ulrich Blass] to three months start-up capital and two months maintenance. No liabilities from the former AVWS would be transferred. The telephone from the AVWS would be transferred to the new team. A person to oversee the accounts (i.e. Stuart) needs to be identified.

6. Hari will do a stocktaking exercise of all assets formerly under care of AVWS. He will receive the assets/stock as registered in the balance sheet from Rathinam, who will help with the necessary explanation. Further actual stocktaking will be done with the help of Maurice, Gilles B. As an independent observer Wazo or Stuart can be invited.

7. All papers/documents related to the activities of water, all archives are moved and kept for safeguarding by Harvest.

8. Proposal to Aureka to start a unit for the repair,

maintenance and plumbing work of pumps on a permanent basis. Aureka has equipment, but would like to obtain some necessary equipment from the formerly AVWS.

Answer expected on Wedn morning.

9. Proposal for the development of new borewells. Activity is shifted over to Harvest. A new team is constituted with Maurice as coordinator. The team could include Rolf, Gilles B, and a person from the Dev Council.

10. Proposal for the sludge management unit, a tractor and sludgetanker for the removal of sludge from the septic tanks.

The Solid Waste Management Unit operating under Lucas has been contacted for taking over the activity and ensuring its proper working, maintenance and economical viability.

Answer expected on Wedn morning.

11. Proposal to shift the generators to AVES. Proposal to shift the repair and maintenance of the gensets to AVES.

12. All assets transferred to the involved units and other units will have to be compensated for at depreciation rates. An auction could be organised for the disposal of the left over material.

13. The liabilities with regards to incomplete jobs of the former AVWS will be taken up case by case by the subgroup of the WC/Famc.

14. When the full picture is clear and the proposal is ready in its totality, a joint meeting can be organised between the subgroup, the support group of the new team and the other parties involved , Aureka, SWM, AVES.

Meeting of the subgroup for the restructuring of the Auroville Water Service

Wed 21/8/2002, Aurelec, 4 pm

Rolf/ Ulli/ Ponnuswamy/ Hari/ Tency (notes)

Visitors : Muni / Lucas

- The location that will be offered to the new unit, was explored in depth.

The open available space at Reve seems the most promising. A corner is still unoccupied were Eric, Francois and Rolf have already storerooms and activities. The place offers sufficient safety and has a connection with Aurovilians.

A temporary storeroom will have to be built, an electrical cable to be laid.

Rolf and Muni will contact the neighbours in order to get their consent.

- The stock taking will be started as soon as possible, with Gilles B, still an executive of the AVWS, Hari, Maurice and one observer.

- A list will be handed over to the Famc, who will decide on the reallocation of the equipment to the different activities, based on recommendations prepared by the subgroup.

- AVES has agreed to take up the generators and repair of gensets.

- The Solid Waste Management unit has agreed to take care of the tractor and sludgetanker.

- Aureka will slowly build up a team for the repair and removal of pumps from the borewells. The allocation of equipment will be considered by the subgroup.

- Harvest will evolve the activity for the coordination of drilling new borewells.

- Due to potential problems with our village neighbours, the previous utilised place in Abri will remain closed. (Note: We received a very clear and unmistakable warning from the ex workers in Edyanchavadi via Chakravati, that should we decide to reopen the WS in Abri with the 4 Tamil Avilians, they would all demand reemployment!)

- The Famc will be briefed about the latest update, if no serious objections are voiced we will start with a meeting with the support group and also with the communication towards the community.

Next meeting of the subgroup on Sat 24/8 at Aurelec, 4 pm for the presentation to the support group.

MINUTES OF RESIDENTS ASSEMBLY OF 18 AUGUST '02 @ SAWCHU

At the Residents Assembly meeting held on 18 August at which 80 to 95 residents were present the following proposals were approved:

1. It was agreed to extend the Working Committee's mandate to 30th September 2002. One objection was noted. The objection was made because the extension of the Working Committee had not featured on the agenda for this meeting of the Resident's Assembly.

2. The proposal to form an Auroville Resource Group (ARG) was approved unanimously.

If no significant objections are made within the next 2 weeks, the proposal stands ratified by the Residents Assembly.

Suggestions:

1. It was suggested that the WC issue information on the ARG to all residents of Auroville as soon as possible.

2. It was suggested that the minutes of RA meetings should be drafted and made available to the residents of Auroville.

3. It was suggested that the WC ensure that an adequate amount of time be given before proposals are submitted for approval by the Residents Assembly and that all relevant documents are received well in advance.

Working Committee

FROM THE WORKING COMMITTEE

The group of people from which the Working Committee and Support Group were formed last March agreed that if members resigned or were absent from the Working Committee for an extended period, new members would be invited to join the Working Committee from the Support Group.

Kathryn and Jill have been TOS for sometime and Selvaraj has been absent for personal reasons. Kathryn is now back in Auroville but has resigned from the Working Committee.

Therefore, following discussion with the Support Group, the Working Committee has asked Support Group members, Anna Maria and Carel, to be new members of the Working Committee.

IDC Meeting Report of the 9th of August 2002

Present: Jacques, Joseba, Dharmesh, Eugen (consultant)

Secretary Sonja

Absent: Aurovici, Jill and Peter A.

Observer Gilles and Suhasini

Pour Tous II

Gilles and Suhasini presented the building Application for Pour Tous II. The layout of the future Pour Tous building is not acceptable as it is not in harmony with the guidelines of the Crown Road. Suhasini made some possible drafts of the façade and building but still IDC feels not convinced by the layouts. E-mail had been sent to Roger about the project. His answer was quite mitigated and his doubts were similar to those of IDC. Both parties want to wait for Roger's recommendation the project has very specific constraints.

Public Toilets

Bharatipuram needs toilets since Land & Estate Management has fenced the land used for toilets. Government will sponsor it.

IDC Meeting Report 13.08.02

Present: Jacques, Joseba, Stuart, Dharmesh, Eugen (consultant), Gemma

Secretary: Sonja

Absent : Peter A., Aurovici, Jill

Observer : Grace, Lalit, Anupama, Astrid, Gundolf, Pashi

Presentation of the future development by Planning Team

Since a long time Planning Group is study the social and technical land use and infrastructure. Already 95% of the city area has been studied and cut in sub sectors where the densities are also given.

The density of the sectors has been studied properly; IDC tries to keep the new projects matching with it. A more detailed master plan is worked out where social infrastructure, densities, Greens (approx. 55%) cycle path etc...will be shown.

Planning Group has included the different points of view in its study and made a synthesis of it for the best of Auroville.

A new building application is under study that will refer to those used in Germany and in India.

Douceur

In Douceur a big hut has been built some time ago and recently some other constructions came out without permission. Grace came to talk about her development and to ask for a needed fence, which will protect her from the pollution of the road. IDC requested her to fill up a building application for her past construction and

the fence. IDC will visit Douceur and inquire about the other constructions.

Service Area

The service area proposed by IDC has been accepted by Evergreen people and Green Group members but the road even if welcomed by Evergreen seems to raise some questions among Forest Group members. A meeting will be arranged between IDC and Forest Group to clarify the matter.

Sve Dam

IDC and FAMC with the participation of Housing Service will build up a subgroup to solve the situation at Sve Dam.

IDC Meeting Report 16th of August 02

Present: Jacques, Joseba, Dharmesh, Stuart, Eugen (Consultant)

Secretary : Sonja

Absent: Jill, Peter A., Aurovici

Brihaspati

The situation there seems opening towards a solution a subgroup meeting will be called with both parties.

Water Service

At the beach came up a serious problem regarding the pumping of saltwater. Some pumps maybe have to be closed at Repos . IDC will invite Gilles from water harvest and people of Repos to discuss on it, and to find a solution if possible.

Water Control

Asia Urbs was trying to give money for the water analysis of Aurovilles wells. But unfortunately until yet it is not possible. Igor who is in charge of the analysis but does still not attend to the meetings and does not response guidelines. The things get complicated instead of solved.

Anbu / Stewardship at Kottakarai

Anbu is requesting for a stewardship at Kottakarai. The plot he has choosen is not adequate for green work since it is a very small plot surrounded by Kottakarai colony. IDC is wondering if it is wise to allow Anbu to settle there, may be to sale the plot for a better situated one that can help to consolidate Auroville land is a better solution.

Two building applications are waiting two weeks for feedback

Grace, Douceur, Keet capsule and a Ferrocement wall along the road and a storeroom

Abri Transport Service; Service Area; Fence and parking shed at the 1st phase

Please return your paper with names for the Auroville Resource Group (ARG) as soon as possible. Your participation is important.

The final date has been extended to September 7th.

You can put your paper in a box at the Solar Kitchen or Pour Tous or bring it to the Working Committee Office.

Online participation is also possible. See Intranet for more information.

A HOUSE HAS BURNT DOWN, HELP IS NEEDED!!!

As some of you may know, my house burnt down in Sve Dam on 19th of May, along with all my belongings. I would need your help to get myself back on my feet.

Burnt down along with my house, my clothes, bed, mattress, fan, music system, kitchen materials, cupboard, etc...

Please come forward to help me whether with cash on PT account number 250054 "elumalai's house" or in kind.

You can contact me through email e_elumalai@hotmail.com or at Solar Kitchen at lunch time.

I URGENTLY need a place to stay, you might have a place in your community for me to build a house, or you might even have a free house for me to take over. Please let me know.

Thank you, Elumalai

Some Changes in the Auroville News

The Working Committee and the Support Group have had several discussions about the Auroville News and decided to create a small editorial team to check what goes in the News. The members are Ritam, Mauna and Janet. Please note that this team will not take up the job of correcting spelling and grammar mistakes.

We would like to point out that the AVNews is not the only medium for expressing one's views. This can be done via the AV Net, or by email using personal distribution lists or by making photocopies and sending out to Aurovilians via the messenger.

Please continue sending your meeting reports, articles and messages to avnews@auroville.org.in. From there all messages will automatically go to Ritam, Mauna, Janet.

Thank you for your understanding.

The Working Committee & the Support Group

Aux amis de Raymond.

Comme vous le savez, Raymond a traversé récemment beaucoup de difficultés. De plus il est déjà grandement endetté.

Quand nous lui rendons visite à la clinique Nallam, il semblait particulièrement préoccupé par la publication de ses deux derniers livres car il n'a pas assez d'argent pour les publier. Il a besoin pour cette publication d'une somme de 65000Rs. Si vous souhaitez l'aider, voici son No de compte de Pour Tous : 2979

Merci à tous. Michel (Surrender)

Video in french présente : Visitor's Center – Jeudi 5 septembre 19h30 Cheb Mami en concert,

Eurockéennes de Belfort - 1999

Né dans l'Ouest de l'Algérie, le Raï a été d'abord un chant de détresse improvisée par des femmes pauvres et déracinées. Influencé par la chanson française et la musique espagnole le Raï s'est doucement modernisé. Cheb Mami appartient à cette génération pleine d'espoir en la construction d'une société algérienne libre. Sa voix aiguë aux accents andalous, sa façon de marier nostalgie orientale et soft rock, son goût de la fusion sert admirablement ce "blues" à l'humour insolent et moqueur.

20h30 Halfaouine, l'enfant des terrasses

Film tunisien de Ferid Boughedir 1990 – Version française - 98 mn

Un jeune enfant de douze ans accompagne sa mère au hammam des femmes. Sa puberté naissante attise son inquiétude d'être partagé entre le monde des hommes qui l'attire et le monde des femmes qui le protège encore.

Ce rite de passage vers l'âge adulte, commun à tous les enfants du monde, prend une valeur particulière dans le monde musulman d'aujourd'hui où l'absence de communication entre maris et femmes perpétue le cycle de séparation entre le monde des hommes et celui des femmes qu'ils transforment en objet.

Latest Laptop Model (French Keyboard) for Sale

A latest and new laptop with following details is available for purchase at a good price. It has a French Keyboard layout. The new one is costing around US\$ 2000 and it is available at US\$ 1500. Interested persons may please contact Mr.

Brahmanand Mohanty at mohanty@vsnl.com

HP Notebook PC, Omnibook XE 3, Intel (R) P (R) III, Mobile CPU 933 MHz, 120 MB RAM, Hard Disk 20 GB, Toshiba DVD Rom, 2002 Windows XP Professional version in French language. Interested persons can contact Mr. Brhmanand Mohanty to see the laptop.

MANGE

When a dog shows a bald area under an eye, on the cheeks, on the forehead, Or on the front legs it may have mange. The mother dog transmits mange to the puppy through the placenta.

A puppy who looks nice when he is 2 months old, and if his mother is infected with mange, will often develop mange after completing his dentition. The dentition has been finished (around 7 months) and the immunity system getting weak

the first signs of mange will appear. If it is not checked early, mange may soon have serious consequences. One of these is the bacterial infection that often develops, causing pustules and intense reddening of the skin, which is exacerbated by the violent scratching from the irritation. The mites live in sebaceous glands and in hair follicles, so that when an animal has been infected the hair soon drops off the area. In eight days 1000 female mites might increase to 12000. In eight more days these might become 132000.

NEEM OIL DOES NOT KILL THE MITES!

It makes only the skin soft, oily and black. The ointment will be licked and the dogs digestion will be disturbed. Mange in an early stage can be easily treated with 1 or 2 injections. If mange has developed a prolonged treatment is needed.

**DAYAKARA VETERINARY DISPENSARY
GIVES FREE TREATMENT TO YOUR DOG,
CAT OR OTHER PET, each afternoon 2 p.m.
to 5.30 p.m.**

For more information please call 622 980.
Veterinary Dr. M. Kumar

**Bob from Sri-Ma has broken his wrist and is
cancelling all appointments from now till
about November.**

Sorry for the inconvenience.

Bob (Sri-Ma)

SEEKING FRENCH TRANSLATORS :

Dear friends,
Avitra (Auroville international translators) immediately requires good French translators for an IT-education courseware project of approx. 2,50,000 words. We are looking to add to our existing team of freelancers more part/fulltime AV French translators who are able to handle texts of a moderately technical nature. Electronic dictionaries, glossaries, software and

all necessary technical support will be provided.

The required profile is as follows:

- excellent language skills - both native French and English;
- computer and IT literacy and some knowledge of IT market trends;
- possession of (or daily access to) a pc and e-mail;
- a minimum time availability of 4-5 hours daily (possibly for a period of 6 months min.);
- willingness to learn and work with new support tools - e.g TM (Translation Memory) tools;
- being meticulous, quality conscious and able to work with fixed deadlines;
- above-average typing skills; a translated word output of at least 1000 words a day will be essential;
- ability to work in a team with regular (online) communication and exchange.

The project carries a very good compensation package. If interested, pl. contact us at the earliest.

email (avitra@auroville.org.in) Tel: 623 310.

Greetings,

Avitra - Auroville International Translators,
Acceptance, Auroville.

**SALON DE MUSIQUE at PITANGA
HALL**

**Saturdays, from 6 p.m. until 7.30 p.m. at
Pitanga Hall, Samasti
Sat. Aug. 31st**

Eugeen, composer/conductor from Amsterdam, will give short introductions in English (with piano, if needed) for better understanding the masterpieces of the "Western Classical Music" repertoire, alternating with some interesting contemporary pieces.

Music on the theme of "De Profundis"(ps.CXXIX)

Gregorian Chant, Josquin Desprez, Orlando di Lasso, Andrea Gabrieli, J.P.Sweelinck, Michael Praetorius, Joh.Seb.Bach, Franz Liszt, Ildebrando Pizzetti, Arnold Schönberg, Olivier Messiaen and Arvo Pärt.

**More info: Eugeen & Marijke, Arya 622.478
margeen@auroville.org.in**

Next dates: Saturdays in October: 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

**SOLFEGGIO-Classes will restart in
October: Saturdays 4-6 p.m. Pitanga Hall**

Remembering Sri Aurobindo

The year 2001 started and concluded with a number of Aurovilians and Mother's children from Pondy as well as Auroville remembering the Mother the contents were shared through AV News.

The treasure-hunt follows this year with the detailed remembering by Asterji and a few more Aurovilians though not on regular basis. The flame is kept burning.

A student's query to one of us during a heritage walk tour in Pondy "Did you see Sri Aurobindo?" and almost the immediate response coming from unexpected quarter and from an unknown sadhika – "Yes I have seen Sri Aurobindo – triggers yet another impetus and we are in for yet another occasion to Remember Sri Aurobindo This is made possible with the kind gesture and consent of our sister Asterji, this time at CIC.

A small group of friends, some of who had the good fortune of being with Sri Aurobindo before and after the accident (1938) have come and joined with us to remember Sri Aurobindo during his birthday week on 12th August, 2002.

It becomes a very solemn occasion with a short programme starting with Sri Aurobindo's Mantras; the hymn from the Gita to the Supreme Purusha; a video on Mother on Sri Aurobindo with some of the recordings from her concluding with the Auroville singing group rendering some songs concluding with the very mantras of Sri Aurobindo that were played in the beginning; making a beautiful garland of remembering Sri Aurobindo in SILENCE.

One person who could not attend physically from Pondy rendered on cassette a prayer poem, he had offered to Sri Aurobindo.

Last but not the least is to mention the remembrance of our Asterji, who had the good fortune of reading a passage from Savitri in front of and under the guidance of the Mother in one of the room adjacent to Sri Aurobindo to be heard by him. We request her to share this at another times. Many of us are feeling the need of such gatherings that are food for our soul.

Other Observations

On the morning 12th, collecting few transformation flowers from our garden I told myself how nice if I could ask Auroculture too to join us and how certain and sure was the message conveyed better than cables & Computers! Happy to see her in our midst and sharing the preparation for the evening for which she was not accustomed – powerful flower message indeed.

*"If our souls could see and love and clasp God's truth,
Its infinite radiance would seize our hearts,
Our being in God's image be remade
And earthly life become the life divine."
- Savitri, Bk.X Canto 4,
Sri Aurobindo.*

PARTIME JOB

The CAFETERIA Visitor's Center is looking for a waiter (3 or 4 days a week). Bilingual(Tamil – English) and a good presentation is required – Nicole or Gerald. 622 248.

Are invited those willing to associate with the happenings of the years 2003 and 2004 (specially connected with the Mother and Sri Aurobindo – 125th Birth Anniversary day of the Mother and the Lord's Day 29th Feb 2004), particularly of Tamil connections, to a preliminary get together on 07.09.2002, Saturday at 4pm. Centre For Indian Culture, Bharat Nivas. You can also get in touch with Auro yogi (623 258), Subash (623 350) and Miresh (677 066).

NANDHAGOPALAN A Baby Boy born On August 16/08/2002 to DHANDHPANI and MOHANA. (AURELEC) PRAYOGASHALA.

FOR SALE

A Rectangular Table in wood with the top-in granites with 2 benches.

Tel : Marika -622 281 between 8 to 9AM and 8 to 9PM.

NEEM OIL FOR TERMITE CONTROL

Lots of people have asked if LIMONOL-NEEM OIL is effective against termites. The answer is "YES!". Apply a 1:1 solution of neem oil and water to their exit points around. They immediately stop using these spots.

However, these are billions of termites beneath our soil and they are tremendously well organized hard workers. So, you have to be constantly on the alert. In the Library, there is a book on termites "LA VIE DES TERMITES" by M. MATERLINCK. LIMONOL is available at Pour Tous, HERS and with us.

Rita and Njal.

DEAR FELLOWS AUROVILIANS,

I'd LIKE TO INFORM YOU THAT I CHANGED MY NAME : IT IS AGNI.

PS: I ALSO HAVE A NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER: 622 920 VITALE.

2 Messages from the ENTRY GROUP!!!

1) Please send all your enquiries, correspondence, and communications relevant to the Entry Group, directly to the Entry Group, rather than to phone or email individual group members.

Our phone number is: 622 707

Email: entry@auroville.org.in

2) Please note that the Entry Group Office will be closed for one week from September 2 till September 9th. We will be updating our database, reorganizing files and general spring-cleaning!

BORN IN FINDHORN

"Socrates said he was not an Athenian or Greek, but a Citizen of the World" (Plutarch, 46-20, Greek historian). Soon we will say: happy birthday, Findhorn!. Findhorn was born six years before Auroville, on Nov. 17, 1962. Alexandra (23), from Findhorn, now lives in Auroville. She told me that two hundred and fifty people live in Findhorn, but now in winter they are not so numerous –two hundred only. Sometimes five hundred gather, some from other countries.

Alexandra is studying anthropology and religions. In numerology her number is three, she was born on May 26, 1979. Her friend Ona has the number six (born on Apr. 21, 1979). She visited Auroville some years ago with a group of students ("Geo") from the USA. In numerology three means harmony, spirituality and six means creativity. Ona visited America and India, Alexandra was in Russia before with them. These girls shorten the distance between Auroville and Findhorn.

-Boris

hello ,

My daughter johanna **lost her doll either in the solarkitchen or somewhere else**.she is missing her very much.So if anyone **found a babydoll 30cm high** ,no hair,purple dress **please call** new creation guest house **622125** and ask for tom,dana and johanna thank you very much
Tom(new creation)

NEWS FROM QUIET

In an attempt to reduce water usage, not to mention our astronomical electricity bills (to both of which our washing machines contribute significantly) we requested some time ago that Aurovilians coming to Quiet for a massage bring their own bed sheet and towel.

This matter has become more urgent as we, like other beach communities, have begun to experience saline infiltration into our wells. But, unfortunately, to date there has been almost no response to our request.

Therefore this reminder: when you come to Quiet for a massage, please bring your own bed sheet and towel.

Your cooperation will be much appreciated.

The Quiet Team

PHILOSOPHY
With JEHUDA
Every Wednesday At 10A.M.
At Marco place in Shranga.

PHILOSOPHIE
en francias
avec CROQUETTE
a 10 h du matin
Les lundis 26 aout,
2, 9, 16 septembre
Chez Macro a Shranga.

Revised Nutrition Scheme***Reminder and precisions***

	Normal contribution	Minimum contribution
Lunch		
Monthly booking	Rs 670/month	Rs 350/month
Single booking	Rs 45/meal	Rs 25/meal
Dinner		
Monthly Booking	Rs 350/month	Rs 180/month
Single booking	Rs 20/meal	Rs 12/meal

Note 1: Kindly check with us at the entrance desk whether you are entitled to contribute less than the normal rate.

Note 2: Those who eat only 3meals/week contribute half.

Note 3: Contribution requested from guests: Rs 60/lunch

Note 4: Rs 670/month amounts to Rs 26/lunch, which covers only our very basic costs.

Rs 350/month amounts to Rs 13.60/lunch...

With love from the Solar Kitchen Team

Connections

Here are several positions and activities in the community that need filling. Would you please see if you could be of help. Please feel free to visit us at the SAWCHU building to discuss jobs and activities. **Connections will be opened on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9.00am till 12.00 am or by appointment. You can also reach us by email <connections@... >**

√ Supervisor of Computer Operations

A Unit is looking for a young and enthusiastic Aurovilian to supervise their computer operations in terms of hardware and software installations. The successful applicant should have basic knowledge in operating systems and networking of computers besides showing enthusiasm in helping out with the daily work in a young and dynamic assembly workshop for renewable energy systems. Another focus would be the design and maintenance of web pages.

This Unit would also provide full support in further training and education possibilities.

Contact: Connections at the SAWCHU building or 62-3440

√ Assistant to the accountant, part-time at Papyrus

The job itself is to assist the accountant by entering data into an accounting program called "Thalis". So here is an opportunity to learn this program. Since knowing Excel would be helpful, someone who already does know it is preferable.

Some knowledge of spoken French is also preferred. And as another learning opportunity, members of the Papyrus team can improve their French language skills, since there are French classes held at Papyrus for the staff.

The job is part-time either from 8:30 to 12:30 or from 1 to 5, daily, Monday to Friday.

Contact Bruno 62-2129 or -2633

√ Un professeur de Francais langue etrangere at Transition School

Transition School cherche un professeur de Francais langue etrangere

.If you are interested please **contact:**

Mary@auroville.org.in 62-2151

Francoise at Transition School 62-2145

√ Part-time teacher of English for CFL

The CFL will be incorporated into the new "future school" early next year. However, 2 English language groups (secondary level) at CFL presently need a teacher of English. This assignment entails about 6 class hours per week plus the usual time for preparation. Our Auroville

children have been taught to speak English since early childhood, so this teacher really needs to be a native English speaker.

Please contact either Chali (622113) or Li Mei (622 596)

√ Maths teacher for Udhavi

The Udhavi School is in need of a full-time maths teacher. Please share your knowledge and love with the children and youth of Udhavi.

Contact: Sanjeev: SAIER office (622 210)

√ Joining Connections

We are inviting a new person(s) to **permanently** join the **Connections** team. In particular we need people who under the umbrella of Connections would like to set up activities, which broaden, upgrade and support Auroville's human resources.

Contact: Connections at the SAWCHU building or 623440

The **Connections** team

Paulien, Don and Jaya

SAWCHU Building,

Tel.: 623440, email: connections@auroville.org.in

Stopover currency

I have a few Sri Lankan rupees - just enough for a comfortable airport layover - which I would like to exchange for Indian rupees (I didn't have time on my way back). If anyone is flying through Colombo .. .Kathryn, 622-871 or kathryn@

FOR SALE:

Cupboard for TV or clothing, teakwood, brand new. 6000 Rs. For further details dial 623062 or 623157.

EXHIBITION EXTENDED:

THE EXHIBITION OF PAOLO'S NEWLY COMPLETED STUDY OF THE ENTIRE PEACE AREA (PARK/OUTER GARDENS - LAKE - INNER GARDENS) IN THE MATRIMANDIR OFFICE WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL SEPT 30TH

TIMINGS - 9 AM TO 7 PM

You are invited to Arseny & Co. (Funnest Shooting Club) in Vikas.

Try to hit various objects like Tuna Cans, etc... AND win exciting prizes!!!!!!

Timings: Friday 5:00 to 9:00 PM AND Saturday 5:00 to 10:00 PM

Only for those older than 5 years.

For further information contact Arseny - Vikas - ph: 622 090

RESIDENTS ASSEMBLY**Sunday, September 1st, SAWCHU, 4 pm****Topic: The Experiment**

After the meeting we'll visit the new Centre for Urban Research (Town Hall Annexe) where tea and snacks will be served.

Working Committee

S A V I T R I B H A V A N**September 2002****The Mother's "Playground Talks"****Every Tuesday at 5:00 pm**

We listen to a series of recordings of the Mother's talks in the Ashram Playground to the young people of the School. These talks, in French, continued twice a week from 1951 to the end of 1958 and have been published in French as "*Entretiens*" and in English as "Questions and Answers". For these sessions, we provide the text of the talk in both French and English.

On Tuesday 03-09-2002 we will play the talk of September 24 1958.

This talk is focusses on a passage from Sri Aurobindo's *The Life Divine*, which refers to "the spiritual theorem of existence".

Aster, who as a girl was present when these talks were given, will be with us in this series where we would like to simulate learning from the Mother directly, through listening to the recordings, reading the prepared bi-lingual text, and sharing insights that might ensue.

We specially invite all young Aurovilians to come and study with us.

Duration of the programme : 45-60 minutes. Everyone is welcome.

A new series of programmes :

N a t u r e -

our joyous companion

continues with

THE PRIVATE LIFE OF PLANTS

A video series by David Attenborough

Part One : Thursday September 5 6.30 – 8 pm

Part Two : Thursday September 19 6.30 – 8 pm

TAMIL PROGRAMMES

Every Saturday 5.30 – 6.30 pm

September 14 - S. Mahalingam

September 7, 21, 28 - Sankaran

REGULAR COURSES

Sunday	morning	10.30 – 12.00	Savitri Study Circle
	evening	5.00 – 6.30	The Human Cycle, led by Kittu Reddy (except September 1 st)
Monday	evening	5.30 – 6.30	Cultivating Concentration, led by Jai Singh
Tuesday	evening	6.00 – 7.00	The Synthesis of Yoga, led by Shraddhavan
Wednesday	evening	6.00 – 7.00	The Life Divine, led by Dr. Ananda Reddy
Thursday	evening	4.30 – 5.30	The English of Savitri, led by Shraddhavan
Friday	evening	5.30 – 6.30	Cultivating Concentration, led by Jai Singh

Sanskrit Classes led by Katya (in the shelter) Monday, Wednesday 5 – 6 pm

Office and Reading Room open 9 – 12, 2 – 5, Monday – Saturday

SRI GANESHA'S BIRTHDAY

10.9.2002

THE BIRTHDAY OF SRI GANESH
WILL BE CELEBRATED AT SRI
GANESHA'S TEMPLE IN AUROVILLE
(SITUATED AT THE TURNING FROM
THE MAIN TINDIVANAM ROAD) ON
TUESDAY, 10TH OF SEPTEMBER,
2002

KUSUM, WHOM MOTHER CHOSE TO
BE THE ATTENDANT OF SRI
GANESH IN AUROVILLE, WELCOMES
EVERYONE.

SRI GANESH CHATURTHY

SEPTEMBER 10, 2002.

9 AM TO 10.30 AM AND

4.30 PM TO 5.30 PM

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(Auro-Traductions and languages)

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kwWtHfS l d; nj hl HG nfhs; tNj , j d; NehffkhFk;

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AMPHITHEATER

Every TUESDAY at 6 p.m. we will experience Savitri
read by Mother accompanied by Sunil's Music.

On Tuesday 3.9. it will be

Book 1 The Book of beginnings

Canto 3 The Yoga of the king

"World desire compelled her mortal birth.."

Every Thursday at 6 p.m. there will be selected music
and texts.

On Thursday 5.9. it will be

"The Four aspects of the Mother" - "Mahakali" by
Sri Aurobindo read by Mother .

Are are welcome to re-source at the wonderful place
and atmosphere in the very center of Auroville.

Sigrid

**Atithi Griha is to be used only for accomodating
our Guests-** particularly students. In future no workshop
or seminar will be conducted on our premises.

- ATITHI GRIHA TEAM.

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Auro-Traductions and languages.

This week, this article comes number 7 on languages. Since two months, we have been publishing in the News a page for learning 4 languages (French, English, Tamil, Sanskrit). This leads us to further clarifications.

We wish to remind you, that the aim of this learning process is not for people to become experts in the presented languages; but to engage an initiation to daily vocabulary use in Auroville and its surroundings.

The aim is to be able to communicate more and more. Every week, you receive 2 pages, vocabulary and grammar. They seem simple but in fact ask a big amount of conceptual, computer and pedagogical work.

For these 4 languages, two to three persons are participating. Examples: for the phonetical transcription of French into Tamil we ask Indian teachers of French and Tamil at the Alliance and French Lycée to do this work. On top of translation concerning Tamil and Sanskrit, we need competent people who use specific fonts for typing each language. This work has to be followed up until the printing in the News with these same fonts.

When everything is typed, a few editings and modifications are made by specialists in each language. We have received very positive commentaries about this work but also some criticisms and we acknowledge these. Of course we cannot avoid " local quarrels" which exist in the field of languages.

About the Tamil language, some regions in Tamil Nadu consider that their Tamil is superior to others and therefore creates polemics and unhappy people. It is the same concerning different school of Sanskrit. It is impossible to satisfy everyone!. One must always keep in mind the initial aim of this learning process.

In any case, we are considering every remark because our objective is to constantly progress to be able to present a quality work every week.

We hope these explanations will bring some light on how you see this work. We remain open and attentive to every positive suggestion.

Friendly

Auro-Traductions Languages team.

Ps: Important: Lessons 6-7-8 in Sanskrit, grammar page, about the Months:

The Gregorian calendar (January, February...) does not exist in Sanskrit. Therefore what is being used in the lessons, grammar page, is a transliteration from English calendar into Sanskrit.

Auro- Traductions et les langues.

Cette semaine, avec cet article, arrive le numéro 7 sur les langues. Depuis 2 mois, vous recevez ces tableaux pour l'apprentissage des 4 langues : français, anglais, tamoul et sanskrit. Cela nous amène à quelques précisions et commentaires.

Nous vous rappelons que le but de cet apprentissage

n'est pas de former des spécialistes dans les langues présentées, mais de permettre une initiation à un vocabulaire utilisé au quotidien à Auroville et ses alentours. Le but est de pouvoir communiquer un minimum entre nous.

Toutes les semaines, vous recevez 2 tableaux (vocabulaire et grammaire), apparemment simples mais qui ont demandé un gros travail de conception, de travail informatique et pédagogique.

Pour ces 4 langues nous travaillons avec 3 fontes différentes. Pour chaque langue, 2 ou 3 personnes sont impliquées.

Exemples : pour la transcription phonétique du français en tamoul, nous demandons à un Indien, professeur de français et de tamoul à l'Alliance et au lycée Français de faire ce travail. Pour le tamoul et le sanskrit, en plus de la traduction, il faut des gens compétents qui utilisent pour la frappe une fonte spécifique pour chaque langue. Ce suivi doit se faire jusqu'à l'impression dans les News avec ces mêmes fontes.

Quand tout est frappé, il y a plusieurs relectures et modifications par des personnes spécialisées dans chaque langue.

Nous avons reçu des commentaires très positifs sur ce travail mais aussi des critiques dont nous tenons compte. Bien sûr, nous ne pouvons éviter les « querelles de clochers » qui existent dans le domaine des langues.

Pour le tamoul, il existe des régions dans le Tamil Nadu qui considèrent que leur tamoul est supérieur aux autres. Cela crée des polémiques et des mécontents. Il doit en être de même pour le sanskrit. Il n'est pas possible de satisfaire tout le monde ! Il faut toujours se rappeler du but initial de cet apprentissage. langues.

De toutes façons, nous prenons en considération toutes ces remarques car notre objectif est de nous améliorer constamment afin de présenter un travail de qualité chaque semaine.

Nous espérons que ces explications éclairciront un peu votre vision de ce travail. Nous restons ouverts à toutes suggestions positives.

Amicalement, l'Equipe d'Auro-Traductions Langues.

PS : Important au sujet des leçons 6/7/8 en Sanskrit , page grammaire, pour les mois :

Le calendrier grégorien (janvier, février, ...etc), n'existe pas en sanskrit. Donc ce qui est repris dans les cours, page grammaire, est une translittération en sanskrit du calendrier anglais.

Some information on the survey of Auroville's sanitary installations.

Dear Everybody,

This subject really concerns all Aurovilians and we hope you'll take the time necessary to read this information.

In recent weeks and with the help of volunteers, we could complete the survey of practically all the sanitary installations in Auroville. The first phase of this study started in 1999 led to the creation of a Wastewater Management Group (WMG). This group of volunteers comprises all those knowledgeable of the subject. It gives the Development Council technical support in dealing with issues connected to wastewater management. The second phase consisted in finding out how much sludge is produced in all those installations. Why did we want to find an answer to that question? Because it became apparent that the time has come for Auroville to engage in proper sludge management. We hope that after reading further you will feel the same way and support the solutions proposed.

What do we mean by sanitary installations? In Auroville they are mostly septic tanks and leach pits. A few larger systems make now use of Imhoff tanks or baffled reactors. How do they work? Each type of installation has its own way of performing but their function is to facilitate the sedimentation and then digestion of sludge accumulating at their bottom. They are usually designed for a minimum detention period of 24 hours. Level of accumulated sludge should not exceed a 1/3 to 1/2 of the tank's capacity. In general, deposited sludge should be removed every 2 years. Failure to remove sludge at regular intervals leads to clogging of the installation. But long before it reaches this stage the installation will have lost its capacity of treating sewage and untreated effluents will be discharged into the ground.

This scenario is quite common in Auroville at present as was revealed by our survey and this for a variety of reasons, some of which we'll present here:

- There is a growing number of people who, now living in houses that were built by someone else, do not know how their sewage is treated. One is usually content to find a toilet inside the house but one is not necessarily aware of what is at the end of the sewer pipe. In many instances the installation is buried and your predecessor did not inform you of what lays below ground. May be he did not know it either?

- In this case no one knows when was the last time the installation was cleaned.

- Even when people know how their wastewater is treated, very few know that the installation **needs to be emptied at regular intervals**.

- Very typically cleaning will be done only when a problem develops.

- The installations are very often not adapted to the expected usage (i.e. too large for the number of users, poor design, etc.)

This situation is further complicated with other problems resulting from most residents not being knowledgeable of the nature of sludge and precautions to be taken while handling it:

- Until about 3 years ago, workers hired for the purpose did removal of sludge manually. The sludge would be transported to the nearest canyon or cashew tope but usually would be dumped close to the extraction site, just far enough for the stench to slip aside living quarters. Then Auroville Water Service (AVWS) was dotted with a suction unit and started operating in Auroville and surrounding villages, emptying installations and co-composting the sludge in trenches to produce compost.

- People are in their majority not aware of the hazardous nature of the by-product called sludge. Sludge contains a record level of harmful pathogens. One of the purposes of septic tanks and other installations is basically **to contain** this pollution. Therefore one could wonder about the illogical step consisting in removing highly polluted sludge and spreading it in the open?

- This practice, despite the service offered by AVWS, is still continuing for the following reasons:

- Service offered by AVWS is deemed too costly by some residents who prefer to use their own labor (if willing) or hire workers on contract.

- When AVWS is called the sludge removal cannot take place because the site is not accessible to their equipment. In such cases residents have no other choice than to resort to the above alternative.

On completion of the survey a study has been prepared that looks in detail at all the aspect of the question. Here is a brief resume of the parameters selected for the study.

- Sludge is a dangerous by-product that should not be disposed of untreated in the open, but it can become an asset if properly handled.

- Some technologies exist that transform sludge into composts or bio-solids that are safe for growing food crop.

- One of the main problems while dealing with sludge is its high water content. Bio-solids are obtained by dewatering the sludge. This water is highly contaminated and should not be allowed to reach ground water.

- There should preferably be one central place where sludge disposal takes place.

- The distance to the site should not exceed 10 km from anywhere within the township to reduce transport charges.

- Equipment has to be purchased that will make possible to clean installations that are at the moment not accessible to the suction unit.

With the support of consultants and experts in the field of sludge disposal/management several options have been examined in detail, cross checking their relevance to our situation. The study presents each option accompanied by a financial analysis. One such promising option is called "constructed wetland" which is a bed equipped with a drainage sand and gravel filter, planted with marsh plants.

It is proposed to undertake the project of 'Constructed Wetland' for Auroville taking the following steps:

- 1) Create the full awareness in Auroville about the sludge being a high-risk product that ought not be released untreated in the environment. And as a consequence, all the necessary groups and individuals should ensure their backing and financial support for the project.
- 2) Realize that Sludge has a market value but this value can be obtained only after the product has been treated. It is shown that the expected returns from compost sale contribute to lessen the maintenance costs of the treatment facility.
- 4) Make the proposed facility an integral part of the City developing infrastructure. Its construction will necessitate a one time capital investment to be borne by the collective.
- 4) The septic tanks should be emptied at regular intervals. The cost of desludging is to be born by the collective not by individuals (to do otherwise will perpetuate desludging in the open). This is the only way to ensure a regular supply of raw sludge and therefore treated bio-solids or compost. This will ensure also that nobody pollutes the environment.
- 5) Treated bio-solids will be used by all involved in green work.

The Development Council will present this proposal for approval, funding and implementation. Your suggestions are most welcome! A copy of the full report is available for perusal at the DC's office.

We take this occasion to thank all Aurovilians who in their vast majority responded positively to our surveyors' calls. Without your collaboration this work could never have been completed.

For the Interim Development Council
M. Cristo
(Engineering Consultant)

We have quite a lot of mixed textiles (about 25 full sacks) in the Eco-Service store room near Verite and they are quite clean. They can be useful as filling material for soft toys / used for the mechanical workshop for cleaning purposes / or any other purpose. We are searching for its reusing / recycling possibilities. If anybody in Auroville is interested in taking them, kindly let me know in this phone no. 622168 between 2 and 5 p.m.

If anyone wants to contact me for any problem regarding Solid Waste Management (SWM) should call me only in the afternoon at CSR in the above mentioned phone no.
Pratul (Coordinator)
For SWM Group

C I N E M A - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM

FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER - 7.30 PM (Film show starting at 7.45 sharp) **A BEAUTIFUL MIND**

Dir. by Ron HOWARD - U.S.A. 2001

With: Russel Crowe, Jennifer Connelly, Ed Harris, Paul Bettany, Adam Goldberg, Judd Hirsch

Setting: This Oscar winning film is based on the true story of John Forbes Nash, an American mathematical genius who won international acclaim, then lost it all to schizophrenia. What made the story exceptional was the fact that Nash eventually recovered enough to return to work and later won the Nobel Prize... Original English version - 35mm film - Colour

From the Entry Group

Message to all Aurovilians who are organizing courses, trainings and internships for longer than 6 months.

If participants are invited from abroad and need an entry visa kindly inform the Entry Group well in advance. Kindly submit details on the planned course or seminar.

Working committee and the Auroville Foundation office need to be informed as well. Boris and Valentina.

Due to highly questionable financial transactions, the Entry Group has withdrawn from Boris and Valentina Prikhodko (Prayatna), their Newcomer status with immediate effect. Apparently they have disappeared! Anyone having any knowledge of their whereabouts or activities, please contact the Entry Group.

New Member:

We would like to announce Jothi from Aspiration as a new member of the Entry Group.

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