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Man held for booking rail tickets illegally

By Our Staff Reporter

Mambalam Railway Protection Force personnel seized tickets worth Rs. 5,300 booked illegally by J. Karuppusamy (33) in the reservation office on June 22.

The team was led by S. R. Gandhi (Senior Division Security Commissioner) and S. Maharaja (Sub-Inspector).

Investigation revealed that Karuppusamy was working as a boy in a hotel in Washermenpet and booked railway tickets at a premium for guests staying in the hotel.

Heavy showers bring down tree



By Our Staff Reporter

Several roads and streets in T. Nagar and West Mambalam were flooded following heavy showers on June 28 evening. A tree on Chakrapani Street, West Mambalam toppled over.

Rs. 8 lakhs compensation for family of accident victim

The family of A. Mohammed Radhakrishnan, the man who was riding the motorcycle, and United India Insurance Company which had insured the vehicle. Ismail, who suffered head injuries, died in hospital on Aug. 16.

The petition was filed on behalf of Ismail's wife Yasmin Beevi, their son M Yasirajan, and Ismail's parents Rasulla Beevi and A. M. Ramzan Ali.

The compensation amount, along with an interest of 7.5% payable from the date the petition was filed on Dec. 17, 2007, will be given to the five members of the family who were dependent on him.

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TAMIL CINEMA 75 - A LOOK BACK

By RANDOR GUY

Tamil Cinema and Music - 19

For Gemini's 'Nandanaar', Murugadasa and Vasana used some of the original compositions of Gopalakrishna Bharathiyar like 'Sivaloka Naathanai Kandu Sevithiduvom Vaareer' in raga Naadhanaamakriya (Bharathiyar had composed it in raga Senjurutti), 'Vazhi Maraithirikkudhey' (raga Thodi), 'Ellorum Vaarungal' (raga Bilahari; Bharathiyar had tuned it in raga Behag), 'Pittham Theliya Marundhondru' (raga Sankarabharanam) 'Ayye Mettha Kadinam' (Ragamalika, Bharathiyar had composed it in raga Punnagavarali), 'Varugalaamo' (raga Manji) and 'Chidambaram Dharisanam' (raga Mukhari, raga Asaveri by Bharathiyar.)

The classical Carnatic music maestro 'Thamizh Thiagaiah' Papanasam Sivan, composed a few songs that were not in Gopalakrishna Bharathiyar's musical. The music directors were M. D. Parthasarathy and S. Rajeswara Rao, who were on the pay rolls of Gemini Studios.

Desikar's singing talents were fully exploited by Vasana for the movie. Ever a stickler for quality, he recorded some of these songs many times and shot them again and again. Not surprisingly, Desikar was upset and felt even hurt. (Desikar told this writer in later years that, for some time thereafter, Vasana and he were not on talking terms!)

As marketing strategy Vasana announced a trail-blazing Rs. 10,000-Prize-Song Contest for 'Nandanaar'. The moviegoers were asked to choose 'Ten Best Songs' in the order of merit and drop the answer sheet along with torn-half (counterfoil) of the cinema ticket in a box provided at movie houses where the film was screened. Vasana had the prechosen the prize list of the songs and had them deposited in a sealed envelope with the Indian Bank, First Line Beach (now Rajaji Salai) well before the prize scheme was announced, and had it opened in the presence of reputed witnesses after the last date of the scheme. This was the first time that such a scheme was introduced in South India and it created a sensation and contributed in good measure to the box-office success of the film.

Many songs from the film became hits and the movie itself was a major hit. When the sixty-plus year-old film was screened recently by 'Vintage Heritage' after many years it drew large crowds to the surprise of many. Obviously classics never fade or pall. 'Nandanaar' is undoubtedly one of them...

Desikar's last film was 'Thirumazhisai Aazhwaar' (1948). This film was long in production due to financial problems and, when released, it hardly raised a ripple. Sadly the disaster ruined the producers. One of them was a successful automobile businessman of Mount Road, Madras and the other was a wealthy Brahmin businessman of Vepery. Few remember this film today.

Later Desikar rose high in the Carnatic musical firmament, actively helped and inspired by the Thamizh Isai Movement. For some time he was Principal of the Music College of Annamalai University. Here a problem arose over his entanglement with a lady and it sadly led to his resignation. It caused him much mental anguish and soon after he passed away in 1972.

G. N. BALASUBRAMANIAM

G. N. Balasubramaniam, a legend in his lifetime and a legend that still lives even after his lamented departure for the Land of No Return over 30 years back. An icon of classical Carnatic music, he was immortalised under his famous initials, 'GNB'. Like most Carnatic musicians of yesteryears he too had his brush with movies during the early decades of Tamil Cinema, 1930-1940s.

Not many are aware that GNB was the first college-educated man to appear in Tamil Cinema when cinema was treated as a dirty six-letter word! He was a B. A (Hons.) degree holder and it appeared as a suffix to his name in all the movie ads of the day.

His innings in Tamil Cinema yielded only five films - 'Bhaama Vijayam' (1934), 'Sathi Anasuya' (1937), 'Sakunthalai' (1940), 'Rukmaangadhan' (1946) and 'Udhayan Vassavadatta' (1946). Among these, only 'Sakunthalai', in which he co-starred with another legend M. S. Subbulakshmi, has been permanently and indelibly etched in public memory. While a few old timers still recall the super hit of the early 1930s 'Bhaama Vijayam'. The rest have been forgotten even by film buffs. (To be continued)

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Suka Brahma Maharishi Jayanthi celebrations

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of Sri Suka Brahma Maharishi Ashram (8/22, Arulambal Street, T. Nagar), Sri Suka Brahma Maharishi Jayanthi will be celebrated from July 4 to 7 in Murugan Kalyana Mandapam, South Boag Road, T. Nagar.

The following is the program:

July 4: 6 a.m.: Swagath pooja.

July 5: 3 p.m.: Guru pooja; 4 p.m.: Ganapathi homam; 7.30 a.m.: Navagraha homam; 8.30 a.m.: Divine reading; 9 a.m.: Abhishekam; 12 noon: Anna-

dhanam; 6.30 p.m.: Music.

July 6: 5 a.m.: Guru pooja; 7.30 a.m.: Divine discourse; 8.30 a.m.: Divine reading; 9 a.m.: Kalas abhishekam; 12 noon: Annadhanam; 6.30 p.m.: Jayanthi celebration.

July 7: 4 a.m.: Guru pooja;

7.30 a.m.: Kalasa sthapanam, Divine discourse; 8.30 a.m.: Divine reading; 9 a.m.: Abhishekam; 11.30 a.m.: Annadhanam; 6.30 p.m.: Music; 7 p.m.: Bharathanatyam by S. Shra-

vnitha. July 5: 6.30 p.m.: Light music by Abhaswaram Ramji & party.

July 6: 6.30 p.m.: 'R. K. Swamy Scholar Award' will be presented to Ramanatha Dikshidar; 6 p.m.: Light music by Abhaswaram Ramji & party.

Poojas will be performed by G. Veeramani Swamigal (Agathiswaram), Narasimha Paramanandha Desika Swamigal (Velachery) and Sri La Sri Subbu Sitthar (Kovilampak-

kam).

All are welcome.

More details can be had in phone 2834 2483.

'Yagnaraman July Festival' from this evening

By Our Staff Reporter

'Yagnaraman July Festival' will be celebrated in Sri Krishna Gana Sabha, Maharajapuram Santhanam Salai, T. Nagar from June 30 to July 7.

Vidwan R. K. Srikantan will present the 'Yagnaraman Lifetime Achievement Award' to Umayalapuram K. Sivaraman (mridangam maestro) and 'Yagnaraman Award of Excellence' to Padma Shankar (violin exponent) and Janaki Rangarajan (bharathanatyam exponent) in a function at 6 p.m on Sunday, July 8.

The following are details of programs from June 30 to July 7:

June 30

6.30 p.m.: Kuchipudi & Bharathanatyam Jugal Bandhi by Uma Murali (Kuchipudi) & Rukmini Vijayakumar (Bharathanatyam).

July 1

6.30 p.m.: 'Amma' Music unplugged - Matru Devo Bhava - featuring Ani Srinivasan, Manasi Prasad, Saashwathi Prabhu, Saindhavi & Srilekha Parthasarathy.

July 2

6.30 p.m.: Crossroads Musical Journey led by Embar S. Kannan (Silent Violin), K. Sathyanarayanan (Keyboard), Patri Satishkumar (Mridangam), B. S. Arun Kumar (Rhythm Pad), V. Manikandan (Bass Guitar).

July 3

6.30 p.m.: Sufi Music by Bheekha khar (Vocal), Dayam Khan (Harmonium & Vocal), Dada Khan (Kartal), Ammad Khan (Kamaycha), Rosan Khan (Dholak).

July 4

6.30 p.m.: Samaavesha Bharathanatyam & Odissi Jugal Bandhi by Janaki Ran-



By Our Staff Reporter

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By Our Staff Reporter

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July 5

10.30 a.m.: 'Sonal Garaba Group' Dance form of Gujarat led by its Director Daksha Mahendra Joshi; 6.30 p.m.: Strings Attached Jugal Bandhi concert by Rajhesh Vaidhya (Veena), Purbayan Chatterjee (Sitar) with Patri Satishkumar (Mridangam) & D. Chandrajith (Tabla).

July 6

10.30 a.m.: Somana Kunitha Dance form of Karnataka; 6.30 p.m.: Anubhuthy by Trichur Brothers Krishna Mohan & Ramkumar Mohan.

July 7

6.30 p.m.: North meets South Jugal bandhi concert by Pandit Vishwa Mohan Bhatt (Mohana Veena), Dr. Mysore Manjunath R. Mani (Mridangam) & Pandit Ramkumar Mishra (Tabla). All are welcome.

OBITUARY

KARUKURICHI A. KRISHNAMACHARI



Karukurichi A. Krishnamachari (resident of Jaishankar Street, West Mambalam) passed away on June 22.

He was 85 and had been a resident of West Mambalam for 22 years.

Krishnamachari, who had retired from the Railways, used to conduct sloka and Veda classes. Hence he was popularly known as 'Vadyar Mama'.

He used to chant Vedas daily in Sathyanarayana Perumal Temple in West Mambalam and was honoured with the title of 'Mudhal Theerthakarar' by the temple authorities.

Krishnamachari is survived by his wife Perundevi, sons Adhivarahan, Srinivasan and Lakshminarasimhan, daughters Sundaralakshmi Narayanan, Andal Thothadri and Bhooma Santhanam, and grandchildren.

G. KOMALAVALLI



G. Komalavalli (resident of Kanchana Flats, 38/58, Pushpavathi Ammal Street, West Mambalam) passed away on June 20.

She was 83 and had been a resident of West Mambalam for 50 years. She was the wife of late S. Govindaraj (retired from Rallis India Ltd.).

Komalavalli is survived by her sons Vedagiri and Raghunath, daughter and grandchildren.

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			8.30 a.m. Divine Reading
			9.00 a.m. Abhishekam & Pooja
			11.30 a.m. Annadhanam
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			6.30 p.m. Music
			8.30 p.m. Dinner

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அட தம்பையாவா இது?

'காயத்ரி!' என்று நெகிழ்ச்சியுடன் உரத்த குரல் கொடுத்து அடிக்கடி இனசான சிரியல் கதாநாயகியைக் கட்டிக் கொள்ளும் அப்பா ரோலில் நடக்கும் வயதான நடிகர் ஷாட்டுக்குத் தயாராக இருப்பது போல மகிழ்ச்சியுடன் தோற்றமளித்தார் தம்பையா. வழக்கமாக எவ்விதமும் டிஸ்பன் டப்பாவில் நான்கு நாட்கள் சிறையடைக்கப்பட்டு மறந்துபோன வெங்காய பஜ்ஜியைப் போல வாடி வந்து சேருவார்.

பேச ஆரம்பிக்கும் உந்துதலான செல்லிப் ஸ்டார்ட்டர் பழுது அடையாத நிலையில் தம்பையாவிடம் தயாராக இருக்கும். தள்ளத் தேவை இல்லை. 'என்ன சமாச்சாரம்?' என்று நான் கேட்காமலேயே தன்னுடைய டயலாகை ஆரம்பித்தார்.

'ரெண்டு விஷயமா உங்களைப் பார்க்க வந்தேன் ஸார். ஒன்னு கூடுதும் ஆப்பினும் அடிக்கிற கூத்து பத்தி. இரண்டாவது பதிமுணாவது நம்பர் பத்தியது.'

அவர் பேச ஆரம்பிக்கும் போது நடுவே மூக்கை நுழைப்பது அவரை அறிந்தவர்கள் செய்யும் செயலல்ல. மௌனம் காத்தேன்.

'இனிமே நாமெல்லோரும் ஆகாசத்தைப் பார்த்துத்தான் நடக்கணும். சாடிஸைட்டில் காமெராவை வைத்து உலக நாடுகளின் படங்களைத் துல்லியமாக கூடுதும் ஆப்பினும் போட்டா போட்டி போட்டுண்டு போட்டோ போட்டோ பிடிக்கப் போறானாம். காமெரான்னா சாமான்யம் இல்லே. தோட்டத்திலே குரியக் குளியல் எடுக்கிற பெண்ணைக் கூடத் துல்லியமாகப் படம் எடுத்துடுமாம். அது மட்டும் இல்லே. திறந்திருக்கிற ஜன்னல் வழியா உள்ளே நடக்கும் சமாச்சாரங்களைக் கூட அம்சமா படம் எடுத்துடுமாம்.'

அறையின் ஜன்னலுக்கு அருகில் உட்கார்ந்த அவர் வெளியே தெரியும் ஆகாசத்தைப் பார்த்தார். பளிச்சென்று புன்னகை பூத்தார்.

'காமெராவுக்கு முன்னே நிக்கறதிலே இருக்கிற சந்தோஷம் அது எடுத்த படத்தைப் பார்க்கும்போது அதிகம் பேருக்கு இருப்பதில்லை. ஏன்னா கடவுளோட படைப்பு அப்படி. இனிமே ரோடிலே நடக்கும்போது மக்கள் நீட்டா உடை அணிந்து போகலாம். டாப் ஆங்கிளி ருந்து காமெரா படம் எடுக்கிற தாலே தலைக்கு முக்கியம் கொடுக்க ஆரம்பிக்கலாம். சரியான முடிவினைச்சல் இல்லாம தரிசான முன், பின், நடு தலை இருக்கிற ஆண்கள் 'விக்' வெச்சண்டு வெளியே வந்தாலும் வரலாம். இதெல்லாம் விட முக்கியம் திறார், புழலுக்குப் போகிற போதோ அல்லது அங்கேயிருந்து பெயில் கிடைச்ச ஊர்வலமா திரும்பி வரும்போதோ பளிச்சென்று பற்பசை விளம்பரத்துக்கு சிரிக்கிற மாதிரிப் போல் கொடுக்கும் அரசியல்வாதிகளோ, சந்தியாசிகளோ, மடாதிபதிகளோ இனிமே கட்டாயம் என்ன செய்வாங்க தெரியுமா?'

நான் பதில் சொல்லவில்லை. ஏனென்றால் தம்பையா கேட்கும் கேள்விகளுக்கு அவரே பதில் சொல்லிவிடுவார்.

'இனிமே ஆகாசத்தையும் பார்த்துப் புன்னகை பூப்பாங்க ஸார். காமெராக்கள் டாப் ஆங்கிள் ஷாட்டை அங்கேயிருந்து எடுத்துக் கொண்டு இருந்தாலும் இருக்கும் இல்லையா?' இன்னொரு விஷயம். நமக்கு வானத்தைப் பார்த்து நடக்கிறதிலே வேறு ஒரு நன்மையும் இருக்கு. இன்னும் கொஞ்ச நாள்லே பதவி விலகப் போற ஜனாதிபதி பிரதிபா பட்டேலைப் பார்க்கணும்னு ஒருத்தருக்கு ஆசை வந்துடுத்துன்னா அவரை இந்தியாவிலே பார்க்க முடியுமா? என்ன விளையாடறீங்களா? முடியாதே! ஏதாவது ஒரு அந்நிய தேசத்திலேயிருந்து இன்னொரு தேசத்துக்கு இஷ்டமித்திர பந்துக்களுடன் இந்தியாவைத் தொடாம மேலே பறக்கும்போது பார்த்தாத்தான் உண்டு. அப்படி அவர் பறந்து போற விமானம் கண்ணில் பட்டாலும் இல்லையா?'

அப்படியாவது நம்முடைய ஜனாதிபதியைப் பார்க்க வேண்டும் என்கிற வேட்கை என்னிடம் இல்லை என்று சொல்ல வாயைத் திறக்க விடாமல் அடுத்த டாபிக்குக்குத் தாவினார்.

'ஜனாதிபதின உடனே நம்பர் பதிமுணு ஞாபகத்துக்கு வரது. நம்மோட அடுத்த ஜனாதிபதியாகப் போற பிரணாப் முகர்ஜிக்கும் எனக்கும் உள்ள ஒற்றுமை தெரியுமா?'

'இரண்டு பேருடைய நிர்வாகத்தாலே, நம் நாட்டு நிதி நிலை தடுமாறுகிற மாதிரி உங்க வீட்டு நிதி நிலைமையும் தடுமாறுகிறதா?' என்று எசுகுபிசகாகக் கேட்காமல் விட்டேன்.

தம்பையா தொடர்ந்தார். 'இரண்டு பேருக்கும் 13ம் நம்பர் ராசி ஸார். இந்தியாவின் பதிமுணாவது ஜனாதிபதியாகப் போகும் அவருடைய வாழ்க்கையில் எல்லாமே பதிமுணு சம்பந்தப் பட்டதுன்னு பேப்பரிலே விஸ்தாரமாக செய்திகள் வந்தாச்சு. அதே மாதிரி என் கேஸும். என்னோட பிறந்த தேதி பதிமுணு. அம்மா அப்பாக்கு நான் பதிமுணாவது குழந்தை. வேலைக்குச் சேர்ந்தது, ரிடையர் ஆனது பதிமுணாம் தேதியிலே. கல்யாணம், சீமந்தம், முதல் குழந்தை பிறந்தது, அறுபதாம் கல்யாணம் ஆனது எல்லாம் பதிமுணாம் தேதி. இதைப் பத்தி என்ன நினைக்கறீங்க?'

'பிரணாப் முகர்ஜி, தம்பையாவுக்கு அமைந்த மாதிரி எனக்குப் பதிமுணு ராசியானது இல்லை. அடுத்த வாரக் கட்டுரையை எழுத ஆரம்பிக்கலாம்னு பின்னையார் சுழி போட்ட உடனே நீங்க வந்து இது வரை அரை மணியை சாப்பிட்டுட்டீங்க. டிஸ்பன் சாப்பிடாமக் கிளம்ப மாட்டீங்க, ம்? இன்னிக்குத் தேதி என்னன்னு தெரியுமா? பதிமுணு' என்று சொல்ல நினைத்தேன். ஆனால் சொல்லவில்லை. writerjsr@gmail.com



Hundreds pull temple chariot

By Our Staff Reporter

Hundreds of devotees pulled the chariot of Sri Sathya Narayana Temple (Srinivasa Street, West Mambalam) on June 27 as part of Bramhot-savam festival.

The chariot was pulled along Srinivasa Street, Thambaiyah Road, Bakthavatchalam Road and Arya Gowda Road.

The branches of avenue trees along the route likely to obstruct the chariot were cut earlier by Corporation workers.



Guru Poornima celebrations

Guru Poornima will be celebrated in Yoga Shanthi Gurukulam (25, Chakrapani Street, West Mambalam) on Sunday, July 1.

The following is the program: 6 a.m.: Sampada.

6.15 a.m.: Mandukya Upanishad – Gowdapada Karika (Introduction class).

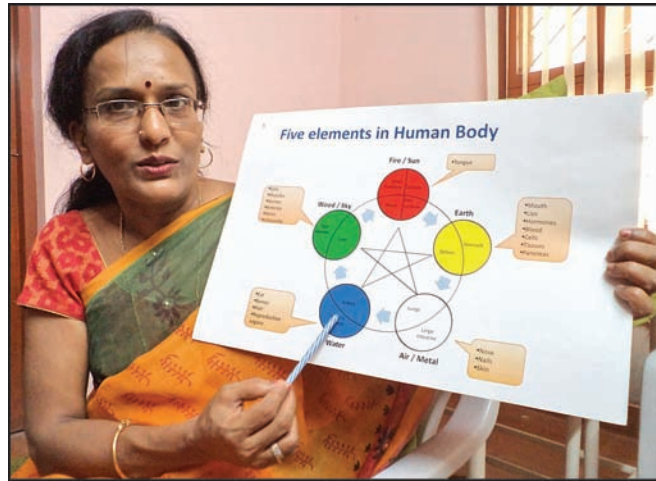
7 a.m.: Gurupada pooja and Guruji's Anugraha bhashanam.

8 a.m.: Prasadam distribution.

CDs of Guruji's classes on 'Rama Gita' will be released on the occasion. All are welcome.

More details can be had in phones 98408 32624/94441 49697.

'Connectivity mediation' chart designed



By Our Staff Reporter

Research Foundation & Trust, Dr. L. Uma Venkatesh Anandh Apartments, 57/31, (Founder, Santoshini Medical Motilal Street, T. Nagar) has

designed a 'Connectivity mediation' chart on the five elements in the human body. She will give a demonstration at 4 p.m on Sunday, July 1.

She told *Mambalam Times* that 'Connectivity mediation' is about the universe (Macrocosm) and humans (Microcosm) which are made up of 'Pancha Boothas' (Fire, Earth, Air, Water and Wood).

She will conduct free 'Connectivity mediation' classes for all age groups.

More details can be had in phones 98844 81670 and 99400 72657 or www.pulsebalancing.com.

2 ration shops shifted to make way for another



By Our Staff Reporter

In what ration card-holders called official bungling, two TUCS ration shops were unnecessarily shifted to make the premises available for another TUCS ration shop resulting in inconvenience to hundreds of card-holders attached to the three shops.

TUCS shop HCO 70 (functioning on R. K. Shanmugam Salai, K. K. Nagar) had to be

shifted from the rented premises as the landlord wanted the building back.

Instead of finding a new building for this shop, TUCS shops LCO 37 and 75 (functioning in the same building on 14th Street, 4th Sector, K. K. Nagar) were moved to 128/5, Vanniar Street, K. K. Nagar last week and TUCS shop HCO 70 was shifted to this premises.

Card-holders attached to



shops LCO 37 and 75, who reside in 4th, 9th, and 10th Sectors, Alagirisamy Salai, Ramasamy Salai and P. V. Rajamannar Salai, told *Mambalam Times* that the shops, now located on Vanniar Street, are very far from their areas and they have to hire autorickshaws to transport rations.

They wondered what was the logic of shifting existing shops

to make way for another shop when a new premises could have been found for that shop. However, a staff of shop HCO 70 said that they had searched for a new premises for 1½ years but failed to locate a suitable place.

The new location is convenient for card-holders of 1st sector, Anna Main Road and some streets in MGR Nagar, he added.

Calling volunteers for free service in Tirumala

By Our Staff Reporter

Sevas (50, Dharga Road, Rajaji Nagar, Pallavaram) sends volunteers for week-long service to pilgrims in Tirumala starting on Sundays and ending on Saturdays.

Men and women who are

physically fit and are willing to stay in Tirumala for a week are welcome to offer their services for 6 hours every-day.

The work will be of supervisory nature.

Accommodation, lunch and

dinner will be provided free of cost.

They can have special darshan of Lord Venkateswara.

Travelling expense and the cost of breakfast must be borne by the volunteers.

Those interested can contact Nalini Ravikumar (18/43, Jubilee Road, West Mambalam) in 99621 53644, L. S. V. Mahadevan (98411 76386), P. Sundaram (98417 26695) or D. Gopinath (94442 09751).

'No parking' rule enforced strictly



By Our Staff Reporter

Following strict action taken by Mambalam Railway Protection Force, parking of vehicles in the 'No parking' area on the west side of Mambalam Station reservation office has come down. RPF personnel have placed barricades with reflector tape in the no parking area. They are also collecting Rs. 200 as fine from offenders.

Talk in Aurobindo Society

M. K. Ramaswamy will speak on Aurobindo at 10.30 a.m on Sunday, July 1 in Sri Aurobindo Society, 5, Smith Road, Anna Salai (near TVS bus-stop).

Ramaswamy gives explanations on 'Mother's prayers and meditation' from 6.30 p.m to 7 p.m on Saturdays. All are welcome

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By Our Staff Reporter

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By M. A. SADANAND
The most beautiful face in any magazine one flips through is that of the great dancer actor Shobana, giving life to the surrounding vegetation and, of course, commercial boost to Vapore-cure Paints.

I must have seen her national award winning Malayalam picture 'Manichitra Thazh' on TV several dozen times and every time got fooled into believing that she was only acting. What fools these mortals be! She was living the role of an immortal love thwarted by a Hitlerian family head, and born again to wreak vengeance, not by murder but by exorcising the memory of the evil deed by Mohanlal's psychiatric tricks.

'Manichitra Thazh' is rooted in my mind not because I have not seen greater and more memorable pictures, but this wonderful face is one in a million and it etches itself in one's mind. That is what people normally call 'undying beauty'. May be that fool Shajahan, the then emperor Tajmahaled his wife to last as long as the world lasts, though being a tyrant and a mass killer, he probably did not deserve even an ugly wife.

The other day Asianet, which seems to be as much sold on Shobana as I am, flashed another Shobana special 'Thenmaavin Kombath' which, I believe, got Priyadarshan a national award which I would have given to Shobana too. Not that I admire Elizabeth Taylor, now in heaven, and the most angelic face on earth Aiyashwarya less, but this girl has something ineffable that others do not have. She is a natural treasure of Bharat.

Guru Poornima celebrations in Sanjeevini Peetam

By Our Staff Reporter
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T. NAGAR, Nathamuni Street, near GRT, 1100 sq.ft, office space, 3rd floor, car park, rent Rs. 30000. Contact: Mohan, Ph: 9840873363.

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WEST MAMBALAM, Krishnamurthy Street, near Mambalam Station, 2 bedroom, hall, kitchen, 850 sq.ft, 1st floor, flat type portion, rent Rs. 12500, Brahmins only. Contact: Rangan, Ph: 9840217721, 24745474.

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Guru Poornima in Shirdi Mandir on Tuesday

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of Sri Shirdi Sai Meditation Mandir (6, Sarojini Street, T. Nagar) there will be a special program from 6 a.m to 8.30 p.m on Tuesday, July 3 on the occasion of Guru Poornima.

- The following are details:
- 6 a.m: Aarthi.
 - 8 a.m: Abishekham.
 - 8.30 a.m: Sathsaritha paarayanam.
 - 12 noon: Aarthi.
 - 1 p.m: Neivaidhyam.
 - 2 p.m: Sai Namasankeerthanam.
 - 5 p.m: Ashtora pooja.
 - 5.30 p.m: Sri Vishnu Sahasranaama paarayanam.
 - 6 p.m: Aarthi.
 - 6.30 p.m: Sath sangam.
 - 7 p.m: Group prayer.
 - 8 p.m: Procession.
 - 8.30 p.m: Aarthi.
- All are welcome.
More details can be had from T. Thiruvalluvan (Founder) in 94444 53777.

'Spiritual doubt clearing meet' tomorrow

By Our Staff Reporter

Vaithika Sri (448, TTK Road, Alwarpet) will conduct its monthly 'Spiritual doubt clearing meeting' from 3.30 p.m to 5 p.m on Sunday, July 1 in Ayodhya Mandapam, Arya Gowda Road, West Mambalam.
All are welcome.

'Avahanthi homam' tomorrow

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of Sri Anusham.com (G-1, Kala Flats, 63rd Street, Ashok Nagar), there will be 'Avahanthi homam' at 10.30 a.m on Sunday, July 1 in Goh Samrakshana Sala, Kasi Viswanathar Koil Street, West Mambalam on the occasion of Sri Maha Periyaval Anusha Jayanthi.

Shymala Subramaniam (Coordinator) appealed to devotees who have collected 'oru pidi arsi' (one handful of rice) and one rupee daily (as directed by Maha Periyaval) to hand over the collections to the organization for 'annadhanam'.

There will be 'annadhanam' at 12 noon.
All are welcome.
More details can be had in phone 98842 90540.

Procession with Vyasar portrait

Panchami Nagarajan (resident of 56, Postal Colony 1st Street, West Mambalam) has organized a procession with a portrait of Vyasar in West Mambalam at 7.15 p.m on Wednesday, July 3 on the occasion of Guru Poornima.

There will be Sri Vishnu Sahasranaama paarayanam.
All are welcome
More details can be had in phone 94447 57441.

Houseowners looking for tenants advertise in the Classified Column of Mambalam Times for immediate response!

Speedbreakers in city to be redesigned



Chennai Corporation has identified over 400 speedbreakers in the 426 sq. km. of the city limits for redesign incorporating safety features.

Most of the identified speed breakers are badly designed and do not adhere to Indian Roads Congress (IRC) standards. According to the standards, the shape must be parabolic and the width must be at least 3.7 meters. The height of the structure must not exceed 10 cm.

It must also be painted in a 'V' shape and illuminated by solar cat's eyes. Signs coated with reflective paint must be placed 40 meters ahead and must mention the desired speed at which the speedbreaker can be negotiated.

Zones in southern parts of the city such as Sholinganallur have over 30 speedbreakers in interior parts. These have been found to be unauthorised and are likely to be 'smoothened' instead of redesigned. In northern zones such as Thiruvotriyur, only one of the 30 identified speedbreakers was found to be authorised.

The initiative to redesign or remove speedbreakers follows the death of the son of State Cooperation Minister Sellur K. Raju in a motorcycle accident at a speed breaker on NSC Bose Road on Jan. 25.

Adequate illumination of the speed breakers in many stretches will be the priority, officials said. Report courtesy The Hindu

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Filth surrounds railway station

Sir, - As one nears Mambalam Railway Station it is the overpowering stench of urine that assails the nostrils. The space under the foot overbridge just below the general ticket counters (5) is used for urination after dark by commuters, vendors and dogs on Station Road. This segment serves as a garbage dump too with ever increasing mounds of rubbish. Commuters have to put up with all this while climbing up and down the stairs. Those thronging the reservation counters from the small hours ahead of the holiday/festival

season have also to suffer in silence. Conditions worsen when it rains as happened on June 28.

Commuters from Ashok Nagar, K. K. Nagar and Vadapalani enter through this side of the station besides those from West Mambalam.

South bound trains also halt in Mambalam Station. It is therefore necessary that the authorities take immediate steps to keep the station and surroundings clean and garbage free. - Prof. R. Ramadurai, 35/2, Chakrapani Street, West Mambalam

Need for signal to help pedestrians

Sir, - Brindavan Street, which connects K. K. Nagar and T. Nagar, is one of the busiest streets in the area. The number of 2-wheelers, autorickshaws, cars, vans, lorries and MTC buses which use this street is very high. The continuous flow of vehicles makes it practically impossible for pedestrians to cross the street as drivers just do not have the patience or courtesy to stop to allow pedestrians to cross.

There is a traffic policeman stationed at the junction of Thambiah Road and Brindavan Street during peak hours on working days but still traffic jams and minor accidents are a regular occurrence. Installation of a traffic signal with pedestrian crossing may help senior citizens and school students cross the street safely. - V. Venkatakrisnan, Gokulam, 22/43, Brindavan Street, West Mambalam

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New Vinayakar temple in apartment complex

By Our Staff Reporter

Kumbabishekam was performed on June 15 for a Vinayakar temple constructed at a cost of Rs. 2 lakhs in the premises of Sai Castle Owners Apartment Complex (17, Ganapati Street, West Mambalam).

R. Narayaswami (Secretary) told *Mambalam Times* that the construction of the temple was funded by the flat owners.

He said that there will be daily mandala pooja for 45 days and Sai Bhajans at 6 p.m on Sundays.

Special pujas will be performed on the all auspicious days of Lord Vinayaga in the temple.

Outsiders are also welcome to participate in the functions.



Free Veda classes during weekends

Free Veda classes are conducted from 6.30 a.m to 7.30 a.m on Saturdays and Sundays in Krishna Gana Sabha, Maharajapuram Santhanam Salai, T. Nagar.

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