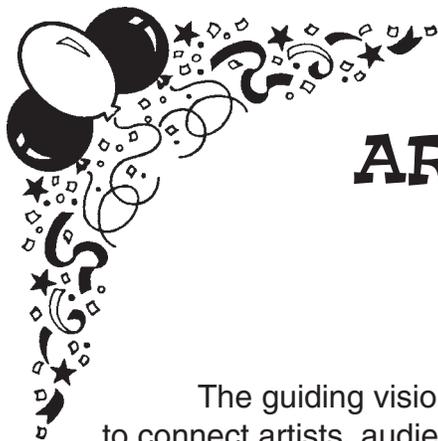

Real Choices in New Haven

Promoting Inclusion of People with Disabilities in Our Community • Summer 2004 Publication



ARTspace Celebration

October 5th, 2004

The guiding vision at ARTspace has been three-fold: to catalyze artistic efforts, to connect artists, audiences and resources, and to redefine “art spaces”. Accordingly, we’ve upgraded our gallery to ensure a barrier-free environment for all, regardless of mobility, ability and strength.

Our new automatic-entry door ensures our ongoing, inclusive partnership with our visitors, allowing us to equally accommodate everyone, from the passionately creative to the merely curious. Once inside our welcoming ARTspace, you’ll find inclusive programming, sensory stimulation, community relevance, interesting cross-cultural programming and finally, empowerment through discovery and new experiences.

Please join us as we celebrate and thank The Community Foundation of Greater New Haven whose support makes this POSSIBLE!

WHAT: Ribbon cutting celebration and community reception.
Light refreshments served.

WHEN: October 5th, 2004
5 - 7 p.m. First Night of City-Wide Open Studios 2004

WHERE: ARTspace
50 Orange Street at Crown, New Haven CT, 06510

WHAT ELSE: PHONE 203.772.2709
FAX 203.772.0850

WANT MORE: email us! press@artspacenh.org



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Stargazing Opportunity

By Yi-Zen Chu

My name is Yi-Zen and I'm a second year graduate student at Yale. When I was in college at UC Berkeley I ran an amateur astronomy club which organized stargazing sessions for students and the public. Through this experience I came to realize that amateur astronomy can be rather inaccessible to people with mobility difficulties because of the restrictions imposed by the need to look through a telescope at a given height and position. I do not find that to be a good enough reason that the fascinating celestial sights should be limited to those who can look through a telescope.

I am working with the undergraduate astronomy club here at Yale (STARRY) to organize semi-regular stargazing sessions for people with disabilities both within and outside of Yale. The club uses a wheelchair accessible observatory at the corner of Edwards and Prospect streets, which has a 12" Meade telescope. I plan to hook up the telescope with my highly sensitive SBIG video camera and feed the images to a TV screen so that the images can be viewed by anybody and also by a large audience at the same time. The camera should be able to allow viewing of the brighter galaxies, nebulae, star clusters, and most certainly the planets and craters on the moon.

This project is in its infancy. I'd like to begin by setting up a electronic mailing list so that I can get in touch with interested people more easily. I'd like to invite you to get in touch with me if you would like to be informed of the latest developments and upcoming star parties, or if you just have some questions about my project. I hope to do at least one star party by the end of this year for people with disabilities so that people can see what this is all about. A mailing list at Yahoogroups has already been set up at the address below, so you could either sign up directly there or e-mail me at yi-zen.chu@yale.edu or call me at (203) 809-3935 (in the afternoons or later everyday except on Wednesdays, and the evenings or later for Wednesdays). Even if you do not have an electronic mailing address (or are not able to have one) but are still interested in attending my star parties please still do not hesitate to contact me anyway.

I look forward to meeting you at the stargazing sessions!

Sincerely,

Yi-Zen Chu

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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/newhavenastronomers/>

STARRY Website:

<http://www.astro.yale.edu/starry/>

Yale Student Observatory:

http://www.astro.yale.edu/dept/resources/student_observatory.html

Correct Terminology: Person-First Language – Part Three

By Radha Shenoy

In the Spring and Summer 2004 issue of *Real Choices in New Haven* there were charts of terms to use when talking about persons with disabilities. This chart is Part Three, the last edition in this three part series.

Mute, ⁴⁸ Dumb ⁴⁹	Person with a speech disorder, Person without speech
Cripple, ⁵⁰ Crippled, ⁵¹ Crip, ⁵² Physically Challenged ⁵³	Person with paraplegia, Person with quadriplegia, Person who is paralyzed, Person with a spinal cord injury
Stroke victim	Person who has had a stroke
Addict, Alcoholic	Person who is substance dependent, Person who is alcohol dependent
Victim, ⁵⁴ Invalid, ⁵⁵ Patient (unacceptable unless a doctor uses this term), ⁵⁶ Infirmid	Person with a disability, Individual with a disability
Wheelchair bound, ⁵⁷ Confined to wheelchair, ⁵⁸ Restricted to a wheelchair ⁵⁹	Person in a wheelchair, ⁶⁰ Person who uses a wheelchair ⁶¹
Unfortunate, ⁶² Pitiful, ⁶³ Poor, ⁶⁴ Pathetic, ⁶⁵ Incapacitated, ⁶⁶ Afflicted, ⁶⁷ Afflicted with, ⁶⁸ Afflicted by, ⁶⁹ Suffers from, ⁷⁰ Crippled with, ⁷¹ Crippled by, Stricken with, ⁷² Deformed by ⁷³	Person with a disability, Individual with a disability
Palsied, ⁷⁴ a “CP” ⁷⁵	Person who has cerebral palsy, ⁷⁶ Person with cerebral palsy ⁷⁷

Are You Registered To Vote?

Elections are rapidly approaching and it is not too late to register to vote. Tuesday, November 2, 2004 is Election Day, which will encompass the national election for President of the United States, congress and local officials.

To register to vote visit the City of New Haven’s Registrar of Voters office on the second floor of the Hall of Records at 200 Orange Street in New Haven. There is an accessible entrance at the ground floor with elevator access. In addition to being open from 9am to 5pm, Monday through Friday, they will be open for extended hours on the following dates for your convenience. Please bring with you the following in order to register: a Connecticut Drivers license or photo I.D., a Social Security Card, or a recent piece of mail.



Wednesday Oct 6 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Saturday, October 16th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Tuesday, October 19th from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

It is critical individuals with disabilities vote. Make your vote count!

Link-Up and Lifeline Offer Telephone Discounts to Low-Income Individuals

Low-income phone-users may be eligible for two federal programs that offer telephone discounts for both wireline and wireless telephone services. Individuals who qualify for the Link-Up program will receive discounts of up to \$30 to hook up their phones. Another federal program, Lifeline, offers eligible individuals a monthly discount of \$6.75-\$9.50 on basic telephone services.

The exact amount of the monthly discount through Lifeline varies depending on where you reside. Since some states match Lifeline discounts, qualifying individuals may be able to still save more.

Those in the low-income group usually include Medicaid, food stamp, and SSI recipients as well as individuals receiving federal public housing assistance or Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP). Qualification requirements vary from state to state; to determine your eligibility and apply if eligible, please call your local telephone company. The toll-free number for SBC is 1-800-922-4605. You may also contact the state regulatory agency (such as the Public Utilities Commission). To learn how to contact the state regulatory agency, please visit the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' website at www.naruc.org.

To obtain further information on Link-Up and Lifeline, please visit the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) website: www.fcc.gov/cgb/getconnected, or call the FCC at 1-888-225-5322 (voice) or 1-888-835-5322 (TTY). Alternatively, you may send a letter of inquiry to the following address:

FCC Get Connected
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554.



**To inquire or sign up for this service if your provider
is SBC, you can call 1-800-922-4605**

* Information for this article was taken from "Get Connected: Afford-A-Phone," a pamphlet published by the FCC (Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau).

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