

More Than Shelter

Burbank Senior Artists Colony Hosts Celebrity Radio Program

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On Jan. 24, KPFK-FM 90.7 radio, Los Angeles, hosted a special two-hour "Good for Life" LIVE broadcast from the Burbank Senior Artists Colony. This exciting program, was backed by the lively "Good for Life" house band and special guest vocalists Maxayn Lewis and Sherry Pruitt. Featured celebrities included Academy Award-nominated actress for films "Young Frankenstein" and "Tootsie," Teri Garr; Richard Schickel, film critic for "Time" magazine and prolific author of "Elia Kazan: A Biography," and the legendary R&B pianist Billy Osborne, who co-wrote and performed for decades with the late, great Ray Charles.

Garr, now an active spokesperson for multiple sclerosis, introduced her recently published autobiography, "Speedbumps: Flooring It Through Hollywood." "Speedbumps: Flooring It Through Hollywood." "I with her trademark humor. "I wanted to call it 'Does This Wheelchair Make Me Look Fat,'" she quipped, but added that her publishers (Hudson Street Press) nixed that idea. Once dubbed "the funniest neurotic dizzy dame," by "The New Yorker's" iconic, late

film critic Pauline Kael, Garr now spends much of her time traveling the country and the world bringing hope, spirit and aplomb to those stricken by MS. She is living proof that "life is not over - I've entered a new phase."



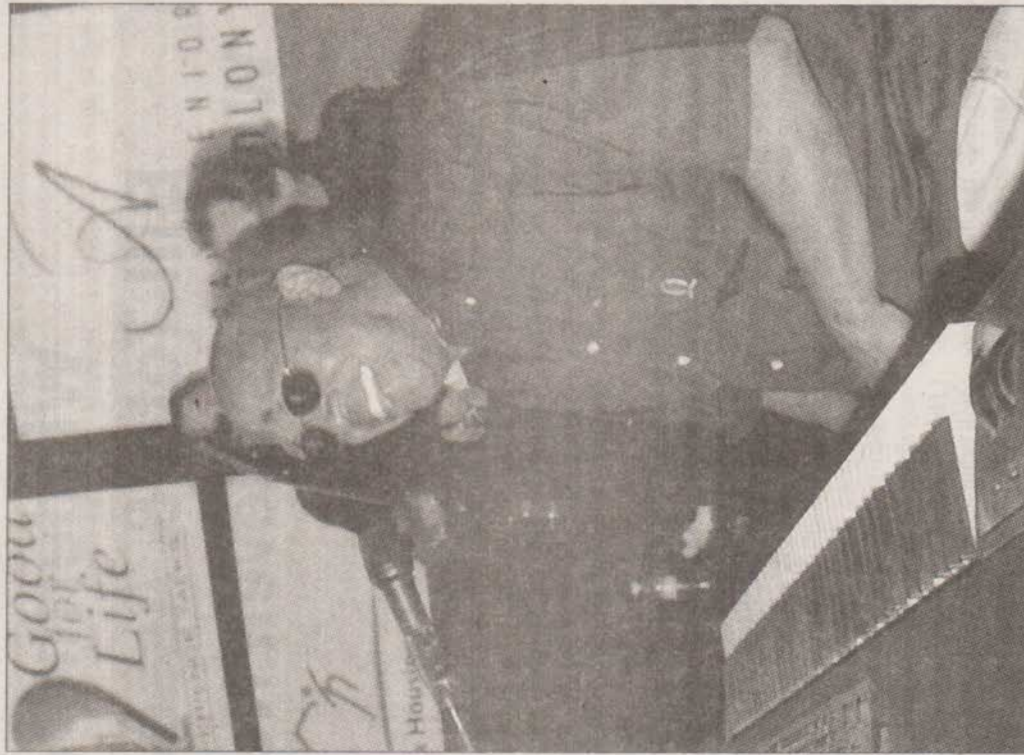
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Schickel, one of the nations' most influential film critics, gave a spellbinding interview. Schickel, who has reviewed movies for "Time" magazine since 1972, was previously the film critic for "LIFE" magazine. He is presently at work on the film biography of actor, director

and producer, Clint Eastwood. A moving, emotional performance by incredible blues musician and vocalist Osborne brought the house down and the audience to its feet! Osborne, who has written for and performed with such music legends as Jimi Hendrix and John Coltrane, says that his experience with Ray Charles left the greatest impression of his songwriting career. Originally a drummer, he made an unheard-of transition to the piano, deeming it the "mother instrument of melody."

Finally, the mission and spirit of Burbank Senior Artists Colony was outlined in an interview with John M. Huskey, President of Meta Housing Corporation. The success of his vision, to provide "more than shelter, to establish a special quality of life behind the housing," is demonstrated in the numerous awards the Colony has received. Among these are the NAHB/NCOSH Gold Medals for Best of Senior's Housing Design, and Silver and Gold Awards for Active Adult Housing and Multifamily Housing.

Perhaps the greatest tribute is in the accomplishments of those who call the Colony "home." Burbank Senior Artists Colony's



Legendary singer/songwriter and musician Billy Osborne performs a stirring Ray Charles rendition on live radio from Burbank Senior Artists Colony.

amenities and programs foster the development of art in its various forms, allowing residents to realize lifelong dreams - many of them for the first time. An example is resident Buck Page, who has just released a CD! And there are many more success stories.

The beautiful Burbank Senior

Artists Colony, located at 240 East Verdugo Ave. (at San Fernando Road and Verdugo Avenue) in Burbank, welcomes residents 55 or better (spouses can be age 45). For more information, you can call (866) 257-5301 toll-free or visit them on the web at www.mtsfs.org/colony.html.