

Bertch® Cabinetry

Professional Kitchen and Bath Design

- ❖ Andersen Windows
- ❖ Viking Wood and LVT Flooring
- ❖ Columbia

SMITH Building Center

502 Front Street, Near the Bridge, Henry, IL
(309) 364-2329

THE POD REPORT

By Dana Block



THIS WEEK'S CATEGORY: Soapy Pods

Do you miss seeing your favorite soap opera characters on weekday afternoons? Podcasts are a wonderful way to catch up with the actors who portrayed or continue to portray them. Tune in to catch up on their lives as they reflect fondly on memories from back in the day:

"State Of Mind with Maurice Benard"

Three-time Daytime-Emmy-Award-winning actor Maurice Benard (Sonny in "General Hospital") was one of the first celebrities to speak openly about his bipolar disorder (way back when it was called manic depressive disorder). The majority of his guests are current and former soap stars, so this podcast is a wonderful way to catch up with your favorites long after their shows have gone off the air. (Think "All My Children" and "As the World Turns.") He also interviews sportscasters who moonlight as soap stars, like ESPN's Stephen A.

Smith, who once played Sonny's right hand man on "GH." (Stateof-Mind-MauriceBenard.Podbean.com)

"That's Awesome with Steve Burton and Bradford Anderson"

"General Hospital's" Steve Burton (Jason) and Bradford Anderson (Spinelli) have not only acted together for over 20 years, they also tour the nation doing stand-up comedy. Their weekly podcast episodes are short and sweet but lighthearted and loads of fun. Guests include "GH" stars Laura Wright (Carly), John York (Mac) and Jonathan Jackson (Lucky). There's also a special two-part episode where they reflect on the recent passing of Leslie Charleson, who played the Quartermaine family matriarch for nearly 50 years. (StoneColdandTheJackal.com)

"Soapy by Rebecca Budig and Greg Rikaart"

Budig and Rikaart were neighbors for 20 years and have been friends even longer. They also have decades of acting experience on daytime dramas, with Budig currently playing Taylor on "The Bold and the Beautiful" and Rikaart still going strong as Kevin on "The Young and the Restless." They also recently launched this new podcast, and their first two guests are practically royalty in the soap

world: Eric Braeden (Victor in "Y&R") and Deidre Hall (Marlena in "Days of Our Lives"). Full video episodes can be found on the CBS YouTube channel. (Paramount.com)

Don't Forget These Primetime Soap Gems

"We're Knot Done Yet"

Joan Van Ark, Michele Lee, and Donna Mills played cul-de-sac friends and foes for 14 seasons on the "Dallas" spin-off soap "Knots Landing," but in real life, they've nourished a lifelong friendship and are living life to the fullest in their 80s. In this weekly podcast that was launched this spring, they share behind-the-scenes stories, answer listeners' emails, and reflect on personal milestones over the past 40 years. (WKDYPodcast.Podbean.com)

"90210MG"

It's been over 30 years since Brandon and Kelly first kissed on "Beverly Hills 90210," which was just one of many memorable scenes from the hit teen soap opera. Former co-stars Jennie Garth (Kelly) and Tori Spelling (Donna) launched this almost-daily podcast in 2020 during the pandemic. But it continues to thrive in 2025 whether they're welcoming a special celebrity guest or simply sharing the highs and lows of their daily lives with their listeners. (iHeart.com)

Home Repairs

Elmer O. Strong

Interior/Exterior

117 South Fulton, Lacon, IL

(309) 246-7768



Thomas Brunschon

Nuisance Wildlife Control

815-404-1295

Raccoon Skunk Groundhog
 Possum Beaver
 Muskrat Chipmunk Moles

State Permit Class A
 No calls after 8 PM

5 Pinetree Ct.
 Putnam, IL 61560

TREE SERVICE ♦ TREE SERVICE ♦ TREE SERVICE ♦ TREE SERVICE

POIGNANT TREE SERVICE

COLTON - (309) 238-8627 ♦ AARON - (309) 238-8626

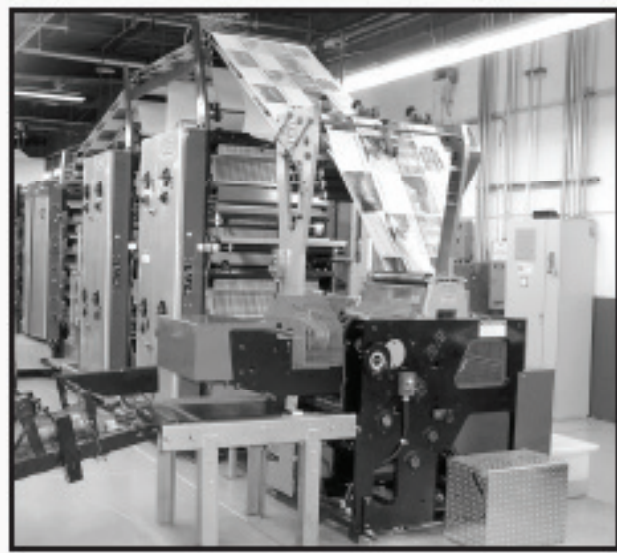


Now Featuring Brush Cutter & Forestry Mower
 Road Trimming ♦ Ditches Pond Edges
 ♦ Tree Lines Field Edges ♦ Hills
 Driveways ♦ ATV Trails

Tree Trimming & Removal ♦ Lot Clearing ♦ Complete Stump Removal

FULLY INSURED ♦ FREE ESTIMATES

TREE SERVICE ♦ TREE SERVICE ♦ TREE SERVICE ♦ TREE SERVICE



- BOOKLETS
- MAGAZINES
- NEWSPAPERS
- TABLOIDS

One stop source for printing, binding, stitching and mailing

P&P PRESS

6513 N. Galena Road
 Peoria IL 61614
 309-691-8511
 www.pppress.com

Visit our P&P Press
 Design Studio at
 www.peoriadigitalprinting.com

Scan here to create an order, upload your own design, or create a custom design from over 10,000 templates

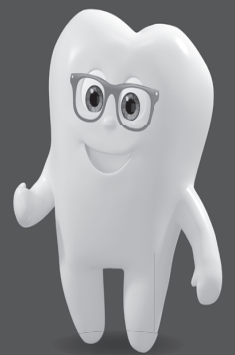


- Banners • Brochures • Business Cards • Envelopes • Flyers • Invitations
- Letterhead • Notebooks • Notepads • Note Cards • Photo Cards
- Postcards • Posters • Thank You Cards

DENTAL Insurance

Great coverage for retirees.

Coverage for cleanings, fillings, crowns - even dentures! Get dental insurance from Physicians Mutual Insurance Company.



Get your **FREE** Information Kit
 Ask about the Premier Plan - our most popular option!

1-855-402-1352
 Dental50Plus.com/Peach

Get your Info Kit
 SCAN NOW!



Product/features not available in all states. Contact us for complete details about this insurance solicitation. To find a network provider, go to physiciansmutual.com/find-dentist. This specific offer not available in CO, NV, NY - call 1-800-969-4781 or respond for a similar offer in your state. Certificate C254/B465, C250A/B438 (ID: C254ID; PA: C254PA); Insurance Policy P154/B469 (GA: P154GA; OK: P154OK; TN: P154TN). 6347-0125