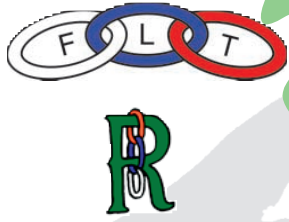


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Can You Guess Who Our "Mystery Girl" Is?



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*More Information From Your
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Can You Help Sammy Find Her Newspaper?

**FOLLOW THE MAZE TO SAMMY'S COPY OF
THE WASHINGTON ODDFELLOW**

**IN THE LOWER RIGHT.
Answer On Page 5.**



Diekman, Delozier win July's contests

Congratulations to Judy Diekman of Oak Leaf Rebekah Lodge #254 and Glen Delozier of Richland Odd Fellow Lodge #338.

Judy's name was drawn for guessing the correct name of the newspaper boy whose picture appeared on page one of last month's edition. The newspaper boy is our own editor, Bill Ostlund. The photo was taken during the winter of 1956 as Bill was embarking on his first newspaper job. He was helping his brother deliver *The Tacoma News Tribune*.



Glen found our mascot "Sammy" on page five in the back seat window of the second car. Thank you to everyone who emailed, called, and voice messaged their answers.

FIND SAMMY AND OUR MYSTERY GIRL!

You have another two chances to win this month. See if you can find "Sammy" once again, but you might need to pull out your magnifying glass to do so. We don't intend to make this easy. I know, we're mean:-)

Send the Grand Secretary an email or call and let her know who you think our "mystery girl" pictured above is. All we can tell you is that she is or was a member of our Order. If correct, Laurel will put your name in a separate drawing for a wearable. Again send your email grandsecretarywaioof@gmail.com or call 800-345-1766. All submissions must be in the office no later than August 15. Late entries will be tossed. One chance only!

Past Grand Matriarch Genie, 77, passes away

Genie Coston, Past Grand Matriarch of the Grand LEA of Washington, passed away at 77-years-old.

Genie was born in Renton on March 2, 1943. She attended various schools in the Puget Sound area and graduated from Mount Rainier High School in Des Moines, WA.

In 1964 she married John Michael Johnston. They raised two sons. When the boys were young, Genie was very active in the PTA and in the Cub Scout organization. In 1987 her husband died. While working at the Kingdome in the early 90s, Genie met Jean Coston. They were married in April of 1994.

In 1997 Genie was initiated into Lorraine Rebekah Lodge #289 in Des



GENIE COSTON
Past Grand Matriarch

Moines. She and Jean, who was an Odd Fellow, became very active in lodge activities. In the early 2000s Jean and Genie served as Arthritis Committee Co-Chairmen for several years. They enjoyed traveling around the state visiting other lodges and spreading the Arthritis message.

Genie loved to decorate. Being a Rebekah gave her many opportunities to use these skills. She had decorations for almost every occasion.

Genie was very proud to have been elected Grand Junior Warden of the Grand LEA in 2014. She was Grand Matriarch for the term of 2016-2017. She enjoyed her year in which she served with Grand Patriarch Nora Carria.

Most of all Genie loved her family. She is survived by husband Jean, sons Chauncey and Sean Johnston, their wives, three grandchildren, and step daughter Carlene Coston. Two sisters preceded Genie in death. One sister, Diana Grotting, survives as well as numerous nieces and nephews.


*We Miss You
And All Our
Brothers & Sisters
Who Have Passed*

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**Words are Forward and Backward,
Horizontal and Vertical
Answers On Page 5**


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Bucoda Bulletin Board #9

Outside meeting highlights July

Joint community projects continue as the Bucoda Improvement Club and Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129 began some restoration work at Bucoda's Volunteer Park. Alan and Linda Vanell and Dan and Cyndy Hahn of the Improvement Club, Steve and Laura Purcell of Skookumchuck #129 and Mike and Holly Finley, members of both groups, invested some time sprucing up the "snack shack." Fortunately they had the good sense not to turn me loose with power tools or a paint brush.

Bucoda Rebekah Lodge #144 is still dark, but Skookumchuck #129 has actually conducted two regularly scheduled meetings. They were informal, open meetings, held in the city park, across the street, but we did some business, shared a light repast and

enjoyed the fellowship. There is always a way to get things done.

We had a little "guerrilla patriotism" on July 4 with a totally impromptu, unplanned gathering and parade through town. There were just six vehicles and about 20 people honking, waving and passing out flags. It was a lot of fun and has started a discussion on the possibility of having a parade every year. Stay tuned for further developments.

So, short and sweet as it was this is what's happening in Bucoda.

Until next time, Health, Happiness and Peace to all.

*In F., L. & T., Steve Purcell, PG & Treasurer,
Skookumchuck #129,*

*Reporter and Foreign Correspondent
Bucoda Rebekahs #144*



Linda Vanell, left, and Mike Finley unload a pick-up full of supplies in Bucoda.



Linda Vanell and Alan Vanell "cutting up" lumber.



Holly Finley, right, with Dan and Cyndy Hahn working on the "Snack Shack" in Bucoda.

*Improvement Club,
Bucoda Odd Fellows
Help Restore Snack Shack
At Bucoda Volunteer Park*

From the desk of the Assembly President

ASSEMBLY SECRETARY RETIRING

Dear Brothers and Sisters.

I am very thankful for the August newsletter so that members are able to keep up with what is happening with the Rebekah Assembly and our lodges. The



MAGGIE
TRUTTMANN

Executive Board of the Rebekah Assembly received a letter from Marcia Presley, our current Secretary, tending her resignation. As many of you know Marcia announced two years ago that she would not be running for another term in 2020. The Executive Board had a meeting and, with regret, accepted her resignation.

WELCOME CATHY GARCIA

Cathy Garcia was recommended to fill the position as directed in our Constitution and the recommendation was approved by the Executive Board. Cathy accepted the position for the

2020-2021 year.

Marcia will continue to service the Assembly during the months of July, August and September. During this

time Marcia will assist Cathy as she learns what needs to be done from the Assembly Secretary's Office. Cathy will see that records are moved to the new location and she will finish tasks that need to be complete from her term.

Here is the contact information for the new Assembly Secretary.

Cathy Garcia,

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Cell: 360-701-5896

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CONTINUE TO BE SAFE

Please continue to wear masks, social distance when possible and wash your hands or use sanitizer as needed so you and others will stay healthy and well.

If I may be of service to you or your lodge, you are free to contact me.

— *In Friendship, Love & Truth*
Margaret Truttmann, President,
Rebekah Assembly of Washington

Email: maggie@olynet.com

Mailing Address: PO Box 4311, Elma, WA 98541-0311

Home Phone: (360) 482-2923



Buckley Odd Fellows aid local food bank

Buckley Odd Fellows Lodge #75 was able to make a donation of \$500 to the Buckley Food bank recently. After months of not meeting, Buckley Odd Fellows met on July 8 and members decided to make a donation to help out the local food bank. Grand Secretary Laurel Delony pre-

sented the check, maintaining social distancing, to Donna Garland, the Buckley Food Bank manager. They are expecting a rise in people needing their assistance this summer and fall. Donna said the donations from the Odd Fellows will help tremendously.

Three Links ‘Odd Cast’ launched

Odd Fellowship is about to make a major stride into the 21st Century with the launch of “The Three Links Odd Cast,” the first major podcast focused on the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Hosted by Sovereign Grand Musician Toby Hanson, SGL Communications Committee member Ainslie Heilich, and Brother Sergio Paredes, the podcast will feature discussion of various topics of interest to Odd Fellows including history, origins, traditions, current situations and others.

The format of the podcast is a guided discussion with each episode having a particular focus. For the first episode, the hosts discussed their experiences in joining the Odd Fellows and shared observations on the process.

Each of the hosts brings a unique perspective and set of experiences to the show. Toby Hanson is the longest-serving member, with 20 years’ membership, having served as both Grand Patriarch and Grand Master. Currently he is the Sovereign Grand Musician of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and

Grand Musician for Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana. Ainslie Heilich revived the lodge in the town of Tuscola, Illinois and is currently serving as Grand Musician of Illinois. Brother Ainslie is also one of the founders of the “Heart In Hand Blog,” a modern Odd Fellows’ guide, found at <http://www.oddfellowsguide.com>. His works as a graphic artist have become familiar throughout the world of Odd Fellowship. Sergio Paredes brings the most fresh perspective on Odd Fellowship, being a member for just one year.

The Three Links Odd Cast is available on all major podcast distribution platforms including Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Stitcher, Spotify, TuneIn, Pandora, Podchaser, Deezer, and Podcast Addict. To find the podcast, visit one of the aforementioned podcast sites and search “three links odd cast” to find a link to download and subscribe. The podcast is also available for download from Buzzsprout at:

<https://www.buzzsprout.com/1179644>.

Acorn Theta Rho #79 ready to sell Pizza Cards

Members of Acorn Theta Rho Girls’ Club #79 will be doing their annual fundraiser selling Papa Murphy Pizza cards throughout the month of September. We really need the support of our Odd Fellows and Rebekahs since we cannot be out in the community as much as usual. If you eat pizza you can’t beat this deal.

This fundraiser helps us with our community service projects and club expenses.

The cards are \$5. They contain coupons for \$4 off of eight pizzas for a value of \$32. There is no expiration date and they are good at any Papa Murphys in our jurisdiction.

We would be happy to mail some cards to you. Just email our advisor, Judy Diekman at queenche2000@frontier.com.

Remember, the fundraiser runs the entire month of September.

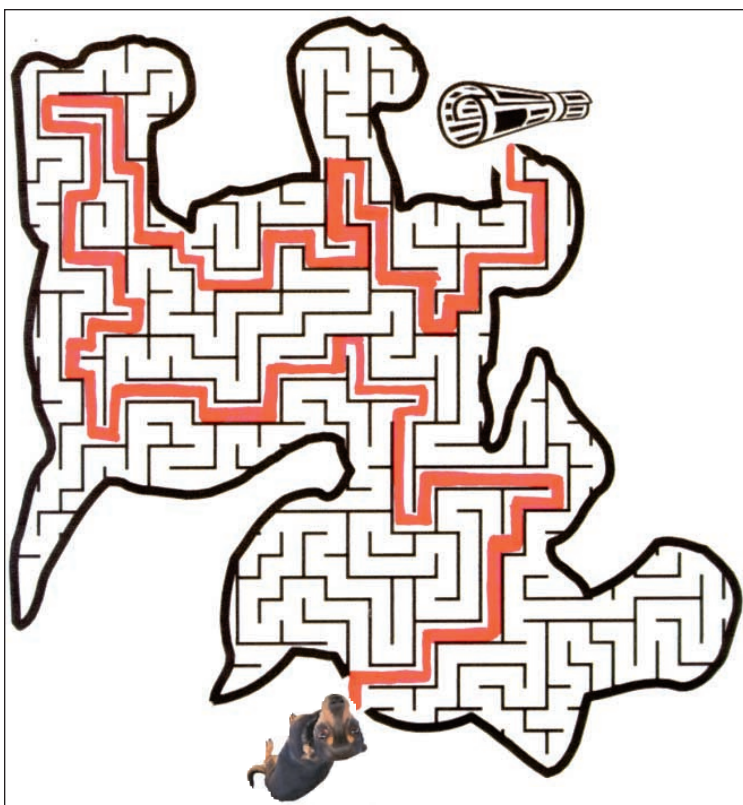
We hope all of you are staying safe. We are hoping to get back to our activities soon.

Until next time. . .

— *With Hugs In Happiness Through Service,*
The members of Acorn #79

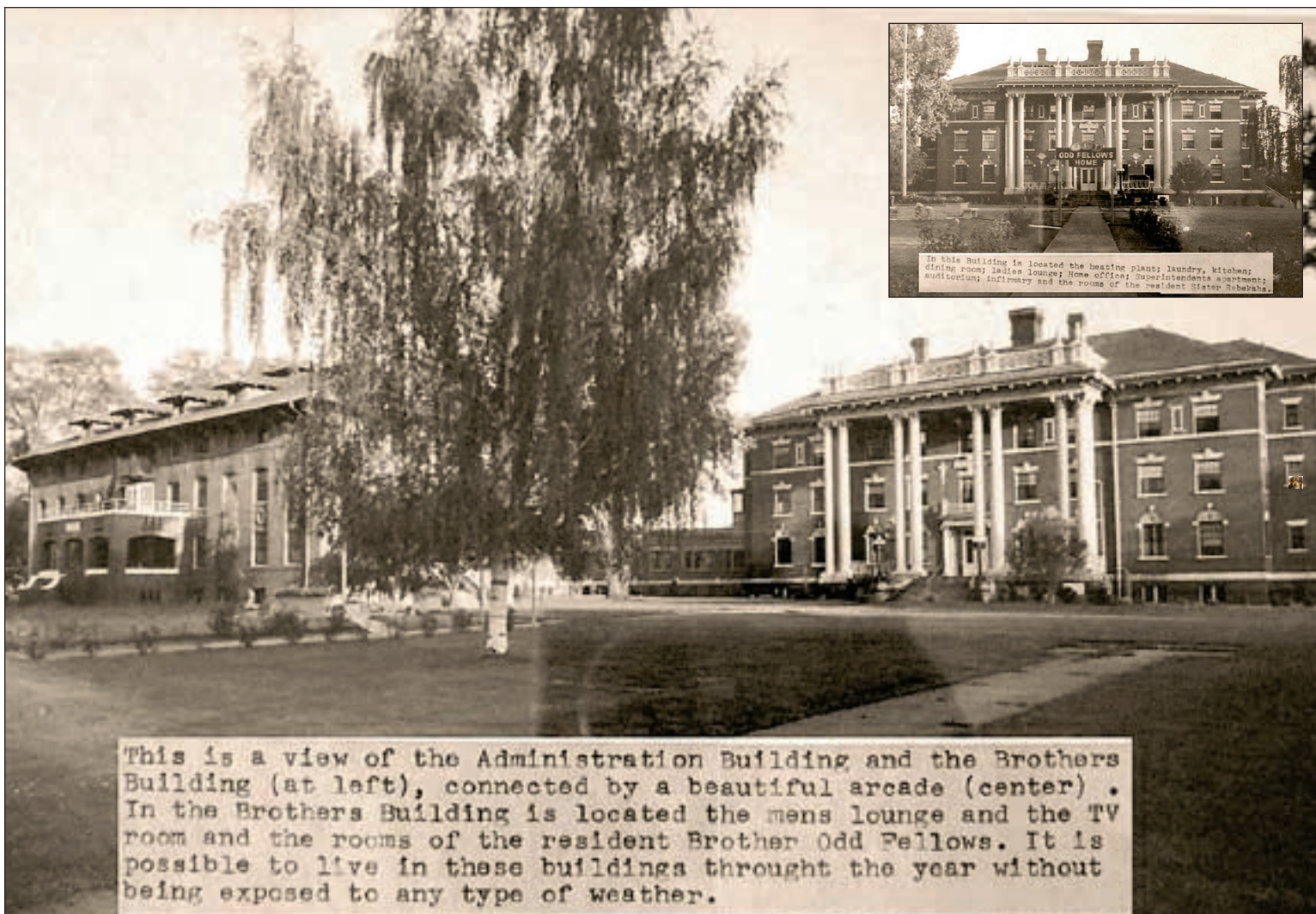
WORD SEARCH ANSWERS

Coronavirus Terms SEE PUZZLE ON PAGE 2



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A LOOK INTO WALLA WALLA'S PAST



These pictures were taken in 1963 when Fred Bunnell was Superintendent and Betty Bunnell was Matron of the Washington Odd Fellows Home. In her 1965 journal, Katherine Kendle wrote: "We would be very amiss if we failed to acknowledge the good work which is being done by our Superintendent and Matron, Brother Fred Bunnell and Sister Betty Bunnell. They each have much patience, and they are never too busy to listen to the problems of a Brother or Sister."

Courtesy of Joe Drazan, "Bygone Walla Walla" Blog.

(Editor's note: About 200 historic Walla Walla photos were given to the Odd Fellows Home in by Joe Drazan in 2006. He is a retired Whitman College archives librarian who collects pictures of the Walla Walla Valley in a blog titled, "Bygone Walla Walla." Shirley Ruble of Narcissa Rebekah Lodge helped with the research.)

A note from your Editor

Thanks for all your help and concerns

A hearty thank you to all my Odd Fellow Brothers and Sisters for all their help, concerns, prayers and good wishes during and after my recent surgery for colon cancer.

Special thanks to Laurel Delony for all her taxi services to my many medical appointments. Laurel was at St. Joseph's Hospital in Tacoma when I awoke from surgery. What a wonderful sight!

More applause to the Grand Lodge staff for picking up groceries and medications, tending to my yard work, and even helping me with bathing and household chores. You cannot find more dedicated people than Laurel, Lisa Sweeny, Melissa Hildner and Joanne Balmert. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

— Bill Ostlund, Editor

COVID-19

What's happening elsewhere across the US

The following information has been gleaned from various jurisdictional publications received by the Grand Lodge of Washington.

• **California** — The *California Odd Fellow and Rebekah Publication* reports in its July, August and September edition: “Sheltering In Place, San Francisco — The COVID-19 crisis has taken away so many things — lives, people’s livelihoods, and daily life as most of knew it. We have learned what we always knew — family and friends are important and just because we could not be together, we could still find ways to forge those bonds.”

• **Illinois** — Niles Reamer, Grand Master, wrote in the June edition of *The Illinois Odd Fellow*: “In my 76 years, this is a very trying year. My lodge meetings have been canceled, (along with) church services and all other meetings. Assembly President Nann Johnson, wrote: “It is with a very heavy heart that I made the decision to cancel all of the Rebekah Spring District Meetings due to the COVID-19 virus. I have thought long and hard and feel it is the right decision for all of us at this time.”

• **Texas** — Grand Master Dan Reynolds wrote in the July edition of the *Odd Fellow News of Texas*: “I am planning to try and visit as many lodges as I can, however with all the restrictions so far this year, I will only have about 2-1/2 months to accomplish all my visits.” Deputy Grand Master John “Fletch” Woolsey wrote: “Some of our lodges are starting to have meetings, while others are still meeting by Zoom or phone conferences. Please decide before you resume in-person meetings. It looks like it still be a while before we’re past this crisis.”

• **Indiana** — Rebekah Assembly President Linda Struble, wrote: “We will get through this. Thank heavens for our TV (I enjoy some of the old programs and movies), food and phone. I told Pat Kerckhove three weeks ago, ‘My friends (Me, Myself and I) are getting tired of each other.’”

• **Nebraska** — Rebekah Assembly President Linda Purser wrote: “We are making plans for Grand Lodge and Assembly Sessions in October by phone and email

instead of gathering to meet. We are hoping things will be okay to hold our annual Sessions in October in Grand Island. Our Assembly and Grand Lodge Wardens are making plans for the annual picnic some time in late July at the Odd Fellow Manor in Norfolk. We hope things are settled with COVID-19 to be able to have gatherings of more than 10 people.”

• **Iowa** — Grand Master Thomas Rice wrote in *The Hawkeye Odd Fellow*: “I hope that everyone is well, both

mentally and physically during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic. I miss traveling and meeting the Brothers and Sisters of the Order.

Please continue to monitor the guidelines and information that is being given on the COVID-19 situation and make your decisions accordingly.”

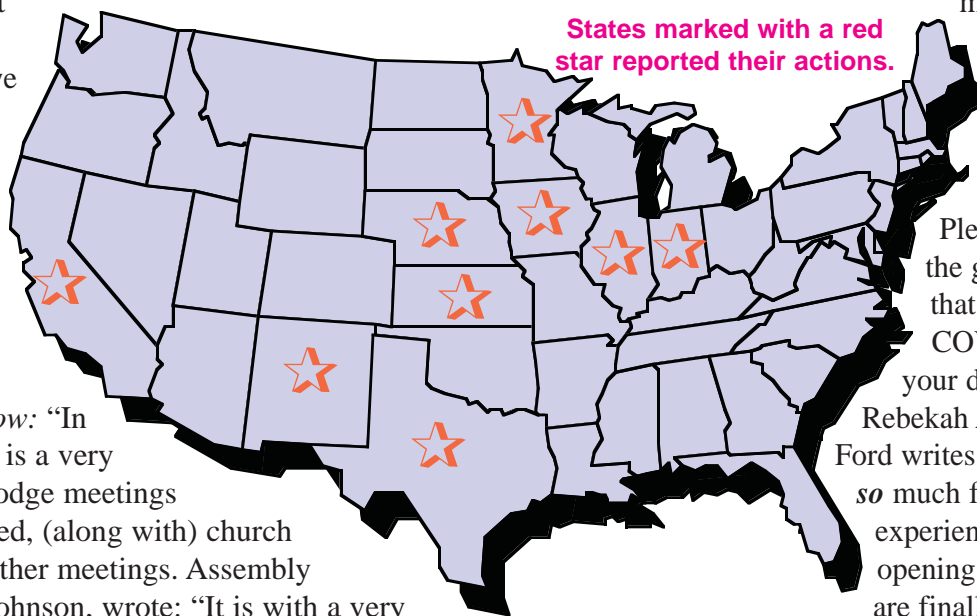
Rebekah Assembly President Amy Ford writes: “House arrest has been *so* much fun, not really. This virus experience has definitely been eye opening. More and more people are finally discovering what’s really

important in life, and that we can survive most anything and come out on the other side stronger and more aware than before.”

• **Kansas** — W. Geraldine Fouts writes in the July edition of *Rebekah 2 Rebekah*: “We are still having some restrictions and inconveniences due to the ongoing issues with COVID-19. As we open some of the businesses and activities, we are witnessing a rise in reported positive cases. I hope none of the members and their families have contracted this disease.”

• **New Mexico** — “It’s good to see people getting back outside. I was furloughed for eight weeks from American Greetings. Things are starting to get back to work” wrote Deputy Grand Master Shirley Baty in the *New Mexico Rebekah Reporter*.

• **Minnesota** — Grand Master Douglas Klocek wrote in the *Minnesota Odd Fellow*: “Due to COVID-19 still being around this area, it was my choice to cancel our November Sessions in Alexandria for this year. Next year’s Sessions will be held on June 17, 18 and 19, 2021 at the Holiday Inn in Alexandria. All current officers and committee chairs and committee members will remain in current position until installation at Sessions in June of 2021.”



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Park Project Completed

We're finally done! Once Laurel Delony and David Hammond completed their highwire act to finish the painting, that is.

Work on the kitchen at the Odd Fellows Park in Olympia has been an ongoing project for the past couple of months.

Thank you to everyone who came out and used their contractor, painting, run and fetch talents. It was a lot of work, but well worth the end result. The kitchen went from yuck gray to a beautiful sparkling ocean blue with white trim.

