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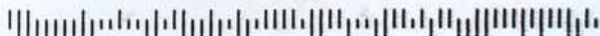
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# Home improvement Spending on track to set **New Record**

By Kim Jackson

**IF YOU'RE A REMODELER** and you've seen any of the HGTV remodeling shows — you know, where twin brothers, a single Detroit DIYer or a variety of husband-and-wife teams turn worn-out houses into buyers' dream homes for very little money (in the whole scheme of things) — you have a pretty good idea of what folks will want when they start talking about remodeling their homes. (Yep, I've been known to watch 'em all.)

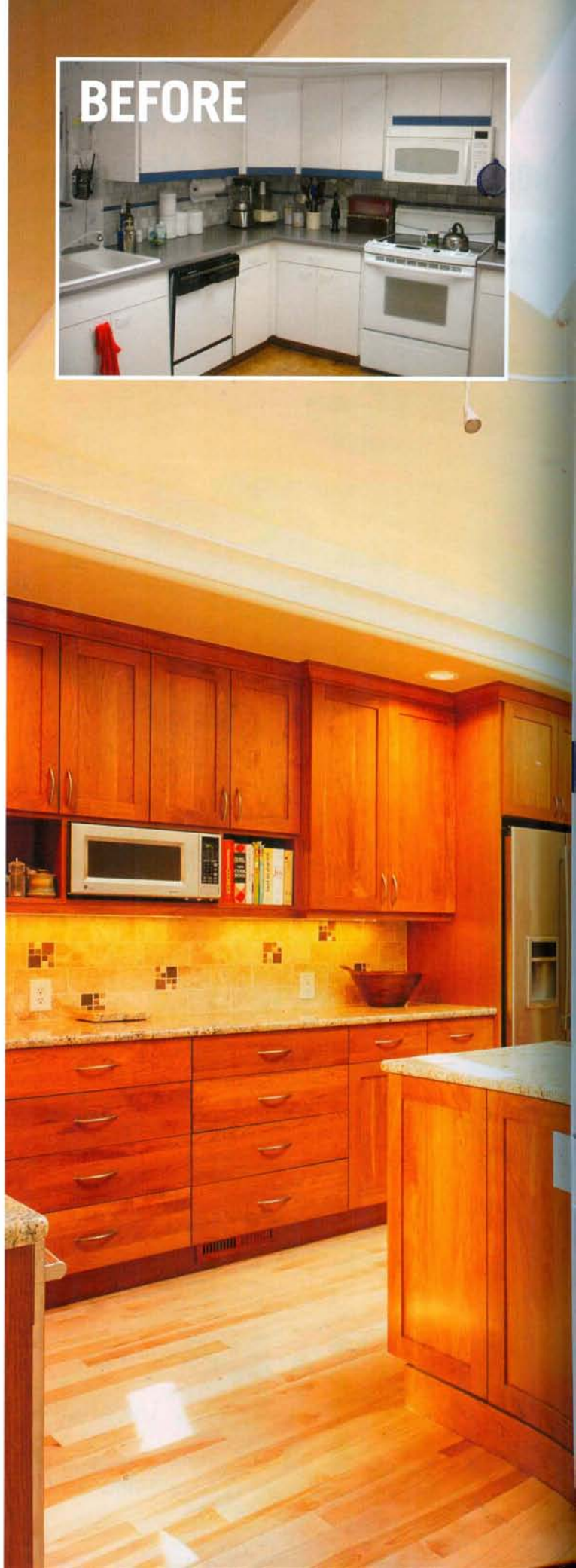
## Remodeling spending expected to set new record this year

According to Kermit Baker, senior research fellow with Harvard's Joint Center for Housing Studies, home improvement spending this year is expected to top the previous \$324 billion record set in 2007.

At the Remodeling Leadership Conference in May, Baker observed that GenX homeowners, who range between ages 30 and 50, have picked up the mantle from Baby Boomers and are currently the heaviest remodeling spenders. (And most of the homebuyers/homeowners you see on those HGTV shows are Gen Xers, just so you know.)

## Gen X changes mountain homescapes

Interestingly enough, that's the age range of homeowners that Tim Scanlan, partner, with Raptor Construction has been



## Bright lights, happy homeowners

The homes that Walter is remodeling are light and bright. “We lose visual acuity as we age,” he said. “We need more light as we get older.” And he’s a big fan of LED lights. “Almost any fixture, if it takes incandescent or halogen, it can take LED bulbs.”

In the kitchen, Walter said that every client wants an island, “even if it won’t fit.” And blending appliances in with cabinetry — for example, dishwasher and microwave drawers, as well as under mount refrigerators — are gaining in popularity.



## Standalone tubs are in demand

In the bathroom, sculptural standalone bathtubs “open up much more floor space and are so much more elegant,” Walter said. “It’s all we’re doing. We haven’t done a tub and a deck in five years.” And showers are becoming much bigger. “I’m not sure who’s driving the train: Everyone who’s watching HGTV, or the trade.”

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