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# What to do when you can't do it all?

For do-it-yourself home owners of all levels, budget is a top concern these days – but it's important to keep functionality and practicality in mind. If you're overwhelmed by embarking on your renovation with a bottom-barrel budget, you may be missing an important consideration: What does your family really need? Are there elements of your kitchen you can prioritize over others? What changes in the kitchen will make the most impact for the lowest cost?

Here are some handy tips from the kitchen experts at GE Appliances to help homeowners make affordable yet impactful changes to the kitchen:

Resist the urge to gut your kitchen and overhaul completely, just because you need to replace one item. If you have lovely crown moulding, low cabinets or dropped ceilings worth keeping, find appliances that fit within the existing structure. Luckily, there are appliances made with replacement needs in mind. For example, the HandiHite bottom-freezer refrigerator from GE Appliances is under 66" and made specifically for hard-to-fit kitchen spaces.

If you are planning a kitchen décor facelift, consulting an interior designer can actually be a useful way of making sure you're aware of all the budget options, along with the design options! Using a designer doesn't have to break the bank, and they can even save you money by finding the best deals and bargains out there. Professional designers can also be professional bargain hunters!

Many households, especially those where entertaining is a frequent activity, are moving towards the double-oven. While the convenience of being able to simultaneously prepare appetizers and the main course is obvious, homeowners don't always have the space. As a solution, GE Appliances has created the GE Profile Single Double Wall Oven. It fits in the same amount of space as a single oven, but offers the convenience of two ovens, so you



can cook two meals at different temperatures without reducing surrounding cabinetry or counter space. It's affordable and space-conscious.

Installing new kitchen cabinets is a common part of most renovations, but it's also a large expense

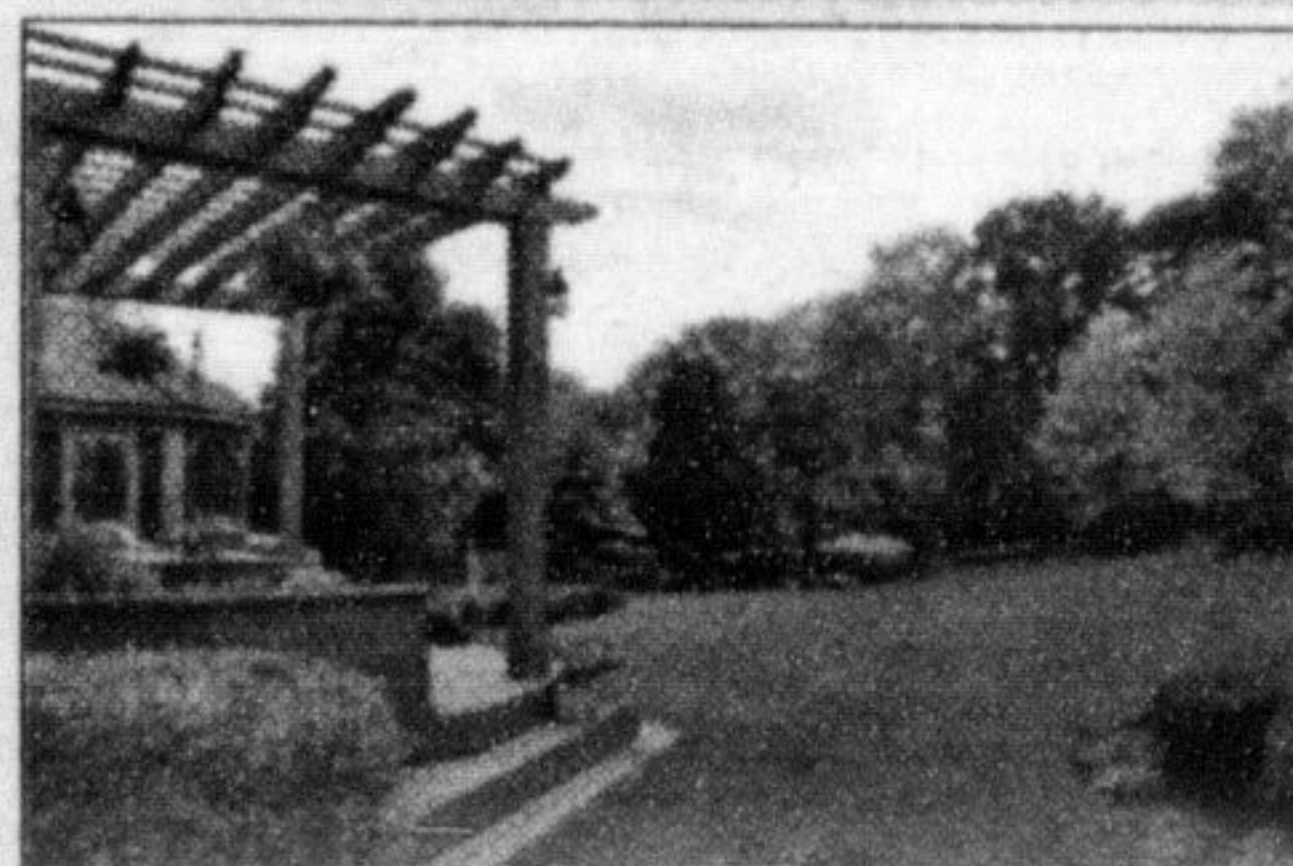
that doesn't always need to be incurred. Replacement isn't the only option. If cabinets are in good shape, simply re-facing or re-finishing the exterior is a good option to save some money and get the maximum use out of your existing kitchen. For an even simpler change, a fresh coat of paint and new hinges or door handles may be just the TLC your tired cabinets needed.

When it comes to appliances, many homeowners think they have to replace the entire set at once so that everything matches; but it isn't necessary. Designers often advise upgrading just one or two appliances each year until you can comfortably afford the whole set you have your eyes on. There are options that make this easy from a décor stand point – for example, paneling allows for consistent décor if you're updating one appliance at a time. Refrigerators and dishwashers can be seamlessly blended into the rest of the kitchen behind panels that match your cabinetry. Old and new appliances need not clash in the name of saving some cash.

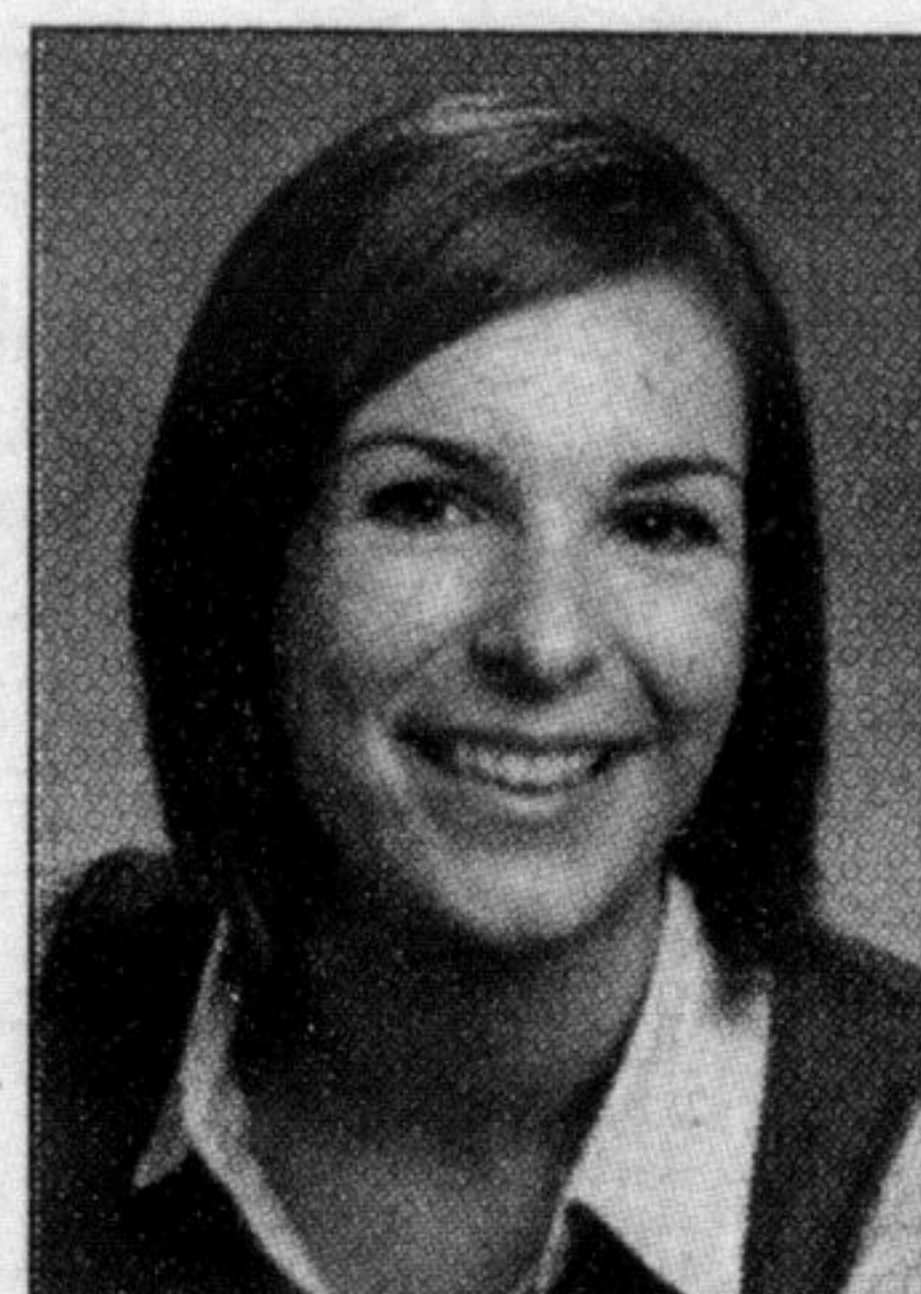
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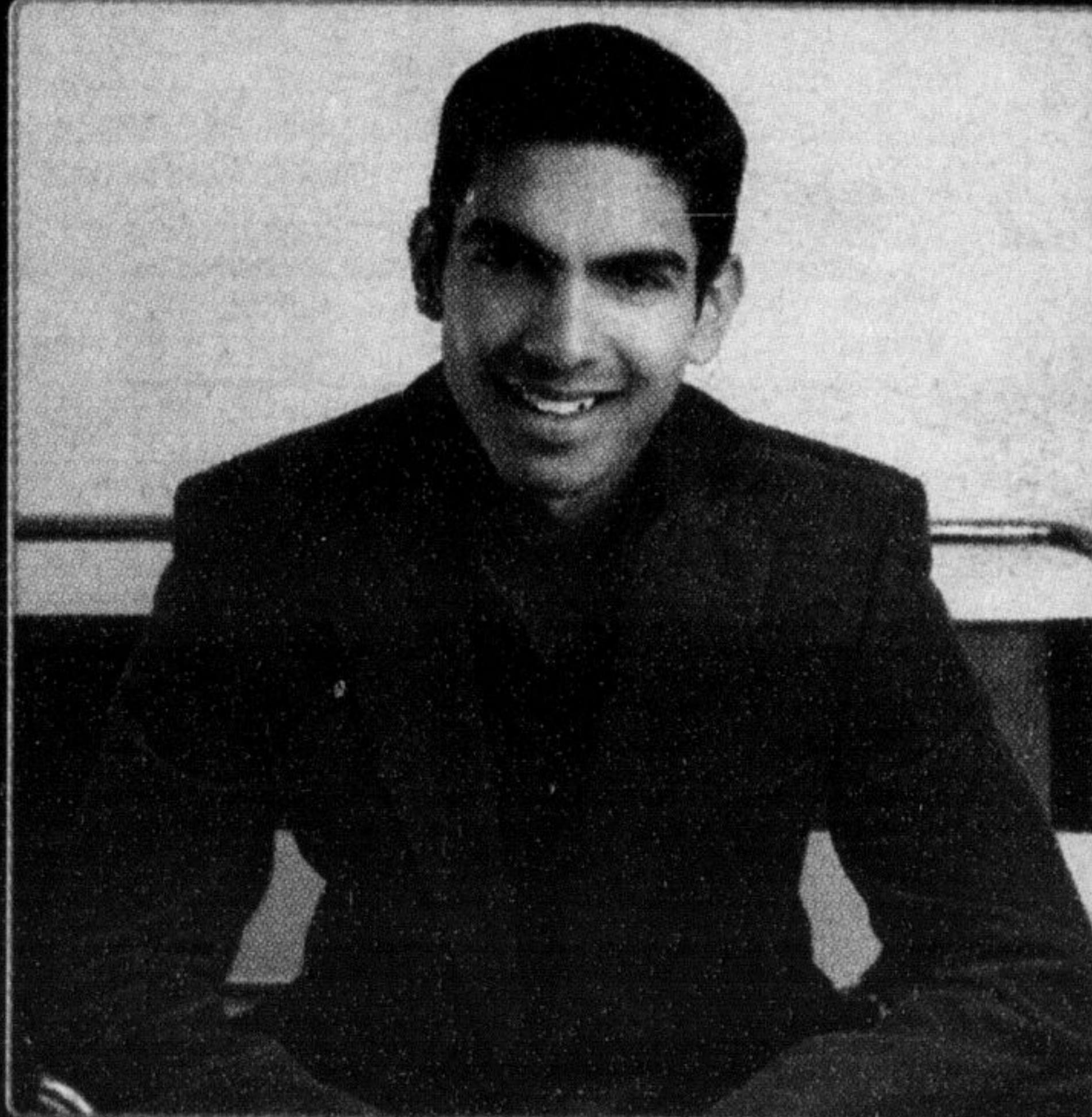
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