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As their family has grown, so has their home!*

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At Home: News & Views

RLV design & construction Wins 2005

Best of the Best: 'We wanted to give Arizona homeowners a sample of the Best of the Best and showcase (the winning) contractors' expertise', says Maricopa County Home Shows in announcing their choices for the 2005 **Best of the Best** Contest. 'After sorting through all of the entries and many debates, the Best of the Best were chosen.' Awarded for Best Small Kitchen, RLV's winning project will be featured at the 2006 Home & Garden Show January 13, 14, and 15.



The winning kitchen is also our **Featured Family** story in this issue of At Home by Vaugier. See page 4.

Field Report: Luxury Living from the Ground Up

Vaugier Homes is bringing their luxury living to the Rio Verde area.

Currently under construction, the first of our luxury custom homes is now towering over the beautiful natural desert, surrounded by breathtaking mountain views.



Pouring the foundation

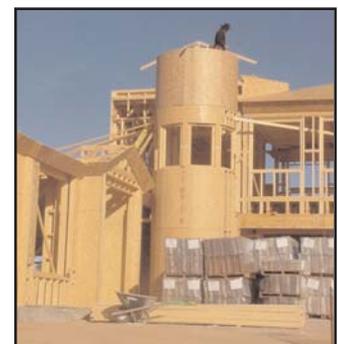


Framing begins on the 4,800+ s.q. home

Sorry, this house is sold. Please call Vaugier Homes, 602-828-4437, for details on our other luxury custom homes.



Lowering the Second Story trusses



Finishing the impressive turret



Cost vs. Value? Getting the most from your home - now and later

It's here! The 2005 "Cost vs. Value Report" comparing construction cost with resale value is out and we are in it. This is the eighteenth anniversary of REMODELING's Cost vs. Value Report and the seventh straight year for the partnering of Remodeling Magazine and REALTOR® Magazine to bring us cost data compiled by Home Tech Information Systems and resale values listing national averages as well as 60 local markets including Phoenix. The Cost vs. Value Report is now available at www.remodelingmagazine.com or www.realtor.org.

While the report may help you make the decision as to which improvements may bring the highest investment returns by comparing our local market to the national averages of costs recouped, there are many decisions to be made on how to get your best use of space and functionality in your home for as long as you plan to enjoy it. RLV design & construction can help you balance cost, ROI, design, functionality and - perhaps the most important consideration - personal comfort.

Call RLV to schedule your complimentary remodeling consultation at 480-342-9893. We know how to 'Capture Your Spirit of Home'.

PROJECT CATEGORY	COST RECOUPED NATIONAL %	COST RECOUPED PHOENIX %
MAJOR KITCHEN REMODEL	84.8	98.9
BATH REMODEL	93.2	122.7
BATH ADDITION	85.8	103.0
MASTER SUITE ADDITION	80.1	93.5
FAMILY ROOM ADDITION	83.0	101.6
ATTIC BEDROOM REMODEL	93.5	111.0
SECOND STORY ADDITION	94.6	110.0
HOME OFFICE CONVERSION	72.8	99.3
SUNROOM ADDITION	74.5	87.7



Visit *RLV design & construction*
and *Vaugier Homes*
at our 2006 Trade Show appearances:

Maricopa County Home Shows
Arizona State Fairgrounds

January 13, 14, 15

May 5, 6, 7

September 22, 23, 24

Arizona Home & Building Expo
Phoenix Civic Plaza

August 11, 12, 13

For booth information and complimentary admission tickets (while supplies last), call 602-828-4437



Meet Our Featured Family...
Bob, Sally and Children of Scottsdale

Our Mission: Bob and Sally’s main desire was to transform a small, enclosed kitchen and a separated family room into one great Great Room environment. With two very energetic boys, and eagerly awaiting the birth of their third child, the limited prep and cooking area separate from the family area was not working well for them. They wanted a spacious, open floor plan that would allow them to enjoy their family no matter what activities they were engaged in.

By creating a design removing an interior wall, adding a very spacious and aesthetically inviting island, expanding the bay eating area into the outside patio area, and redesigning existing wall and floor space, this kitchen remodel gave our clients the open, functional, gorgeous kitchen and shared Great Room environment they were wanting.

Mom, Dad, sons and newly arrived *baby daughter* can now spend their time enjoying their meals, entertaining with friends and, more importantly, simply being together with no barriers separating them.

Mission accomplished! But our work did not stop there. Bob and Sally had several other remodeling needs that we were happy to accomplish for them:

- New wall niches
- Raised ceilings
- New flooring throughout remodeled areas
- Relocated/redesigned Home Office
- Enlarged Laundry Room
- Existing Garage converted into spare room
- New 3-car garage added

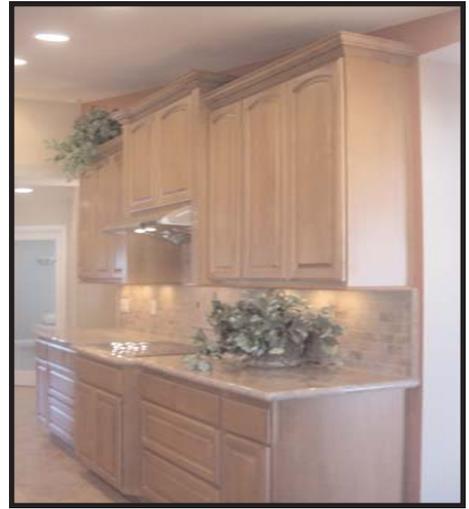
Mission(s) accomplished!



Above Area Before (previous to wall removal)



View Then



View Now



Garage Before & After



Garage & Home Office Construction



At Home: Trends

Wine Cabinets: Tannins, polyphenols, antioxidants, phytochemicals...medical studies show that the nutrients, minerals, vitamins and immune system boosters that are contained in red wine can add up to substantial long-term health benefits including heart health and cancer prevention.



Jim & Ono, Fountain Hills/Whole House Renovation

Synopsis: wine not only makes you feel better, it actually can help prolong your life.

Evidence has come to light that wine, especially red wine, has so many benefits for long-term physical health that

some researchers have asserted it is more detrimental to your health to not drink it...in moderation, of course. (At Home by Vaugier does not endorse nor verify any medical findings.) In

addition, wine has been found to reduce emotional stress when consumed in moderation (this we can confirm).



Patrick & Kathy, Scottsdale/Kitchen & Game Room Remodel

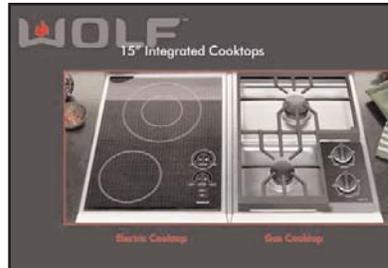
What health findings don't address is how beautiful a wine cabinet will look in your kitchen, family room and/or bar area! Wine cabinets are part of a growing trend nationwide and are among the most frequently requested features

Steve & Peggy, Scottsdale/Kitchen Remodel

in our custom home and remodeling projects, adding elegance, functionality and value to your home.

Cooktops: If you are considering remodeling your existing kitchen or are building a custom home, you might want to get a head start on selecting your cooktop. A frequently repeated word that comes back to us when our clients are making their appliance selections is *overwhelming*.

Trying to anticipate what cooking methods you will need tends to be somewhat daunting since most of us have no



idea what culinary choices tomorrow may bring. Wolf has come out with cooktop modules that may make your decisions regarding cooktop options a little easier.

You can now mix and match interchangeable cooking areas depending on each day's menu. From grill to steamer to fryer to a multi-function cooktop, your options have never been greater. You can even have both electric and gas cooktops working at the same time side-by-side. This modular cooktop concept may sound overly trendy, but is actually quite practical for those whose family members can never agree on what foods they want to eat at any given meal (which includes most of us!).

Home Gyms: Whether your reasoning is based on convenience, privacy rather than exposing your working body parts in a coed gym environment, or the rising costs of gyms and health clubs, home gyms are hot items.

Awareness is way up. It's nearly impossible to escape the endless weight reducing, health conscious, fitness infomercials broadcasting 24/7. Baby boomers are getting older and are interested in staying fit enough to continue all the activities that are important to them. And the Senior generation is living longer and staying more active (probably why they are living longer!).



This is where RLV & Vaugier Homes come in - home gyms need adequate square footage to accommodate equipment foot-

prints and floor exercises, proper flooring for safety, noise and vibration reduction, weight of equipment, and an aesthetic environment including windows and/or doors for proper ventilation.

Before & After /Whole House Renovation with Lower Level Home Gym, Fountain Hills

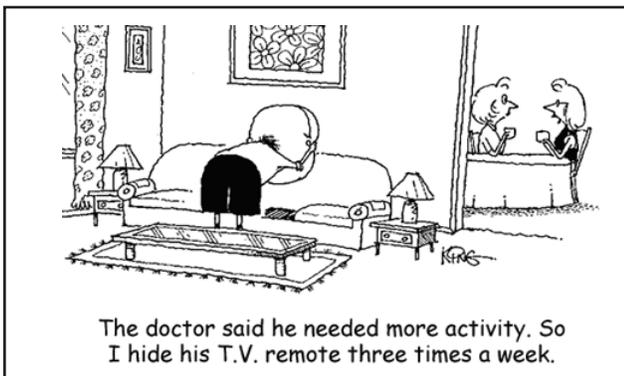


At Home: *Family*



Children & Households: Things Our Children Have Taught Us

- There is no such thing as child-proofing your house.
- If you hook a dog leash over a ceiling fan, the motor is not strong enough to rotate a 42 pound boy wearing an Incredibles mask and cape.
- A ceiling fan can hit a baseball a long way.
- When you hear the toilet flush and the words Uh-oh, it's already too late.
- A king size waterbed holds enough water to fill a 2,000 square foot house 4 inches deep (estimated).
- Play Dough and Microwave should never be used in the same sentence.
- Super glue is forever.
- Via television, McGyver can teach our children many things they don't need to know.
- Ditto Tarzan.
- Pool filters do not like Jell-O.
- Garbage bags do not make good parachutes.
- Marbles in gas tanks make lots of noise when driving.
- You probably do not want to know what that odor is.
- Always look in the oven before you turn it on.
- The spin cycle on the washing machine does not make earth worms dizzy. It will however make cats dizzy.
- A good sense of humor will get you through most problems in life (in retrospect).



Meet Our Mother Valentine



Even in our Valley of the Sun, Spring & Summer (not to mention New Years resolutions) bring out the weekend warriors in all of us vowing to get in better shape - eating better and/or less, exercising more, etc., etc., etc..

We would like to honor our RLV/Vaugier Homes mother, Valentine. Although residing in the L.A. area, Maman puts us to shame when we visit. She swims, walks the local beaches, takes yoga classes several times each week, teaches French to Seniors, and is our family herbalist for healthy living. It is often difficult to reach her by phone. We must remember to call her early in the day before she goes out to play!

Grosses Bises, Maman!

Exercise for the rest of us:

- It is well documented that for every minute that you exercise, you add one minute to your life. This enables you, at 85 years of age, to spend an additional 5 months in a nursing home at around \$5,000 per month.
- My grandmother started walking five miles a day when she was 60. She's now 97 years old and we don't know where the heck she is.
- The only reason I would take up exercising is so that I could hear heavy breathing again.
- I joined a health club last year; spent about \$400 bucks. Haven't lost a pound. Apparently you have to show up.
- I have to exercise early in the morning before my brain figures out what I'm doing.
- I have flabby thighs, but fortunately my stomach covers them.
- The advantage of exercising every day is that you die healthier.
- If you are going to try cross-country skiing, start with a small country.
- And last but not least, I don't exercise because it makes the ice jump right out of my glass.



It's a jungle out there!

*Especially when you are trying
to make decisions about your home ...*

- ~ Do I remodel my existing home? Where do I start?*
- ~ Should I sell and buy another home ...
and what if the new home isn't exactly what I want?*
- ~ Should I just sell out and build the home I really want?*
- And the #1 question to all of the above:*
- ~ What company can remodel my existing/newly purchased home
or design/custom build the exact home I want?*

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and now is the time to enjoy*

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