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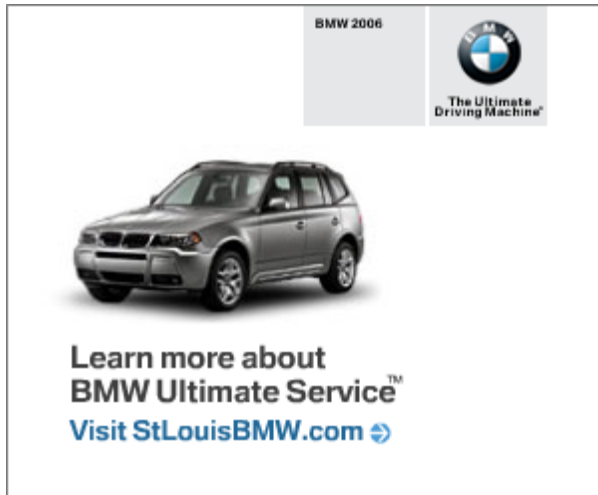
Naunheims, Mastorakoses and Hammonds make dreams a reality with home improvements

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Bill Mastorakos said understanding the possibilities of the system was a large part of the learning curve. "When I was first asked what my budget was, I said \$10,000 to \$12,000. The original bidder just laughed," he said.

Ultimately, the electronics upgrade alone cost \$65,000 from Experionics, a custom home entertainment business here.



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Brady Ritchey, vice president of sales for Experionics, said the FireBall systems range from about \$1,000 to \$5,000, and the Crestron remote control systems can start at \$1,000 and go much higher depending on what a customer wants. It can control house lights, drapes, heating and cooling systems and security.

Krejci said most of his projects take three months of planning, depending on how much time his clients can devote.

Construction can take another six months to a year. The Mastorakoses' builder was **McMillan Construction Group Inc.** of Maplewood. The challenge for both the builder and architect was seamlessly tying the old part

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of the house to the new.

"It would have been easier to tear down the whole house," Bill Mastorakos said, but his family wanted to stay in the neighborhood, which is close to where Bill Mastorakos grew up.

The Naunheims also wanted to stay in their neighborhood in Brentwood, where they purchased their home in 1987. Their children were either in college or nearly through college when they decided to add on a \$400,000 library and other improvements.

"We always wanted a room that looks like an English library. My husband wanted a larger bathroom. So we compromised and did both," said Roseanne Naunheim, who is an emergency room physician at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and on staff at Washington University School of Medicine.

"It's pretty well overdone. I wanted a living space we could get our money out of if we sold it. I compared the cost of a divorce and the cost of the addition, and we decided to go with the addition," said Keith Naunheim, a thoracic surgeon on staff at Saint Louis University School of Medicine.

As he describes it, the addition is almost a 24-foot cube, that along with the spiral staircase includes a secret room, entered by pressing a button, which moves a bookcase. It also includes a mounted buffalo head and a hanging wall tapestry. Naunheim said the couple is still searching for a standing suit of armor and a standing, stuffed grizzly bear.

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