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## Look Familiar?



Miracle Home Builders' own unique flair will be added to their Disneyland inspired Wisconsin Fantasy House 2012. Above is pictured the original 1955 Anaheim California iconic train station.



Construction of Fantasy takes shape, heading for its August gala opening event. (Right)



The great room of "America's first" ranch two-story home near 92nd and Good Hope Rd., Milwaukee. Also building in Hartford.

## Wisconsin 2012 Fantasy House Goes Parade-less

This year's late August annual *MBA Parade of Homes* event will feature many builders. However, one of the areas most prominent home builders will not be there. Instead, they will be unveiling *Wisconsin Fantasy House 2012*.

In past Parades, Miracle Home Builders (Richfield) has become well-known for building what many consider a Parade showstopper. Their Fantasy/Concept homes have broken new ground in introducing everything from a flooding patio and full basketball court, to elevators and even a 30 foot I-Max styled theater screen (shot using their own 3-camera system).

This 2012 *Fantasy House* edition promises to go (as Miracle's

founder, Tom Hignite, proclaims) "where no home design has gone before".

Not unlike past Fantasy home editions, this one would feel right at home in Disneyland. This "familiar-looking" home was inspired by the exterior of the Disneyland Train Station, which was built in 1955.

Inside is loaded with newer inspirations such as Miracle Home Builders' latest invention, the *horizontal, lay-down shower*. The elaborate basement rec room will feature the world's first in-home theme park ride (a train, of course) making a secret journey into hidden tunnel storybook lands.

The home is now open weekends (1-4) for guided previews prior to it's August 25 opening.

## Ranch Two-Story Opens

If you're having trouble deciding whether to build a ranch or a 2-story home, now you can have both in one home. This exclusive architectural "first" comes fresh off the drawing board of home designer Tom Hignite.

The concept is simple. The main level is a ranch and the (optional) second floor can be used every day

or perhaps only used for parties, overnight guests, or work space.

Technically, this design is a 2-story. If you think about it, you may be able to build a 1650 square foot ranch (for example) in a subdivision that demands a 2000 square foot ranch minimum since this is actually a 2400 square foot 2-story home. Go figure!

*"Why haven't all ranches been built this way? Amazing!"*

Ted and Julie on their first visit to the ranch two-story.

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The Hignites

# Nation's Attention: Small Homes



(Above) An exercise in illusion and space expansion. The voluminous Mi-Pad (2-story) great room.

## Reasons To Build

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**"Port Buster"**

### Mount Pleasant WI.

Several months ago ABC Television's *Good Morning America* sent cameras to see a new kind of mini-mansion. National radio talk show host Clark Howard turned his attention to the cruise ship designs used to help create these homes. Newspapers and web sites (led-off by The Milwaukee Journal/Sentinel's article by Paul Gores) across the country were abuzz with questions. How could a home just over 1,000 square feet possibly (and comfortably) sleep 8 and have 4 bathrooms?

### "Mi-Pad" is Born.

The excitement was directed at *Miracle Home Builders'* Tom Hignite. Tom's two new Mi-Pad micro-homes were borne out of his experience in creating artistic and unorthodox large custom homes. "It was a wonderful exploration to see just how big a small house can feel," said Hignite.

These highly creative homes still draw crowds from far and near to Durand and Gates streets in Mount Pleasant.