







HOME EDITION: HOW'D THEY DO THAT?

Top: The contracting crew turns dreams into reality. Above: Ty Pennington (left) motivates his design team. Left: Dr. Garth Fisher seeks facial perfection.

# **Going to Extremes**

One ABC Makeover leads to another, but three's a crowd

BY TERRY KELLEHER rand extension is big at CBS (three CSIs) and NBC (soon a fourth Law & Order), so ABC has a right to two Extreme Makeovers. In fact, the radical residential renovations on Extreme Makeover: Home Edition (Sundays, 8 p.m. ET) are more funand less yucky-than the cosmetic surgery on Extreme Makeover (Thursdays at 8 p.m.).

But the network pushed the franchise too far last month when it slapped together a spinoff with the unwieldy REALITY title Extreme Makeover: Home

Edition: How'd They Do That? (Mondays, 8 p.m.). Toss this one in the Dumpster.

The original EM turns me off even when it has a powerful story to tell. The Feb. 10 episode featured a man wrongly convicted of murder and stigmatized as "the snaggletoothed killer" who wanted doctors to give him a new look after his exoneration and release from prison. He was probably entitled after all he'd been through. But his case had to share time with a makeover that included a "Brazilian butt lift" for a mother and a breast enhancement for her daughter. "We were able to achieve cleavage," the surgeon reported proudly.

Despite blatant plugs for a sponsoring department store, Home Edition deserves credit for helping people who truly need transformed living space. When a sick child can't survive in her family's house unless it's rendered germ-free and handicappedaccessible, you applaud Ty Pennington's team for going the extra mile. But if he keeps bellowing at his crew through that bullhorn and wearing out the word "awesome," even his beneficiaries might want to have him arrested for disturbing the peace.

How'd They Do That? rehashes a previously aired Home Edition and adds a few details that weren't worth including the first time. Why'd they bother? Extreme \* \* \* Home \* \* \* How'd They Do That? \* \* \* \*

# **DON'T MISS**

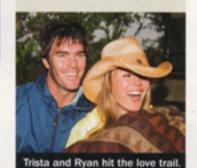
#### **Grammy Awards**

(CBS, Feb. 13, 8 p.m. ET) Newlyweds Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony perform together publicly for the first time as a married couple.

# Trista and Ryan's **Honeymoon Hotspots**

(Travel Channel, Feb. 14, 9 p.m. ET)

They met and married on reality TV. Now they spend two hours telling ordinary newlyweds where to go. from the slopes of Vail to a South African safari lodge.



# Scrubs

(NBC, Feb. 15, 9 p.m. ET) Clay Aiken guest stars as a dorky cafeteria worker who gets a chance to shine in the hospital talent show.

### The Road to Stardom with Missy Elliott

(UPN, Feb. 16, 8 p.m. ET) Talk about the fast track: The five finalists jet to L.A., move into a mansion and get some career advice from Madonna.

### Survivor: Palau

(CBS, Feb. 17, 8 p.m. ET) Twenty castaways are stuck on a South Pacific island in the 10th-season premiere.