

The loft makes a comeback

The bedroom loft, a small auxiliary sleeping area over the rear or front portion of cabins built some 200 years ago, was a familiar architectural feature of the American settlers' home.

The idea evolved as a result of needed space within

limited quarters; usually as children arrived on the scene.

Space, however, was and is by no means the reason the Herman Frankel Organization borrowed the loft idea for its 2,400-plus square foot condominium at Pebble Creek's new "com-

munity-within-a-community," Chamonix.

Instead, the loft concept is combined with a ranch plan and expanded to create a separate two-bedroom-with-bath-guest loft.

"The demand for ranch condominiums represents an important segment of the market, but building a spacious ranch is a costly problem because it is much less expensive per square foot of living space to build and sell two-story units," said Herman Frankel, president of the West-Bloomfield-based developing and building firm that bears his name.

"Ever since we started Pebble Creek five years ago, there has been a constant demand for ranch condominiums. However, few are willing to pay the premium for a ranch and still get the number and size of rooms they desire. The result is always compromise.

At Pebble Creek's Chamonix, Frankel took the loft idea and combined it with a ranch floor plan to create a dual-purpose home. They call it the L-model.

The ranch plan consists of a large master suite with dressing room and Roman bath, library, formal living room, separate formal dining room, large gourmet equipped kitchen with sepa-

rate nook area, first floor utility room, powder room, and a cathedral ceiling entry foyer.

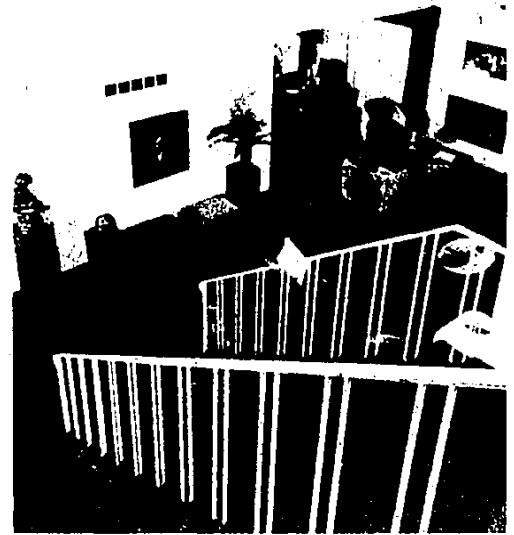
The ranch plan boasts more than 1,750 square feet, not including the full basement, but it is only the first floor of the L-model.

Because a one-bedroom home, no matter how large or luxurious, is impractical for most families and does not represent a sound investment as far as resale, Frankel offers the guest loft as a solution.

It gives one-floor living convenience and plenty of space while offering secondary bedrooms and bath.

The guest loft, or upper area, consists of two bed-

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This is a lofty view of the living room.



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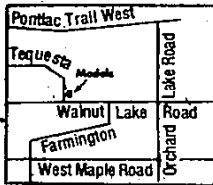
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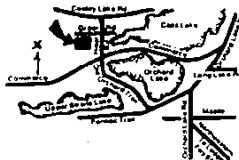
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