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The ferries to Whidbey Island were crowded and running late on the third of July, so by the time photographer Glenn Christiansen reached the awardwinning house on our cover, the light was moving quickly off the northeast façade. He made it with a good 15 minutes to spare. See page 74 for more on this and other award winners.


Some cowboy's prize, finely tooled saddle gets tune-up
at rear of Saddle
'n Togs. Kittitas Museum (right) in Cadwell Building is a walk-in scrapbook stuffed with local memorabilia



Its face primly painted, the impeccably-restored Davidson Building dominates corner of Fourth Avenue and Pearl Street

125 MILES EAST OF SEATTLE, JUST OFF I-90

# Poking around in <br> horsy, historic Ellensburg 



Phoenix rising from sculpted flames perches high on Davidson Building

If you look up on the south face of the Davidson Building in Ellensburg, Washington, you'll see a phoenix rising from a cluster of flames. In 1889 the town burned, and the new building that went up the same year was a symbol of promise to the spirited little community, which aspired to becoming the state's capital.
That didn't happen. The government settled in Olympia, but Ellensburg's downtown core was built. Today, with a historic preservation movement taking hold, it looks better than ever. The 12 -block downtown area is an easy detour for travelers on Interstate 90 bound for Seattle or Spokane. From I-90, take exit 109 (Canyon Road) and follow north about a mile into town until it becomes Main Street. Park in the vicinity of Third, Fourth, or Fifth avenues and Main Street-or east to Pearl, Pine, or Ruby streets.
Visit Ellensburg this month and you should be treated to warm, dry weather and colorful fall foliage. If you go on October 3 or 4, you'll be able to take in the Ellensburg Festival of the Arts. (Because of its location and charm, and the presence of Central Washington University, a number of artists have migrated to Ellensburg.) The festival begins at 9 on Saturday and closes at 6 Sunday. The scene is lively.
Even without the festival, Ellensburg is worth poking around. Within three blocks of the Fourth Avenue - Main Street intersection you'll find 16 historic buildings. One place to start is the Kittitas Historical Museum in the Cadwell Building (1889) on Third Avenue at Pine (open 1 to 5 daily; free admis-
sion). The person behind the desk can answer your questions and give you pamphlets listing services, scenic highlights of the area, and a brief historical description of Ellensburg that pinpoints its noteworthy architecture.
This is ranching country, and Ellensburg has an authentic Western feel. If you're in need of a cowboy hat or boots, you'll find plenty of places to shop. There's a huge selection at Mills' Saddle 'n Togs at Fourth and Main, along with saddle blankets and ranch clothes, both fancy and plain.
There are several popular restaurants in town. You might plan a weekday lunch or Friday or Saturday dinner at McCullough's, in the newly restored Davidson Building. Chef Lyle McCullough spent many years practicing his art in the U.S. Foreign Service; he admonishes his staff: "Every plate must be a picture!" The Valley Cafe at Third and Main offers espresso and soups for snacks as well as complete meals; open daily except Sunday from 7:30 A.M. to 9 P.M., it's a gathering spot for locals and has its original 1930s' feel.
Upstairs in the Davidson Building (Pearl Street entrance), the Ellensburg Community Art Gallery, open noon to 5 Tuesday through Saturday, showcases regional artists. A gift shop sells pottery, weavings, jewelry, watercolors, and other artwork at reasonable prices.
And if you're interested in new, used, and rare books-from art history to the diseases of cattle-you'll find them in the Four Winds at Fourth and Pine, open 10 to 5 Monday through Saturday.


Rare Donald Duck costs $\$ 1,300$ at Comics \& Comix (above); other choices start at 25 cents. Moe's packs four floors with used and rare books


## Bookstore browsing

in Berkeley

Bibliophiles who plan to visit Berkeley this fall for a football game at the University of California might also want to do some off-campus bookshop browsing along Telegraph Avenue. In the four northernmost blocks of Telegraph before it bumps into the campus, you'll find six bookstores stocked with used and rare works ranging from Camus to comics.
Street parking can be hard to find. There's a public parking garage on Durant Avenue near Telegraph.
California Book Company ( 2310 Telegraph Avenue): 7:45 to 5:30 weekdays, 9 to 5:30 Saturday. Businesslike and big, it sells new and old books, art supplies, maps.
Comics \& Comix (2461): 10 to 9 Monday through Saturday, 10 to 7 Sunday. More than 250,000 comic books-old and newarranged by publisher.
Moe's (2476): 10 A.M. to 11 P.M. weekdays,
10 to midnight weekends. Biggest shop on the avenue, with rare books upstairs.
Shakespeare and Company (2499): 10 to 10 Sunday through Thursday, 10 to 11 Friday and Saturday. Named after the Paris bookstore frequented by James Joyce, it's jammed with a wide range of used books. Funny Pages (2512): 10 to 7 daily.
A jumble of comics ranging from popular characters of the '30s to the current
"X-Men" and "Avengers."
Bibliomania (2556): noon to 7 daily. Used
books and out-of-print scholarly works. ㅁ
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