

# Marsha Lovgren enjoys British job, way of life

Where else in the world can you buy wax paper in a stationery store, ride the underground tube and wear blue jeans when you dress up?

Why, London, of course. A Heppner woman, Marsha Lovgren, has been enjoying and not enjoying many of the aspects of life that make London...well...different.

Marsha, 26-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Lovgren, Heppner, received all her public schooling in Heppner and acquired secretarial skills through a business college.

In August of last year, she arrived in London, England, to work at the American Embassy in Grosvenor Square as a secretary.

Her experiences, travels, and everyday life since then are more than just interesting.



Marsha Lovgren

Marsha holds down a job every young businesswoman would love to have. A 9-6 shift in London, England...bobbies on bicycles...the whole bit.

Marsha readily admits she enjoys working and living in England. At the American Embassy, she is joined in her occupation by 400 British employees and another 300 Americans.

Marsha said she finds the British people "very interesting, but sometimes hard to get to know." She said in particular that it is hard to meet Britains, but she said she is dating a pair of eligible young men.

She said the British are very "pro-American" and are fed up with Arabs right now. Arabian oil tycoons are buying up much of the Mayfair flats and that is not to the liking of many of the British conservatives that live there.

Marsha is now an avid enthusiast of the theater and cinema. She has seen Henry Fonda, Jimmy Stewart, Haley Mills, Rock Hudson, Juliet Prowse, Louis Jourdan, and many other British local talent.

She has been to ballets featuring Rudolf Nureyev and Mikhail Baryshnikov, both famous Russian dancers.

Marsha said she enjoys sightseeing and also taking historical walks of the city led by tour guides. Although she likes the tours, she does a lot of her sightseeing while walking two blocks to work.

She lives just two blocks from the Embassy and Hyde Park. Her flat is small but cozy, and very convenient to shopping and restaurants and theaters.

Among the many sights her eyes have laid eyes on have been Oxford, Canterbury, Cambridge, Dover, the southeastern coast and Hastings, Brighton and Eastbourne, along with Stonehenge and Salisbury Cathedral.

Although shopping is conveniently located nearby, the

actual shopping has been less than convenient at times.

Like having to buy wax paper in a stationery store, or asking for paper hankies when you really want Kleenex. If you get a scratch and need a band aid, you ask for plasters and of course, gasoline is petrol in London.

"It's flustering, but interesting," Marsha said.

While the inconvenience of particular names may be hampering, the prices she finds fine.

The pound is down in England...way down. With her American salary, she is at an advantage when that pound is low. Prices go up, but with her U.S. paycheck, it all levels out. Only the British are hurting for cash.

Can goods, Marsha said, are imported primarily from the states. Brits pay in pence, about twice what Americans pay in cents. A can of tomato paste that may cost 39 cents here might cost 80 cents in London.

She does have commissary and PX privileges, but they are far away.

Along with the good things there are some bad. That phrase, coined from "with the sunshine, a little rain must fall" would please all Londoners if it were to come true.

The land is in a drought stage and has been dormant for rain for the third straight year this season.

"Very dry...the parks are dry, people are not watering flowers, the grass is yellow and brown," she said. Londoners and all British persons have been asked not to use hoses.

They are asked to use the same bath water for their garden and to take two or three baths in the same water. They are also asked, Marsha said, to flush their toilets only once a day!

It is the worst draught in 500 years, Marsha said.

While English teas and scones are still very much in style, British clothing styles change like in America.

Marsha said styles are "trendy" and that blue jeans have the corner on the clothing industry today. Blue jeans with pegged legs and the bottoms turned up, worn with bright colored boots with spiked heels and pointed toes are the fashion now. Worn with silk blouses and scarves, who could go wrong?

The men for one. That is the women's fashion. Men are "fussy about clothes and hairstyles," Marsha explained, noting that hairstyling is relatively inexpensive in London.

British businessmen are keeping their neat image, wearing tailored suits, she said. Marsha said she can spot an American tourist anywhere. He'll be wearing that pastel leisure suit with his white patent leather shoes and just "doesn't look European."

Outside England, Marsha has seen many of the world's bright spots. Among them have been Paris, which she saw three times since her travels to London. There she saw the Eiffel Tower, Arc De Triomphe, Champs Elysee, Place De La Concorde, Notre Dame, Invalides, and many other tourist spots.

She had dinner on the Bateau Mouche (a boat on the River Seine for us Americans). The two and a half hour dinner, including music and the boat ride on the Seine, viewing all the sights of Paris, cost \$30. A bottle of wine was included in the feast of frog legs, chateaubriand and other fancy delectables.

In February of this year, Marsha went skiing in the Alps of northern Italy, just on the other side of the Matterhorn in Switzerland. The Italians were very friendly and happy people, she related.

In April, she went to Amsterdam and saw the flowers and wooden shoes and toured a diamond cutting factory.

Dublin, Ireland, was next in May. She took a tour through St. Patrick's country and south of Dublin. In June, it was Paris and Switzerland. Berne, Interlaken and Lucerne were viewed. They cast a beautiful countryside, mostly farming communities and breathtaking mountain scenery.

In August, she went to Edinburgh, Scotland, and saw the castle in the center of town. Then in September, she came home to visit her folks and help them during her mother's recovery from an operation.

Marsha called British executive secretaries' wages "grossly underpaid." She said they made around \$100 a week.

So where else can you see little old ladies banning their dresses for sunshine or drive on the left side of the road or see the Queen's patronage daily or buy hamburger at \$1.50 a pound?

London, of course. "It's interesting and I love it."

## Road closures



Dave Harrison spoke to Heppner Chamber of Commerce Monday at their new meeting place, West of Willow. President Larry Mills looks on. (G-T Photo)

The Secretary of Agriculture, in cooperation with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, has closed many roads in the Heppner Ranger District this year to elk hunters.

The use of motorized vehicles, including the landing of aircraft and helicopters, is prohibited within the boundaries of the Heppner Ranger District in the Umatilla National Forest as described on the map at right.

The period of the closure is from 12:01 a.m., October 28, to 11:59 p.m. on November 28. Vehicles will be permitted within 300 feet of routes open to travel and boundary roads for the purpose of camping.

Reasons for the closure are to maintain areas available for elk hunting by only foot or horseback travel; to maintain areas where elk are not disturbed by motorized equipment; and to prevent undue erosion and damage to forest resources during wet weather.

If motorized equipment is observed in the closed areas, the forest department asks that observers report such information as model, color, and/or license number of vehicle and location of violation to the nearest Department of Fish and Wildlife, State Police, Forest Service Officer, or representative.

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## Heppner election

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Green said he was prompted to run again by a number of persons and said "it has to be done and I happen to believe I can do it."

Green said he has a few pet peeves. One is state control. Citing different examples, including the inspection of mobile homes and the Land Conservation and Development Commission, Green said the state was putting too many restrictions in the wrong spots.

"I'm not opposed to planning," Green said emphatically, "but I am opposed to Salem telling us how to run our city when our situation is entirely different than the Willamette Valley."

Green advocates a long range planning program for streets in the city. He also said he does not want to see federal revenue money used for operation costs.

"We should take care of things as they come," he said. "Things happen so fast, it's impossible to foresee what will happen next."

Green said he was a "conservative" and said that the city is "best when there is little of it."

Hubert Wilson was unavailable for comment this week. He is the Heppner Postmaster.

## Dennis Doherty

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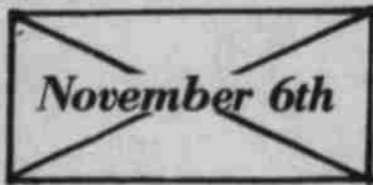
growth of crime. I cannot form any other belief, knowing that prisoner tending and transportation diverts police from the duties which prevent and solve crimes and that the deterrent influence, which a lockup facility would contribute, is largely lost.

In summary, it is very difficult to find any positive impact resulting from the lack of a jail facility. The negative impacts mentioned above do not include all of those which could have been mentioned, but should be sufficient to support a conclusion that the lack of a jail facility affects law enforcement and the public in a demonstrably adverse manner.

NEXT WEEK: Is a jail facility necessary and what alternatives are possible?

Dennis Doherty  
Morrow County District  
Attorney

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