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# Expect a Miracle

I was seven or eight years old, playing at a friend's house on a stormy spring afternoon, when I saw something which so astonished me that I rushed downstairs and begged her mother to come see the *miracle*. Puzzled, she followed me. She was even more puzzled when I pointed out a perfect triple rainbow in the eastern sky – a rarity in Eugene Oregon, where the sky is usually either cloudless or uniformly leaden, but hardly a miracle in the eyes of a jaded adult.

As I became older, I ceased to see miracles. I didn't exactly stop believing in them altogether, but I was sure they occurred only in "all centuries but this and every country but our own" and that in any case neither I nor any of the people with whom I associated possessed anything close to the degree of saintliness requisite for being the beneficiary of divine intervention.

With experience, and many years of formal education, less and less of the universe seemed inexplicable. Because so much of what was formerly cause for wonder and astonishment yielded to systematic study and rational analysis, I was tempted to assume that the residue ought also to be explicable in terms of the laws of physics and probability. It was only due to my own ignorance, or perhaps to lack of diligence on the part of the scientific community, that the unknown persisted.

To a person who relies entirely on reason, the irrational is uncomfortable – even threatening. When I am physically threatened, I put up barriers. I lock my doors, and check caller ID before answering the phone. I do much of the same thing with discordant sensory input that threatens my orderly, rational mental space. A filter rejects the impressions that don't fit; they never make it into memory.

Some sort of filtering is a necessity of modern existence. If we lived in a village, without radio or television, seeing the same people day after day and pursuing a traditional occupation, we could afford to notice the details that didn't fit the pattern, because there would be relatively few of them, and many of them would be important. For a person living in a modern urban environment, the situation is completely different. In the course of a day, I probably see a hundred complete strangers, as well as several dozen people with whom I interact briefly, about whom I know nothing other than a name and the immediate circumstances of our interaction. If I paid attention to them all, I'd go nuts.

It is the same with the landscape. Driving, I traverse my environment too rapidly to notice the details. Occasionally, something strikes me: the incredible color of a morning sky, when the clouds unexpectedly part in midwinter, a fretwork of pale alder trunks against a gloomy moss-covered embankment, sheep in a meadow so green it's almost trite ... and then I remember I'm on the freeway, and every moment spent concentrating on something other than the road ahead is stolen to my peril. It's different on foot, of course, but even then, it's hard to be completely open to sensation. I'll pause, and realize that I've been filtering out both the traffic and the bird songs, or that in my single-minded search for a specific species of moss on the ground, I've missed the exquisite beauty of winter sunlight filtering in shafts through a canopy of stately conifers.

One of the many slogans of which Alcoholics Anonymous is enamored is "Expect a miracle." To me, this is almost an oxymoron, especially if one has a specific miracle in mind. A miracle is something that happens when you least expect it – when you can no longer even define the problem, let alone anticipate a solution. I would be the last person to downgrade the importance of working hard to towards a goal whose achievement is by no means guaranteed – but achieving such a goal is not, in my book, a miracle.



# EVI. News

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# AA Meetings:



## **New:**

Saturday Creswell Group, New Hope Baptist Church, 401 S. Front St., **Creswell**. 7-8 pm.

Women's Bedrock Speaker Meeting, Thursday, 7-8 PM, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 166 E. 13th, Eugene

New Women's Meeting, Thursday, 7-8 pm, United Methodist Church, 25133 Broadway, **Veneta**.

Gratitude Group, Saturday, 9-10 AM, Valley Methodist Church, 25133 Broadway, **Veneta**.

## **Changed:**

As Bill Sees It, Wednesday 7pm, has moved from The Knights of Pythias to Lamb Cottage at 110 Cheshire St.

Serenity Seekers West now meets twice a week, Tuesday/Thursday, noon-1pm, at the Friends Church, 3495 W. 18th Ave, Eugene.

The Monday night meeting at Franklin Grange does not sign court slips.

Friday Young People's, 8-9 pm, has moved from Knights of Pythias to St. Mary's Episcopal Guild Room at 13th & Pearl.

**The Alano Club in Cottage Grove is still operating.** Rumors of its demise were premature. Your editor appologizes for repeating them without verification.

*Please remember to let us know if your group stops meeting. This will save people frustration or worse when they really need a meeting. To submit changes of any kind please fill out a form in the "Meeting Book Changes" book at the EVI office. Ask a volunteer at the front desk for a form. You may also phone in any changes during EVI office hours. Thanks!*

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If by 'miraculous' we mean simply 'wildly improbable', then in a sense all of nature is miraculous. The probability that someone of my exact genotype would be sitting at a computer in the EVI office is infinitesimally small. Yes, it is miraculous that any of us gets sober in the program, but is it not correspondingly miraculous that any of us has a particular job, or enters into a particular relationship, or engages in any of the myriad activities, good and bad, which make up human existence?

To improbability must surely be added some threshold level of significance. Although it is wildly improbable that I should buy a pint of half and half creamer from Mary Smith at Dairy Mart at precisely 10:52 pm, the ramifications of the act are unlikely to transform either of our lives. Most of us have a significance filter as well as a sensory filter – we will instinctively attach enough importance to an occurrence or observation to use it, and no more. It makes not whit of difference to my primary errand of purchasing milk that Mary Smith is old, and missing half her teeth, and working alone at night in a convenience store in a dangerous neighborhood. Yet, possibly if I do notice these details, something will emerge from this transaction that will make a difference to one or both of us. My discomfort at what I dimly perceive as injustice could matter – after all, did not one footsore cleaning lady's refusal to go to the back of the bus spark a revolution in civil rights?

Maintaining a level of awareness which allows a person to see the new, the unexpected, the thing which doesn't fit the pattern and impels him or her into new ways of thinking and action, and at the same time avoiding cognitive dissonance bordering on paranoia, is a delicate balancing act. An acquaintance of mine, who was actually being stalked, became convinced that all of the members of her persecutor's extended family were out to get her. Consequently, in every interaction with a stranger, she looked for signs that he might belong to this clan – and invariably found them. This woman also firmly believed in divinely inspired miracles. Despite my inherent skepticism, I found her stories convincing. She seemed to be a magnet for the inexplicably, improbably good, as well as (at times) for the inexplicably, improbably bad.

In my own life, I have occasionally experienced things qualifying as minor miracles. They have generally involved another person's acting in a way which solved some seemingly intractable difficulty in which I found myself, when that person was a comparative stranger, and had no way of knowing what difficulties I was experiencing. The opposite has also happened. I have done something impulsive, which seemed to me at the time to have little significance, which later turned out to have a profound and positive impact on someone else.

I sometimes see a bumper sticker or t-shirt about town reading: "Practice random acts of kindness and senseless beauty." Such acts are irrational. If we stop and reason things through, we'll probably restrict our altruistic and benevolent acts to beneficiaries we trust will reciprocate, or at least to defined rubber-stamped, charitable purposes. There is nothing wrong with this, but it will not produce a miracle – because we are only doing what is expected. To be a catalyst for a miracle (I say catalyst, for I believe we are ultimately only tools in the hands of the Author of Creation, and never our own free agents, whether we are on the giving or receiving end of some life-affirming moment) we need to listen to the world around us. Somehow we must hear the calls for help amidst all the hucksterism and just plain noise, and occasionally we need to heed that inner angel who tells us to forget the plan and act randomly.

Martha S., Eugene, Oregon

# Echoes in the Valley

Echoes in the Valley is a collection of wit and wisdom heard at area meetings. While not always original, they represent local shares by your fellow recovering alcoholics. Quotes are credited to the speaker with permission; otherwise, they are anonymous.

I don't have to like the situation - but I have to like *myself* in the situation.  
Last Chance Study Group

You can be so right, you're *dead* right.  
Peter, Last Chance Study Group

I used my artistic fantasy world to justify being a loser.  
Downtown AM

AA is like one of those prescriptions for an antibiotic which says - "take all of these or you'll get sick again. You'd better believe it."  
Bruzz, Sober Awakening

The good thing about desperation is, it leads to a bottom. I think desperation was a great gift to me.  
Bud, Sober Awakening

If you're not sure you're going in the right direction, it's better not to get on the freeway.  
Martha S., Sober Awakening



## Irish Accident (from WWW.Drunkbastards.net)

Brenda O'Malley is home making dinner, as usual, when Tim Finnegan arrives at her door. "Brenda, may I come in?" he asks. "I've got something to tell ya."

"Of course you can come in, you're always welcome. But where's my husband?"

"That's what I'm here to be tellin ya, Brenda. There was an accident down at the brewery..."

"Oh God no!" cries Brenda. "Please don't tell me..."

"I must, Brenda. Your husband is dead and gone. I'm sorry."

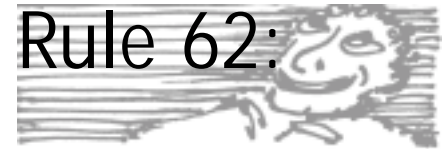
Finally, drying her eyes, she looked up and said, "How did it happen, Tim?"

"It was terrible, Brenda. He fell into a vat of Guinness Stout and drowned."

"Oh, my dear Jesus! But you must tell me true, Tim. Did he at least go quickly?"

"Well no, Brenda... no. Fact is, he got out three times to pee."

(I realize that in some circles ethnic humor is not considered politically correct. I include it only because it's exactly the sort of joke Irishmen tell about themselves)



Two patrons in a North Dakota bar were shooting the breeze. The first asked: "How did you spend your weekend?"

"Fishing through the ice", said the second.

"That sounds pretty ambitious.

What were you fishing for?"

"Olives."

The degree of bad luck in meeting a black cat depends on whether you are a man or a mouse.

The next time we're tempted to spout off, we hope we remember this - it usually takes a person a lot longer to say what he thinks than it does for him to tell what he knows.

Remember - when you point your finger at someone, there's three fingers pointing back at you.



# People:

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W.F.T.-Book Study: , Mindy S. (954-2048)

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(342-2180)

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Serenity Lane-Sat. Cindy D. (988-0183),

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Bicyclists imagine that they are immortal, and ride without lights, in dark clothing, the wrong way on a one-way street at night. The streets of Eugene are full of suicidal skateboarders and black cats. The number of people unclear on the concept of a stop sign seems to be rising. Traffic cops still have their quotas, and will pull a sober driver over for a trivial infraction if he happens to be in the wrong place at the wrong time.

During the last couple of years of my drinking career, I solved the 'don't drink and drive' dilemma by not having a car. When I started driving again, it almost "drove" me to drink. Who wouldn't want a little anaesthesia before venturing to engage in so hazardous and life-threatening an activity as driving on I-205 in rush hour traffic? The caution born of fear kept me out of trouble those first few months, until I'd gotten my confidence and coordination back.

AA members refer to their sobriety date as a "birthday." Perhaps it would be well if we regarded ourselves as newborn drivers as well - uncertain, unpracticed, sixteen years old and learning the ropes for the first time. When we have gotten used to driving sober - then maybe we can start hedging the law and driving creatively. Or perhaps we'll decide we're serene enough to drive the speed limit even when nobody's breathing down our necks.

Martha S., Eugene, Oregon

## Writing Your Story - Suggestions to Contributors

As your newsletter chair, I am committed to making this publication the most accurate and effective voice possible for AA in Lane County. No person can do this single-handedly. We need more input from the membership. Here are some pointers for submitting material:  
Local Events: Be sure to get complete information in my hands by the last week of the month prior to the event. Keep in mind that the newsletter is not distributed until the second Monday of the month, so a two month lead time is necessary for publicizing events early in the month.

We could use write-ups on events which have already taken place, especially if something similar is in the offing. If Committee Chairs and DCMs would submit brief reports on activities and workshops, this would encourage future participation.

Original Contributions: Try to limit these to 500-750 words, focus on your own personal experience, and pick a single subject. What happened? What lessons did you learn from the experience which can be helpful to other recovering alcoholics? Avoid blaming others, and respect the anonymity of other individuals involved. Write in your own authentic voice, avoiding, however, the stronger sorts of profanity. I will correct spelling, punctuation, and such grammatical errors as obscure meaning, but will not cut or rewrite large chunks of text without prior consultation. **Be sure to include full name and contact information.** If you submitted something which has not appeared, it is probably because I felt it needed more changes than an editor should make without consulting the author.  
Contributions from other Sources: For anything other than brief quotes and anecdotes, I need a source to determine if the material is copyrighted. For longer selections, stick to sources within AA. The office has a Grapevine archive if insufficient original material is submitted.  
Echoes in the Valley and Rule 62: Please continue submitting short items for these departments. Not too off-color - there are ladies present.

Martha S., Newsletter Chair

## EVI Business Meeting Minutes, October 11, 2004

Called to order at 6:30 with Kurt J. chairing.

**Old Business:** New copier purchased, purchase of printer for computer pending.  
Elections: Office Volunteer Co-Coordinator: Roger B.  
Meeting Directories Co-Chair: Odessa Q.

### **New Business:**

#### A. Announcements:

Steve, EVI Representative for Thursday Rush Hour Group in Cottage Grove, expressed concern about the EVI office disseminating information that the Cottage Grove Alano Club was closing. It will remain open. There was extensive discussion - source of misinformation remained unclear. Volunteers are reminded that any meeting schedule changes need paperwork, and a contact number, and should be communicated to the meeting directories chair.  
An AA History Workshop will be sponsored by District 19 on October 23.  
Reminder of Alanon Speaker meeting on first Saturday of the month. Alateens are holding a fundraiser on November 11 at River Road Park.  
Women's Bedrock Speaker meeting meets Thursdays at 7pm at St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

### **Committee Reports:**

Speaker Meeting: Donna (689-2335) - Speakers have been booked for remainder of the year, still looking for people for next year.

H&I - Larry reported that the Women's Jail meeting and the Alma work camp need volunteers.

Treasurer: Lori B. presented spreadsheet. Group contributions steady; cash flow looks down because of recent large literature purchase.

Office Coordinator: Doug: Most shifts now filled. New copier purchased, printer pending. Co-coordinator position now filled.

Website: Karla: Keeping online meeting book up to date. Email is working.

Diverter: Bob E. Working smoothly. Have been able to add volunteers.

PI: Shevach. Eugene Celebration booth was a success though due to rain there was not much traffic.

Activities: Sylvia: There will be a Halloween Dance on October 30, with a speaker meeting before. The Committee would appreciate it if groups would take over sponsoring events as a group - set up, decorations, etc.

Outreach: Lee F. Has made up packets, visited two meetings this month.

7:40 - Adjourned, closed with Serenity Prayer.

Archives: Needs a new chair.

Respectfully submitted

Jenne B., EVI Secretary

(Abridged by newsletter chair)

## Alcohol Warning Labels

Warning: Consumption of alcohol may cause you to tell the same boring story over and over again until your friends want to BASH YOUR HEAD IN.

Warning: Consumption of alcohol is the leading cause of inexplicable rug burns on the forehead.

Warning: Consumption of alcohol may cause you to think people are laughing *with* you.

Warning: Consumption of alcohol may lead you to believe that ex lovers are really dying for you to telephone them at four in the morning.



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## EVI Web Site

[www.efn.org/~eviaa](http://www.efn.org/~eviaa)

Meeting schedules, business meeting minutes, and much more.

The little squiggle in the address is found right next to the exclamation point on the keyboard. Save a book mark or favorite and check back often!

## E.V.I. News

Emerald Valley Intergroup's Newsletter for the A.A. Community in Lane County

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Submissions due by last Monday of each month. To submit articles or event information, mail them or drop them off at the EVI office c/o EVI Newsletter. **Please include a contact phone #.** Submissions can also be e-mailed to: [eviaa@efn.org](mailto:eviaa@efn.org) or [msherw@darkwing.uoregon.edu](mailto:msherw@darkwing.uoregon.edu). Communication Committee (Newsletter & Web Site, Meeting Book) meetings are held at 6pm the first Friday of each month at the EVI office.

# Contributions:

April 2004/Year to Date)  
As Bill Sees It 30.00/30.00  
Attitude Adjustment 253.80/1135.11  
Blue River Sunday 10.00/10.00  
Brown Bag Group 75.00/150.00  
Buckley Pass it On 20.00/20.00  
Cottage Grove Gratitude 98.00/98.00  
Creswell Al-Anon 25.00/25.00  
Daily Reflections 150/150  
Dexter Women's Group 20/20  
Downtown AM Group 262.00/1816.00  
Drop the Rock 190.00/535  
Early Firehouse Group 20.00/20.00  
Freedom of Choice 24.00/96.00  
Friday Night BB Study 120.00/490.00  
Friday Physical Awakening 105.00/105.00  
From The Heart 525.00/681.00  
The Great Fact Group 10.00/20.00  
Host of Friends 100.00/100.00  
How It Works 60.00/400.00  
Last Chance Study Group 50.00/80.00  
McKenzie River Group 127.00/127.00  
Mohawk Brown Bag 11.00/21.00  
Monday Mens Stag 200.00/250.00  
Monday Night Beginners 0/0  
New Freedom 0/0  
New Freedom II 0/0  
Recovery By The Steps 15.00/30.00  
Rush Hour Group 25.00/25.00  
Saturday Morning Steps 218.15/806.65  
Search For Serenity 78.00/867.00  
Serenity Seekers 117.00/117.00  
Sober Awakenings 556.87/556.87  
Sobriety for Life 130.00/130.00  
Springfield Monday Night 0/0  
Stairway to Sobriety 25.00/175.00  
Sunlight of the Spirit 25.00/25.00  
Sunday Big Book 116.72/116.72  
Thurs. Men's Book Study 50.00/50.00  
Tues Night Young People 133.00/308.00  
Thurs. Men's Spons. Group 0/0  
Try God Group 484.74/1655.36  
Tuesday Night Mens Stag 0/0  
Veneta Gratitude Group 71.00/176.00  
Vet's and Friends 100.00/100.00  
Wednesday Beginners 80.00/80.00  
Wed How it Works 10.00/30.00  
Wednesday Men's Noon: 18.43/18.43  
Wed. Night Men's Stag 250.00/505.00  
Women's Bedrock 0/0  
Women's Courage to Change 77.13/77.13  
Women's How It Works 80.00/160.00  
Women in the Solution 50.00/50.00  
Womans Rd. to Recovery 0/0  
Total Contributions Group  
month/ytd 1551.89/12,608.51  
**Contributions: Individual**  
Anonymous/Unknown 155.66/626.11  
Faithful Fivers 50.00/986.14  
Total Contributions/Ind.  
132.12/1406.59

## Don't Let Sobriety Ruin Your Driving Record

Alcohol and the automobile are a catastrophic combination. This truth was brought home forcefully to the local AA community recently, when a member who had relapsed struck and killed a pedestrian while driving intoxicated. He now faces a prison sentence for vehicular manslaughter, and a lifetime of guilt for the irremediable damage he has caused. Every time we drink and get behind the wheel of a car, we run terrible risks, the least of which are the legal complications and financial burdens arising from a DUI .

We should not forget, however, that driving sober is not risk free; indeed, it sometimes seems that more traffic disasters, legal and otherwise, beset the newly sober alcoholic than he experienced during years of drinking and driving.

Most of us a familiar with the phenomenon of the courteous, cautious driver who is never sober behind the wheel and has never gotten a DUII. Middle-aged maintenance drinkers function pretty well at blood alcohol levels above what the law allows. As long as they avoid traffic situations calling for quick reflexes and evasive action, and punctuillously obey traffic laws, they are unlikely to get into trouble. The real menaces on the road are aggressive risk takers, especially those without a lot of experience behind the wheel. Drinking exacerbates every aspect of their already dangerous behavior. Sobering up alone won't cure them, though one would hope that working AA's 12 steps would instil in them enough respect for other people, and consciousness of their own fallability, to moderate their actions.

The recovering alcoholic who never got into serious trouble when driving intoxicated not infrequently gets his or her first speeding ticket, or has that first fender-bender, in the early months of sobriety. It hits where it hurts, in the pocket, and he may think that fate is playing him a perverse trick.

It is nothing of the sort. During all those years of drinking and driving, the alcoholic drove defensively. He knew he couldn't afford to cut things close and floor the gas pedal, or not fix that broken tail-light, or venture into unfamiliar territory without a road map. If feasible, he probably avoided high traffic times, and rarely drove at night.

Sobriety improved the quality of his driving, but also led to more risk taking. A newly sober person is apt to forget that the rest of the world does not change just because *he* has gotten sober. There are still plenty of drunks out there, and reckless kids, and people too engrossed in cell phone conversations to keep their eyes on the road.

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# October Calendar

- 1st Mon Steering Committee 6:30 PM  
Tue District 20, 6:30 PM, 418 A St. Myron M. 345-582  
Tue District 33, 6:30 PM, Alan U. 741-2617  
Wed District 19, 5:30 PM, Sandy V. 485-4827  
Thur Speaker Mtg Committee, 7:00PM, Vicki 688-5042  
Fri Communication Meeting, 6:00 PM  
Sat Activities, 5:00PM, Sylvia, (485-3482)
- 2nd Mon EVI Business Meeting, 6:30 PM  
Wed District 6, 6:30 PM, Tim A. 726-8558  
Sat Answering/Diverter, 10:00 AM, Julien 520-7408  
Sat EVI Speaker Meeting, 7:30 PM, 2801 W. 18th
- 3rd Tues Public Information, 6:00PM, Shevach, 683-5254  
Last Wed H& I Committee, 6:00 PM  
Thur Outreach, 6:30 PM, EVI Office

## Fellowship Events

**Pathfinders (formerly Recovery Riders) organizes outdoor events for AA members and their families. Check out their website (<http://www.geocities.com/recoveryriders/>) for information on trips. There will be an easy hike at Mt. Pisgah on Saturday, November 20. Meet at Albertson's, 30th & Hilyard, at 10 am to carpool.**

**The Women's Bedrock Speaker's Meeting commences October 21 at 7pm at St. Mary's Episcopal, 166 E. 13th Ave. This group meets every Thursday.**

**The November 13 EVI Speaker meeting will feature Tamsin M. of Eugene as Al-Anon speaker, and Agie E. (5 years sober) as AA speaker. This takes place at 7:30 pm at Living Hope Church, 2801 West 11th, Eugene.**

**The Oregon Area 58 quarterly assembly takes place in Medford, November 19-21. AA members other than GSRs are welcome to attend. Contact your DCM for carpool arrangements.**

**Alateen Rocks, a fundraiser featuring home-made desserts, speakers, and painted rocks, will take place November 11th at 7 pm at River Road Park.**

**The office has information on the 2005 AA International Convention in Toronto, June 30-July 3, 2005. Advance registration is recommended, and persons with criminal records are advised to begin the process of obtaining a Canadian entry permit well in advance.**

**The EVI office has flyers and information about all of the above events.**

**Stymied about finding non-conference approved literature, tapes of speakers, birthday coins, and all the other stuff EVI doesn't carry? Courage to Change Bookstore, 412 Lincoln Street, is now open Mon-Fri, 10 AM-5PM.**



## Currently Available Service Positions:

**H&I** has an ongoing, and varied need for people willing to do a little to a lot of service work.

**Public Information** needs people with transportation to deliver literature. There is no minimum sobriety requirement for most PI service positions.

**The Diverter** seeks volunteers to take calls to the local AA number after hours. Contact Julien (520-7408) for details, or obtain information and application forms from the EVI office.

**The EVI Office** can always use people who are able to answer phones and perform office functions for one four hour shift per week. Contact Doug (461-3872), or stop by the office for information.

**The Activities Committee** urgently needs more volunteers to help plan and staff events. Please, if you want to continue having fun events, get involved. There is no minimum sobriety requirement; time commitment is flexible. Call Sylvia, 485-3482, or Leslie, 746-3359.

## Addresses for Group Contributions

Emerald Valley Intergroup  
1259 Willamette Street  
Eugene, OR 97401-3509  
Contributions for Districts 6, 19, 20, and 33 may also be sent to the above address. Indicate the district on the envelope.

Oregon Area 58 Treasury  
PMB 172  
1972 NE 3rd St.  
Bend, OR 97701

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PO Box 459  
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New York, NY 10163-0459