



informed of the impact of the proposed action on endangered species listed northern spotted owls and be given "meaningful opportunity" to weigh in. — *Camilla Mortensen*

WOW TREES TO STAY STANDING

The fight over the removal of two of the three bigleaf maple trees outside the WOW Hall has become a compromise. The city of Eugene Parks and Open Space Division has decided to allow both of the threatened trees to remain standing with careful management to allow replacement trees time to grow and provide cultural and economic benefits to the historic music venue.

The two trees were originally slated for removal due to the presence of *Ganoderma Spp.*, a decaying fungus, as well as *Armillaria* shoestring root rot, and city officials were concerned the trees were not structurally sound. The WOW Hall asked for and was given time to hire an independent

contractor to reassess the trees due to the shade and energy savings the maples provide, as well as their historic standing and notation on the WOW Hall's listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

After reviewing the independent contractor's report, the city originally decided that the northern tree would be cut and the southernmost tree would stay standing as long the WOW Hall kept up with annual inspections and remedial pruning. Eugene's urban forester Mark Snyder said that the city originally maintained its decision over the second tree because it disagreed over the scores of safety given by Damon Shrosk, the independent arborist hired by the WOW Hall to analyze the trees.

The WOW Hall appealed the decision, and both the trees were given a reprieve for several more years if the WOW Hall meets conditions for their care.

Jon Pincus of the WOW Hall says the venue has until June 15 to get the trees taken care of and the city reserves the right to remove the trees at any time if the bigleaf maples become a concern. — *Brit McGinnis and Camilla Mortensen*

IT'S ABOUT TIME

BY DAVID WAGNER



Stolstice comes every June like clockwork, this year the 21st, a consequence of the orbit of a planet with a tilted axis. So regular is this traditional beginning of summer it is easy to forget that normal is disjunct from average when trying to understand the weather pattern of a particular year.

As unusual as it may seem, this dismal late spring is normal. We need to remember that a normal year is not an average year. Weather in a normal year is under the control of factors that preclude presentation of an average year.

This year's lingering cold and wet spring is a bane to gardeners who want to get their summer garden moving along. Not yet, my friends. We are having a La Niña year. Our typical La Niña pattern is wet, cool weather that lasts through spring into early summer. It is definitely not average, but just as definitely normal. A knowledgeable friend says don't think about planting tomatoes until July 5! And I normally want to plant by the end of May.

Extended rain means more slugs and snails in the garden. Whether drowning them in pie tins of beer or using slug bait, it's wise to keep guard for them. Like the pill bugs and earthworms, the garden slugs and snails are not native. Almost all the urban pests are exotic, even the red squirrels. The eastern fox squirrel has displaced the native gray squirrel in all parts of town except the heavily wooded parks.

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