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elections than the rest of the country, “Like a stadium sound system drowning out the voice of our people, and that’s not what our county is about,” he said.

One such case was the three quarters of a million dollars that a New York financier spent in a failed attempt to enable Republican candidate Art Robinson to defeat DeFazio.

The other issue, Merkley said, is that that “legislators knowing the company can spend that kind of money in secrecy might exercise caution in taking on the special interests as vigorously as the might otherwise.”

Merkley called the issue “a dagger placed at the heart of democracy.”

— Camilla Mortensen

## FUN IN THE RAIN

As the rainy season gets under way, outdoor activities seem to become more limited. But, since when have Eugeneans let a little rain stand in the way of fall fun?

Get out those galoshes and raincoats and join in on the fun at Mount Pisgah Arboretum from 10 am to 3 pm Saturday, Nov. 12, for the fourth annual Play in the Rain Day. The event will be held in the White Oak Pavilion.

“It’s really a great way to spend an afternoon outdoors,” says Heather Shellenberg of Northwest Youth Corps, an organization that has been involved with this event for the last two years.

Play in the Rain is a free event — yes, even the parking and the food — for people of all ages. This year, more than 1,000 people are expected to participate in a plethora of family-fun activities, ranging from climbing trees, cooking over a campfire and doing nature crafts. There will also be backcountry horse demonstrations and hay rides. Smoky Bear will also stop by to reinforce his philosophy of the importance of fire safety and taking care of nature through a scavenger hunt.

The event is hosted by the Youth in Nature Partnership, a collaboration of nonprofits and government organizations that aim to increase the amount of opportunities the youth has to spend in nature. The partnership was formed to combat concerns of a decline in the amount of time youth was spending in nature.

— Kendall Fields



## MORE BEST OF EUGENE WINNERS

Oops! In the frantic process that involved putting together our 68-page Best of Eugene issue last week, we left out the results for “Best Beers on Tap” and “Best Radio Show or DJ.” See the complete list of Best of Eugene winners on our website.

### BEST BEERS ON TAP

1. **The Bier Stein**, 345 E. 11th Ave. 485-2437, [thebierstein.com](http://thebierstein.com)
2. **Ninkasi Brewery Tasting Room**, 272 Van Buren St. 344-2739, [www.ninkasibrewing.com](http://www.ninkasibrewing.com)
3. **16 Tons**, 265 E. 13th Ave. 345-2003, [sixteentons.biz](http://sixteentons.biz)

### BEST RADIO SHOW OR DJ

1. **The Donkey Show** on 101.5 FM KFLY
2. The Rev. Marc Time’s **Sunday Morning Hangover** on 88.1 FM KWVA
3. Elliot Martinez’s **Thirsty Thursdays** on 88.1 FM KWVA

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