

Today	Saturday	Sunday
High: 73 Low: 56 Precip: 60%	High: 69 Low: 55 Precip: 50%	High: 61 Low: 49 Precip: 60%

**IN BRIEF**

**I-105 Improvement Project to begin Monday**

The first major road closures of the Interstate 105 Improvement Project will begin Monday when the eastbound lane of I-105 will close for construction over the Interstate 5 interchange for eight days. Anyone using the I-105 interchange on a regular basis should find alternate routes.

I-105's westbound lanes will be open, but there will be delays and congestion. Drivers headed east will not be able to merge onto I-5 going north. Instead, Coburg Road can be taken north to Beltline Highway East, which connects with I-5.

Motorists headed east toward Springfield on I-105 will not be able to use the I-5 overpass. Better routes might be via Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard or Franklin Boulevard.

Drivers traveling on I-5 should expect some congestion as well, though all lanes will remain open. Southbound travelers will not be able to take the eastbound Springfield exit or the westbound Eugene exit at I-105 (Highway 126).

For more information on closures, alternative modes of transportation and routes, visit [www.keepusmoving.com](http://www.keepusmoving.com).

**HIV Alliance River Walk to be held Saturday**

The HIV Alliance's 19th-annual River Walk and Run will be held Saturday at Alton Baker Park. This community outreach and fundraising event will include free breakfast, live music and prizes in the hopes of bringing people together to raise AIDS awareness and to support alliance activities.

The Shamwari marimba ensemble will perform on stage at 9 a.m., followed by Divisi, a women's university group that took second place in the a cappella international finals this year.

The 5k run will begin at 9 a.m., with registration from 8 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. To pre-register, visit [www.hivalliance.org](http://www.hivalliance.org). The \$25 race entry fee includes a T-shirt, bracelet and water bottle. The walk is free and will begin at 10:30 a.m. Activities will be followed with awards and prizes. All proceeds will help sustain the HIV Alliance, a community-based health organization dedicated to supporting those with AIDS and preventing others from contracting HIV.

The run and walk will start by the picnic pavilion and follow a course lined with live music, including Samba Ja, a harpist and a Hawaiian slack-key guitarist.

For more information, call the HIV Alliance at 342-5088.

— Emily Smith

**Club: Group moves 'beyond the headlines'**

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"Whoa, that was sweet," said an audience member after the opening musical performance.

Geography associate professor Shaul Cohen gave a brief speech stressing the importance of advocating positivity on behalf of the Middle East.

"Iran is truly a fantastic place, but sadly it's a place many Americans don't know," Cohen told a crowd of approximately 50 people. "Sadly, many Americans think of the Middle East and they think of Arabs and Jews and tribes."

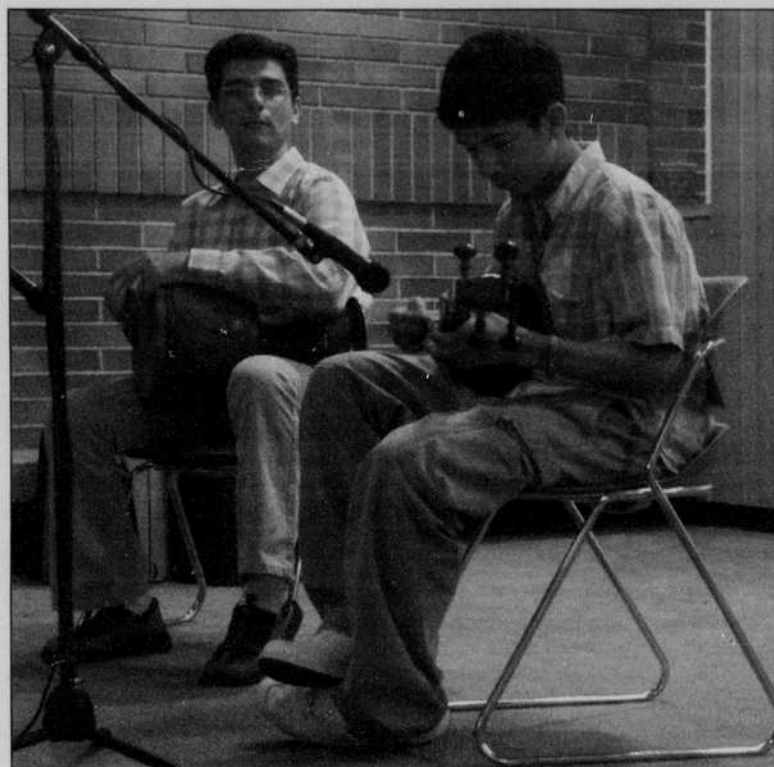
Cohen said he takes his role as an educator seriously and advocates tolerance and understanding about the Middle East.

"For most Americans, I believe, it comes down to a binary of good and evil. Either you're with us or against us. There's far too much bloodshed and violence in the Middle East, and there's far too much coverage of it in our media," Cohen said. "This group and all the individuals here tonight have come together to connect and share positivity beyond the headlines and beyond the bloodshed."

Attendees were given the opportunity to mingle over traditional teas, food and baklava, a traditional dessert.

General session senior Paymon Seyedhossini said he was impressed with the festival, especially the musical performances.

"Tonight is about general awareness and sharing of culture," Seyedhossini said. "Tonight was a



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Music education major Pouria Sayrafi, left, plays the Tombak, a Persian hand drum, with 15-year-old Farbod Sedeh of Beaverton High School. The Middle East Club held its first celebration of music and food Thursday evening in Riley Hall.

great opportunity to not think about all the negative aspects of what's happening in the Middle East.

"The club couldn't have come at a better time, when people are unsure of their feelings on the Middle East and terrorists. The club is all about promoting the culture and positivity."

The Middle East Club will continue its pursuit to raise awareness about the

Middle East in the community.

Cohen said that people everywhere can reach out to one another.

"We need to bring that world into this world in a non-conflictual context," Cohen said. "We need to connect as human beings and put a face on the people of the region."

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9:00 pm—FREE

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