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They are due Friday, October 23 by 5:00 p.m. Sign up for an interview at this time.

Bosnia

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The United States has sidestepped the conflict because it has no economic reason to become involved, Ahmed said. The region has no oil and no resources which the United States considers valuable.

"The reason the United States has avoided its moral obligation to help the oppressed Bosnians is that it's not politically expedient of George Bush," Memon said.

Ahmed said she would like the United States to intervene in Bosnia, even to the point of sending military troops into the region. Only in this way can human rights be preserved, she said.

Moharram said he hopes both sides in Bosnia learn to understand and appreciate the differences between them.

"I hope the Serbians realize what they have done is humanitarily wrong," Moharram said. "I hope that the Muslims in Bosnia realize that they owe more to being Muslim than just their names on their birth certificates."



Eric Willson, left, plays his saxophone with 1st chair band member, Ian Charleton. Both are juniors at A&M Consolidated High School where they play in the school jazz band. The Consolidated Jazz Band played at the A&M vs Texas Tech volleyball game Wednesday night.

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Museum

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Other exhibits show a typical embalming room of a 1920s-era funeral home and turn-of-the-century portable equipment that undertakers used to set up a viewing area in people's own homes before funeral homes became popular.

McMillen hopes the museum helps remove "the aura of secrets around funerals."

"There's really not too much threatening here when you look at it in an historical perspective," he says.

The evolution of coffins and caskets begins with cast iron coffins used to return the remains of soldiers killed in the Civil War. Some of them had windows that would enable the living to see the faces of the dead.

Another item on display was known as an ice box, in which a corpse was placed on a board over a bed of ice to help keep preserved until burial.

A bucket was placed under to collect the water from melting ice.

An unusual casket is all glass made by the Consolidated Glass Casket Co. of Muskogee, Okla., in 1924. The glass is 3 inches thick and the lid is so heavy it is equipped with air shocks.

"When you lower the lid the shocks kick in so there's no chance you'll slam the lid and break it," McMillen says.

Among the vehicles is a 1930 Packard mourning bus, one of only five built and believed to be the only one in existence.

The bus, which reaches a top speed of 15 mph, has room for mourners in the back, pall bearers in the middle and has a compartment behind the driver for the coffin and room for flowers on top.

A Washington State funeral director found it on a ranch in California, where a ranch hand used it as a home for 40 years. Originally it was used in San Francisco, but it kept tipping over on the city's hills.



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