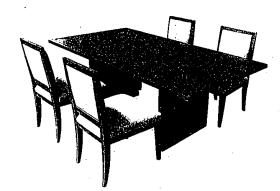
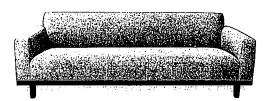
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Zainab Boxwala of Farmington Hills received an honorable mention award for fiction in the Swares ecopited for her story, Flowers.

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man in origin, lived. World War II still raged through Europe, and Hungary was under German military rule. Life changed fore-er for the Farmington resident in the fall of 1944. He was 8 years old.

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"I clearly remember Russian prisoners being marched through our small town and local sews forced into humilination by having to wear identifiable stars on their clothing," he said, "One day, ward came that the resistance had fallen and the Russians were coming. The town's people were urged to fee."

The next morning, John's parants packed a few of their belongings into a covered wagon and headed for the train depat in the next town. "There, my pregnant mother with her five children were loaded into a box car with four other families. My dad stayed behind to assist other reduces," said John.

The weeklong train journey to Pleinting, Germany, was cramped. Upon arriving, the

with other refugees until a local family offered them a flat. John's father did not know did not know the whereabouts of his family. However, that would soon change.

"On New Year's Ever, our mother led her five children in a prayer vigil for the return of our father," said John. "Shortly thereafter, during an unscheduled train stop in a neighboring town, my dad recognized a woman from our hometown who knew our present location."

Reunited with his family, John's father found a job in a nursery growing and selling vegetables. But post-war resources remained scarce and the family was often hungry. Sometimes they begged farmers for food.

In 1948, a visiting church official from the United States noticed John's father working the land. The man, who had seven acres back home in Pennsylvania, decided to sponsor John's family to help care for his land. In early 1949, the Helimans began a long processing

period at three different immigration camps. During this time. John sampled his first banana. The sea voyage to the United States was long, and everybody was seasick, said John. He described his first glimpse of his new country as the ship neared New York:

"When land was finally spotted in the distance, I noticed numerous small flashes of lights ... cars, the sun reflecting on so many cars ... more than I had ever seen. As we pulled into New York was the sun reflecting on so the seen of Liberty, a sight ever implanted in my memory."

That day was Oct. 12, Columbus Day, It was also John's 12th birthday.

The Heilman family soon outgrew the seven acres in Pennsylvania and moved to Milwaukee, Wis, where John met his wife, Joyce. In 1976 they moved to Milchigan with their three children, Dawn, David and Jonathan.

Dawn, David and

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now they are coming down to 20 or 15 times their worth. "In the long run, that will be the key to stabilizing our econo-

my."
He acknowledged some jobs have left the country, but the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) has created to produce growing

Agreement (NAFTA) has created more jobs to produce growing demand of exported products.
"The amount of product going over the bridge and into Canada has increased 65 percent since we signed the deal in 1994," Knollenberg said. 'I feel we need to give the president more authority to negotinte more authority to negotinte more authority to negotinte more rade pacts because the Eurotrade pacts because the European countries are already invading markets we should

Regarding terrorism, the congressman wants to direct as much federal aid as possible to customs and partol officers at the Michigan-Canada borders in Detroit, Port Huron and Sault Ste. Marie. He wants to increase defense spending to stave off an enemy "ve" on ever seen before."

While Baron contends that Knollenberg has "the worst environmental record" among Michigan's members of Congress, Knollenberg points blame at the Environmental Protection Agency, which comes up with new

cy, which comes up with new regulations without any federal money to support them, such as mandatory septic inspection programs that must be in place by March.
"Washington should not be

mandating things without offer-ing some financial help or some room for local communities to maneuver with their deadlines," Knollenberg said.

He added that he found federal

He added that he found federal aid to clean the Rouge River watershed rivers and streams and for some reconstruction costs of a major stormwater drain in southern Oakland

drain in southern Oakland County.

Knollenberg plans on using his Foreign Operations Committee duties to continue strong support for Israel. He said the key to establishing Middle East peace is promoting democracy and Palestinian leadership that will hargassissially condom terrorism. aggressively condemn terrorism and suicide bombings.

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people." Baron said. "I want to fight to keep some of these jobs here with more fair trade contracts." Baron is not a political rookie. He ran unsuccessfully against U.S. Rep. Sander Levin in 2000 when Troy was in the 12th Congressional District, but is a veteran in grass-roots Republican efforts. In addition to better fair trade deals, Baron wants to cut government waste to lower taxes by 2 percent. He would invest the savings from that to provide a supplemental funding for Social Security and federal health assistance programs. "This would cut taxes, cut waste, stimulate economic growth and protect Social Security." Baron said. "I do not favor privatizing Social Security." As a Republican, some of his views differ from traditional GOP platforms but, he said, "I don't fit into packages like some people try to."

Baron accuses Knollenberg of saying one thing yet doing something clae. He quotes a Worldnetdaily-com article in October that reported Knollenberg sought \$278 million in U.S. nid for southern Lebanon, a region controlled by Hexbollah, a terrorist group with anti-American sentiment.

"Now I hear him taking about terrorism, terrorism everywhere he goes, and how we're going to fight it," Baron said. "Civing money to Hexbollah is like giving money to the Taliban.
"My son-in-law works a few blocks from the World Trade Center, When they went down, it came too close to my family. This is personal."

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Knollenberg spokesman Paul Welday called Baron's comments "extremely inaccurate."

"Mr. Baron needs to check his facts," Welday said. "These sid packages go to non-governmental agencies like Red Cross. This is the hallmark of U.S. policy which can make a difference in the lives of the people who live there.

"If we're going to be instruments of peace, we have to do things like this to promote peace in the region."

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One place Baron won't be promoting himself on in this campaign is television. Instead, he plans on spending his own money for mass mailings to introduce himself to voters.

To have funding to run TV ads in a primary, you need \$500,000, Baron said. With that kind of money, you're bought and paid for. I don't want to be in that situation. I want to be a speaker for the reconts.

people.
"That might sound naive, but somebody has to