# Miss America celebrates '96 Nurses Week

naye Lani Rac Rafko, R.N., the Monroe native who reigned as Miss America in 1088, spoke to an enthusiastic gathering of Botsford General Hospital's nursing staff recently as part of the Farmington Hills hospital's recognition of 1996 Nurses Week.

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Rafko spoke to more than 100 staff nurses at Botsford about visioning and professionalism in nursing during the apecial presentation. Rafko, the only registered nurse to be crowned Miss America, spoke of the rich tradition of bedside nursing and how it remains, even as the nation approaches the millennium, an integral part of patient health. She also emphasized the evolving role of professional nurses

care system.

"Ms. Rafko was wonderful and her talk was so invigorating," said Mollie Evans, administrator of Nursing Services at Botsford. "She really made us proud to

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During her year long reign, Rafko brought national attention not only to the important role nurses play in American health care, but to the nation's critical health care issues AIDS, cancer, hospice care and the structural changes that health care facilities face.

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Currently pursuing a master's
degree at the University of
Michigan in Ann Arbor, Rafko is
a 1985 graduate of the St. Vincent Medical Center School of



Inspirational visit: Nurse Kay Lani Rae Rafko, for-mer Miss America (left), sentation to nurses a Botsford Hospital said Mollie Evans, administra-tor of Nursing Services at Botsford (right).

Nursing in Toledo.

Botsford Hospital is a 336-bed ostoopathic teaching hospital affiliated with the Michigan State College of Ostoopathic Medicine.

## Jewish society presents award

The Jewish Historical Society of Michigan will present the sixth Leonard N. Simone History Award jointly to Dr Philip P. Mason, professor of the annual journal, Michigan Jewish History. Wayne State Universely and Dr. Leonard N. Simone History Wayne State Universely and Dr. Leonard N. Stanley J. Winkelman of Hollier P. Reiner Library and Analyshalom Synagogue.

James D. Grey of Farmington Hills will be inducted as the new president for the 1996-98 term. Other officers are: Adele Staller of Southfield, vice president; Harriet Siden of Bloomfield Hills, recording accretary; and Benno Levi of Oak Park, treasurer. Judith Levin Cantor of

"One Survivor Remembera", winner of the 1996 Oscar for short documentary, and featuring Gerda Klein, will be shown after the luncheon. Klein and her husband, Kurt, of Scottsdile, Arizona, were the keynotte speakers at the opening of the Jewish Historical Society World War II exhibit at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield in December.

The Leonard N. Simons History Award, established during Simons lifetime, now continues in memory of one of our community's most devoted friends of history. It previously has been awarded to the late Philip Stomovitz, former publisher of the Detroit Jewish News; Judge Avern Cohn of Bloomfield Hills; George Stutz of Huntington-Woods; Irwin Shaw of West-Bloomfield, and Emma Lazoroff Schaver of Southfield.

The charge for the luncheon is \$20. For more information, call the office of the Jewish Historical Society at \$10-661-7706.

### **ENGAGEMENTS**

MILER SCHNEIDER
Mrs. Kathryn Ann Miller and Mr. John Burton
Miller announce the engagement of their daughter, Misti Ann to Craig Evan Schneider, son of
Mr. and Mrs. David John Schneider of Farming-

Mr. and Mrs. David John Schnedor of Cambon.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Camden County High School and holds a bachelor of science degree in communications with a public relations emphasis from Georgia Southern University She is employed by the Jacksonville, Florida Chamber of Commerce as an executive assistant to the

Her fiance is a graduate of Lumen Christi High School and holds a bachelor of arts degree in history from the University of Michigan. He is employed by Copytronics, Inc. as a territory man-



### ager. An August wedding is planned in Jacksonville, Florida.

#### STANLEY-MIKEL

SIARLY-WRILL
John and Cynthia Stanley of Novi announce the engagement of
their daughter, Kelly Marie, to Scott Christopher Mikel, son of
Steven and Nancy Mikel of Farmington Hills.
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and is employed as a clork-receptionist in the Novi Parks & Recrestrice Descriptor.

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A June wedding is planned.





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