

'Schindler's List' author speaks today

Thomas Keneally, internationally acclaimed author of the novel that Steven Spielberg turned into the Academy Award-winning movie "Schindler's List," will speak at 7:30 p.m. today, Monday, May 2, at Adas Shalom Synagogue, 2901 Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills.

The author will speak on behalf of the Allied Jewish Campaign. The program, open to anyone who has made a pledge to the 1994

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The speech will be preceded at 2 p.m. by a press conference at the Federation's Max M. Fisher Building, 6735 Telegraph, south of Maple, Bloomfield Township.

The Australian-born Keneally, who has published dozens of novels, plays and short stories, first heard the story about Oskar Schindler in the 1980s.

Schindler's character attracted Keneally because he was the opposite of the traditional one-dimensional character. Schindler

was a charmer, a black marketer, a bon vivant and a womanizer.

He made his fortune from the German Army and the Polish black market, while spending millions on officials to keep the Jews under his care safe from the Nazis.

In 1982, the novel was awarded the Booker Prize for Fiction, Great Britain's prestigious book prize. It received the Los Angeles Times Prize for Fiction in 1983, the Miles Franklin Literary and the Critics Circle awards and a Logie (an Australian Emmy).

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EMS Day in Oakland County, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 17, at the Troy city complex at Big Beaver Road and I-75, will highlight services offered by different communities, said Farmington Hills EMS coordinator Kevin Bersche.

The theme of the EMS Day will be "The Stars of Life," with the focus on emergency medical service providers.

Different communities in Oakland County vary in the way they handle emergencies, Bersche said. Many, like Farmington Hills, have enhanced 9-1-1 emergency service, which pinpoints the exact location of the phone from which an emergency call is made. But a few do not have even basic 9-1-1.

"I don't think people are necessarily aware of that," he said. "They should find out

what the service is in their community."

In Farmington Hills, all firefighters, including paid-on-call volunteers, are trained as basic emergency medical technicians. Farmington Hills residents, through Community Emergency Medical Service, have access to advanced life support technicians, who can perform more advanced procedures. In addition, several firefighters are also trained in advanced life support.

The public is invited to EMS Day in Troy, which is part of EMS week nationwide. Bersche, who became the full-time EMS coordinator last year, said the importance of emergency medical care has increased along with the number of medical runs within the city.

Medical emergencies and personal injury accidents have increased in the city from 1,874 in 1987 to 2,832 in 1993, a 51-percent increase over that period.

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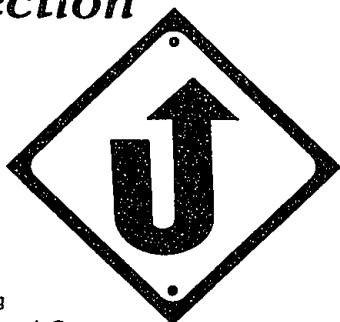
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The reason for the chance of an ill effect occurring despite as reasonable caution is because the way these drugs act is not completely known, and the variation in individual constitution is wide. That you have never suffered a stomach pain is not a guarantee that an arthritis medication won't cause a peptic ulcer in you.

Furthermore, to date, no laboratory or blood tests are known that can identify a patient at risk for a reaction to medicines used in arthritis.

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