

## Rosenbergs' son to speak

Robert Meeropol, son of executed Soviet spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, will be in Detroit this month to raise money for the Rosenberg Fund for Children, an organization he founded in 1990 to aid children whose parents have been injured, jailed or put out of work.

The sponsors of the Rosenberg Fund include Molly Tan Hayden of Bloomfield Township, Alice McCarthy of Birmingham and Shirley Sklar of West Bloomfield.

Meeropol will speak at a reception 7:30-10 p.m. Friday, March 26, at the house of Julie Hurwitz and Bill Goodman, 1930 Balmoral in the Palmer Woods section of Detroit. The cost to attend is \$25 per person.

Meeropol, 44, was 6 years old in 1955 when his parents were executed as spies by the U.S. government. Meeropol and his brother spent time in orphanages and were eventually adopted.

"As I grew older, I came to realize how much of a debt my brother and I owed to so many generous individuals whom we never met but who rallied to our support, raising a trust fund that enabled us to obtain, counseling and attend schools and summer camps where progressive values were appreciated," Meeropol said.

To date, the fund has raised money for:

- 22 Guatemalan children living in Chicago whose parents were tortured in Guatemala.

- Providing therapy at the Majorie Kovler Center for the Treatment of Survivors of Torture.

- Three children of an imprisoned anti-war activist who refused to serve in the Persian Gulf War.

# New commissioner finds tough sledding

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## COUNTY

Being an Oakland County commissioner isn't as easy as it looks. Just ask freshman Sue Ann Douglas, R-Rochester, who sees herself in a losing battle to save money on a seemingly simple issue: Relocating a district court.

Douglas' battle illustrates the complexity of government — even at the county level — and the frustration of having to make a decision in the face of conflicting data and opinions.

Douglas is no stranger to government . . . or to red tape. She was on the Rochester City Council through much of the 1980s, when the Third Division of the 52nd District Court was relocated to Rochester Hills.

With that experience, she can't understand how her colleagues are so far afield against her. "But I'll keep asking questions," she vowed. "There has to be some an-

swers to these complex questions."

Commissioner David Moffitt, R-Farmington Hills, agrees . . . sort of. "This has been a real nightmare," he said, referring to commissioners arguing over relocating the court for several months. "We need a comprehensive policy on relocating courts."

### Where to move

At issue is where to move the First Division of the 52nd District Court, which is currently located in Walled Lake. Other divisions of the 52nd District Court are in Rochester Hills, Clarkston and Troy.

Like the court in Walled Lake, many of those other divisions are overcrowded and have to be relocated into larger quarters. Thus,

what the county does in Walled Lake can potentially be seen as setting a precedent.

Douglas insists the most economical way to relocate the court is to lease the building — including parking, maintenance and custodial service — from another governmental entity, namely a city. Not only is it cheaper, she said, but when the lease ends, a governmental entity — rather than a private developer — owns the building, usually a valuable asset.

The county currently does that with Troy, Douglas said, leasing court facilities for about \$8 per square foot per year.

### Other avenues

Other commissioners, however, seem to be leaning to another alternative — leasing the building from a private developer. "I just think it's cheaper in the long run," said one of them, Lillian

Jaffe Oaks. "It's a common practice."

But Douglas questions that contention. She cites the Rochester Hills experience as a case in point. The county currently leases space for the district court in Rochester Hills from a private developer.

But the cost is about \$20 per square foot per year, according to the court administrator, or more than double what it costs to lease similar court space from Troy.

Among those who agree with Douglas is Dennis C. Drury, chief judge of the 52nd District Court and all its divisions. Drury said he doesn't necessarily advocate government ownership of buildings and other facilities.

But the most economical way to provide adequate court space is to lease the building from a municipality, Drury said. Less money spent to lease facilities means more money for other important

things, he said, like computers.

The second most economical way for the county to provide court facilities is to own the courtroom outright. The third choice, he said, is leasing from a private developer.

Other factors further complicate the decision for Douglas and other commissioners.

State law, for example, stipulates the court must be relocated in the largest population area. In this case, that's Novi.

State Rep. Barbara Dobb, R-West Bloomfield, has introduced a bill that would give controlling entities — like the county — more flexibility in relocating a district court.

The issue of relocating the Walled Lake District Court is scheduled to come up again this week in the county board's finance committee.

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