Sotomayor Revisits School, Projects

Newest justice recalls formative years

hood Friday, recalling how an unlikely encounter there with Robert public service.

tears at the ceremony renaming the Bronxdale Houses after Sotomayor.

In an emotional speech, Sotomayor said she lived in the project during the most formative years of her life. On a spring afternoon in 1958, window and saw a famous face.

"Robert Kennedy was coming to visit our projects. I had never before looked down on red hair that bright," she said, adding that she went to the

(AP) -- U.S. Supreme Court Jus- library to look him up. "I was captitice Sonia Sotomayor returned to vated by his career. Through this the New York City housing project chance encounter above the old where she spent part of her child- community center, my interest in public service was awakened."

With many residents of the com-F. Kennedy ignited her passion for plex listening in the audience, and her mother wiping away tears in the front The Bronx native fought back row, Sotomayor reflected on a childhood that was spent surrounded by family. Her cousins, also from the projects, would join her at the local fast food joint for hamburger-eating competitions, she said.

"I do remember each time I drive she looked out of her second-story by that White Castle, the hours and hours of laughter that my cousins and I had as we roamed the grounds of this housing project, and played in the playgrounds, and screamed and fought and laughed and lived,"



U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor reacts as she speaks during a naming ceremony in her honor Friday. The Bronxdale Houses, a city housing development where Sotomayor lived as a child, was renamed Justice Sonia Sotomayor House following a petition drive by residents to honor her. (AP photo)

After speaking, she danced on stage with the choir from her alma mater, Cardinal Spellman High School:

Darryl Moore, a 42-year-old resident walking nearby with his 4-yearold daughter, said he hoped the new name—the Justice Sonia Sotomayor Houses and Community Center would be a reminder to his children that they could go far in life no matter where they grew up.

"It's good to know somebody that came from housing and went on to be successful. Hopefully with her name here some better things will happen," he said.

Sotomayor assured the children that she was once a kid just like them. In those days, she aspired to be a lawyer, but never dreamed she'd get to the Supreme Court.

Donations Support 'Z Man' Scholarships

Honoring officer, community hero

The Portland Police Bureau partnered with local businesses and community leaders to raise more than \$100,000 during the Z-Man Scholarship Foundation's first annual benefit auction.

Last month's event attracted well autographed shoes from Portland patrolled northeast Portland for Medal of Valor.

Trail Blazer LaMarcus Aldridge to more than 17 years. The highly revacation travel packages, fine jewelry, an enormous Victorian doll house, and Oregon wines.

The foundation awards high school scholarships to students residing in the Portland community, achievement, a commitment to pub-

dent.

During his career, he earned the respect of community members and his fellow officers for his based financial need, academic hard work, dedication, integrity and positive attitude. Officer lic service and leadership potential. Zylawy was publicly recognized The scholarship fund was estab- for his superior police service, over 300 guests, who bid for more lished in memory of Portland Police receiving 30 commendations, two than 160 donated items ranging from Officer Mark "Z-Man" Zylawy, who unit citations, and the Bureau's

garded officer was killed on Jan. 27, strives to inspire the young people to their community—in the spirit of 2008, in a tragic highway acci- of Portland to utilize their educa- Officer Zylawy.

The Z-Man scholarship program tional opportunities and to give back

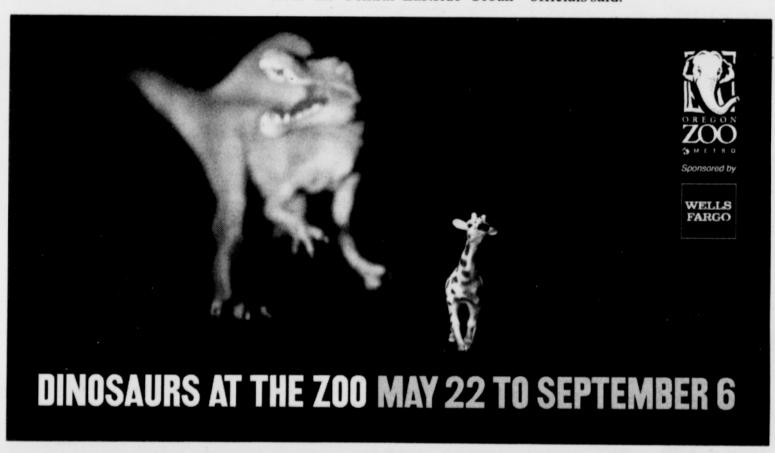
Crisis Center Wins Support

has won the support of the Portland Detoxification Center at 20 N.E. Development Commission which Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. has allocated \$2 million for its cre-

A proposed 16-bed crisis center Multnomah County's Hooper

ation on the second floor of from the Central Eastside Urban officials said.

Renewal Area budget. The funds were originally projected to be provided to the county in two years; however recent events demonstrated a pressing need to augment The taxpayer monies will come public mental health services now,



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