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A VISION COMES TO FRUITION MOTIVA ENTERPRISES DONATES HISTORIC PROPERTY TO THE GREENPOINT MONITOR MUSEUM

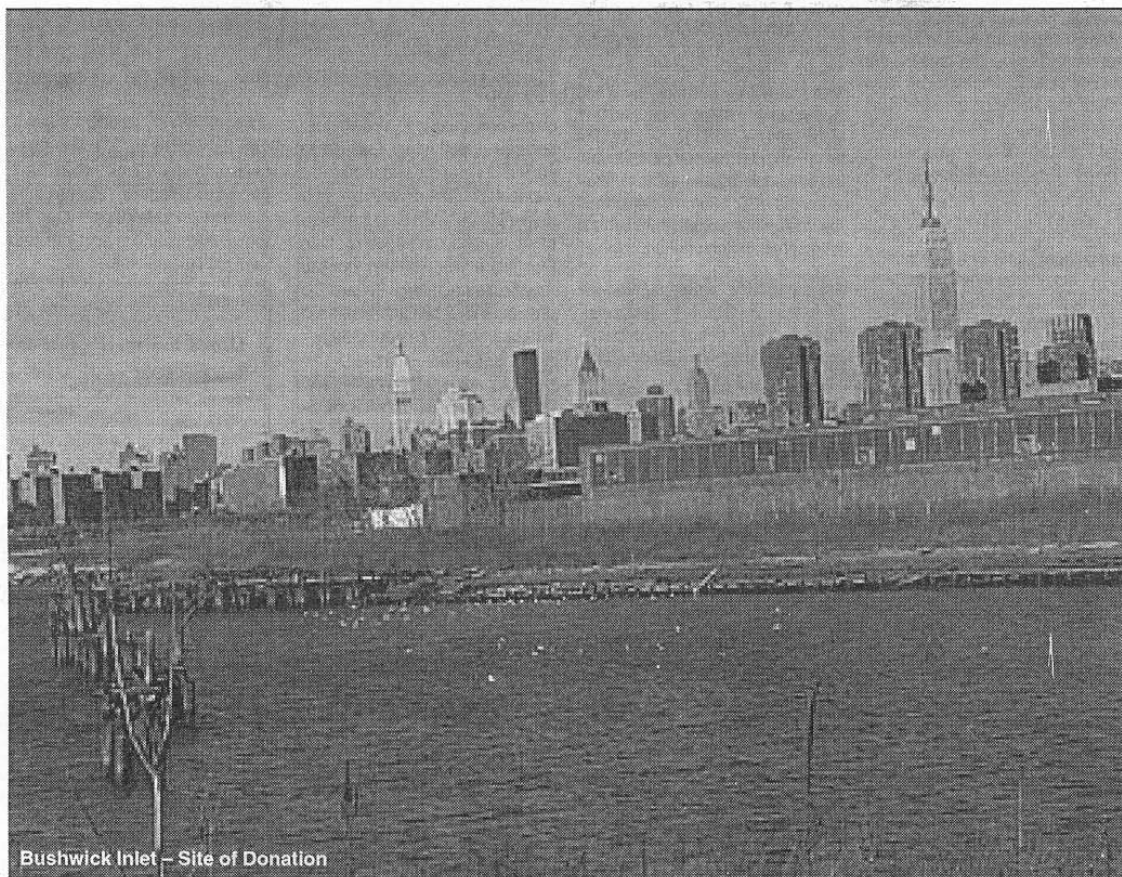
MAN'S DEATH A MYSTERY

44 year old Bogdan Jamutowski of Newton Street in Greenpoint was discovered unconscious on the street early last week.

Paramedics found Jamutowski on Humboldt and Engert and rushed him to Woodhull Hospital, but then had him transferred to Bellevue's Trauma Unit where he died.

Neighbors said that the 44 year old complained of intruders the day before but no one witnessed anything.

A severe blow to the head was determined to be the cause of death but police continue to investigate any possible foul play.



Bushwick Inlet - Site of Donation

In a move that will establish a permanent home for The Greenpoint Monitor Museum, Motiva Enterprises announced the donation of a parcel of land within Bushwick Inlet, located in Greenpoint, Brooklyn on the East River, to the museum. The Bushwick Inlet, owned by Motiva Enterprises since 1998, is situ-

ated adjacent to the former site of the Continental Iron Works, birthplace of the USS Monitor and several of the Union's iron-clad warships. The northern section of the Bushwick Inlet at Quay Street, shares historical significance as the location where the USS Monitor, famed for the March 9, 1862 Civil War

Battle between the "Monitor and Merrimac," was first launched.

"Motiva is pleased to contribute this land to help establish a home for The Greenpoint Monitor Museum and to help commemorate an important moment in our nation's history," stated Ralph Grimmer, Vice President of Commercial Marketing and

Distribution for Motiva. "The efforts of the museum represent a wonderful opportunity for everyone to understand and appreciate the historical significance of the inlet in shaping the community's past."

For The Greenpoint Monitor Museum, which first approached

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

THE GREENPOINT MONITOR MUSEUM'S "2004 ROAD SHOW" IS ABOUT TO BEGIN

The Greenpoint Monitor Museum "2004 Road Show" is ready to go. It will be joining our friends again this year, opening young hearts and minds with stories, music and artifacts from times gone by.

The "2003 Road Show" was a fun filled year spent at PS 110 The Monitor School, JHS 126 John Ericsson School, PS 161 Manhattan and St. Stanislaus Kostka School. It was exciting to see the enthusiasm of the children to learn about the men and women who were part of not only Greenpoint's history but the history of this Great Nation. In recognition of their exceptional work, awards were presented at the end of the school year at The Greenpoint Monitor Museum Road Show Party 2003. This year's award winners are shown below. The Party was held on June 29 at the Church of the Ascension Hall. The Church of the Ascension was the Church of Thomas Fitch Rowland, the owner of Continental Iron Works, who built the USS Monitor. Funds Mr. Rowland obtained from the construction of the USS Monitor and other Monitor Class Vessels were used to build this Church. Thanks to the Church of the Ascension, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,

Oliver Tilden Camp No. 26, Sons of Veterans Reserve, Company I, 83rd New York Vol., PS 110, JHS 126, PS 161M, St. Stanislaus Kostka School and the Officers of the Museum for all your hard work. Visit the "2001-2002 Road Show" and "2003 Road Show" on the Museum's website at <http://greenpointmonitormuseum.org/index.htm>

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Award Recipients

PS 110 The Monitor School

First Place
Matthew Nawrocki
Second Place
Marcin Wrobel
Third Place
Victor Huang
Honorable Mention
George Seyffert
Honorable Mention
Patricia Kraszewska

JHS 126 John Ericsson School

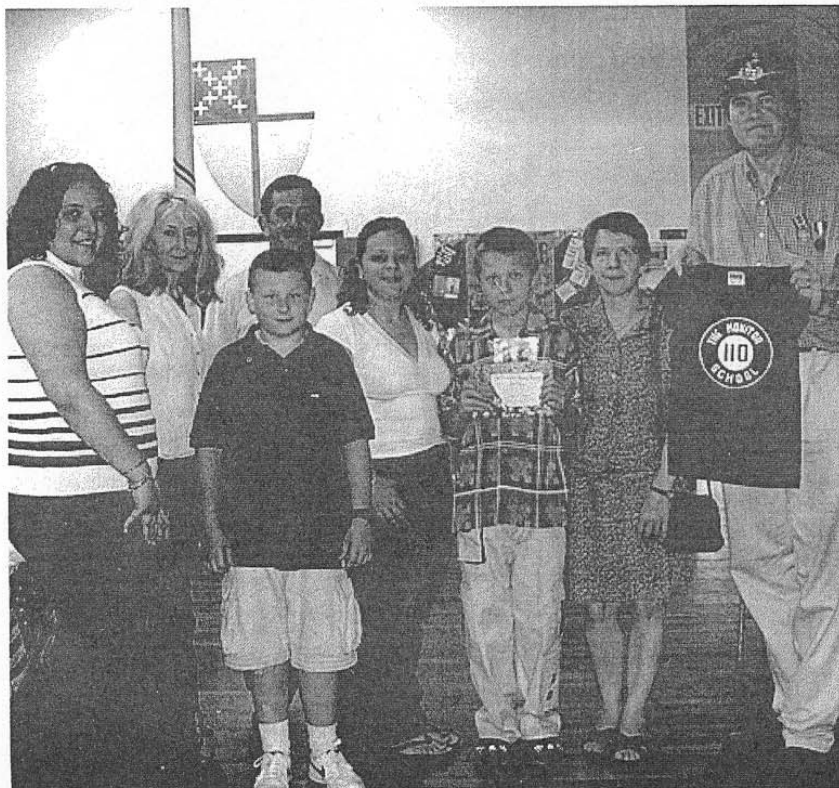
First Place
Mark Alli
Second Place
Monika Ozog
Third Place
Steffini Stepinski
Honorable Mention
Elizabeth Cano
Honorable Mention
Joel Coronel

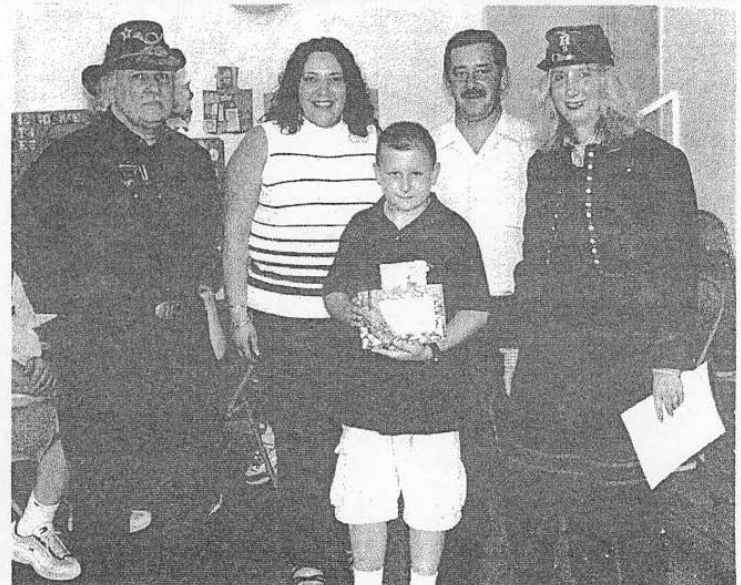
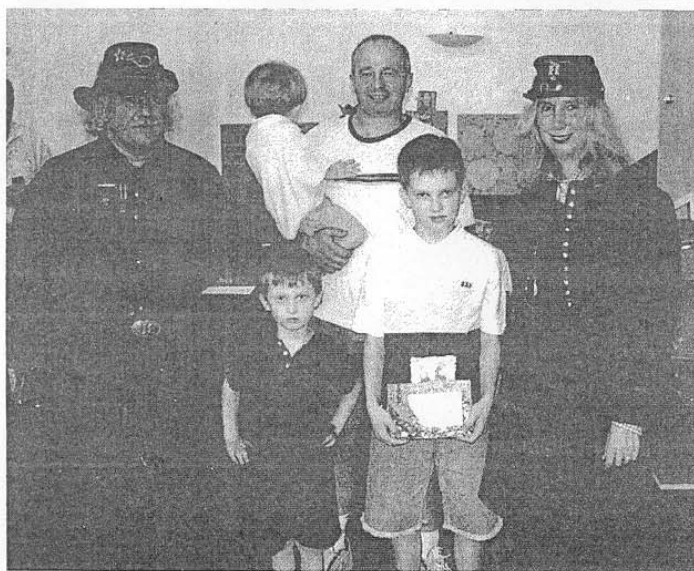
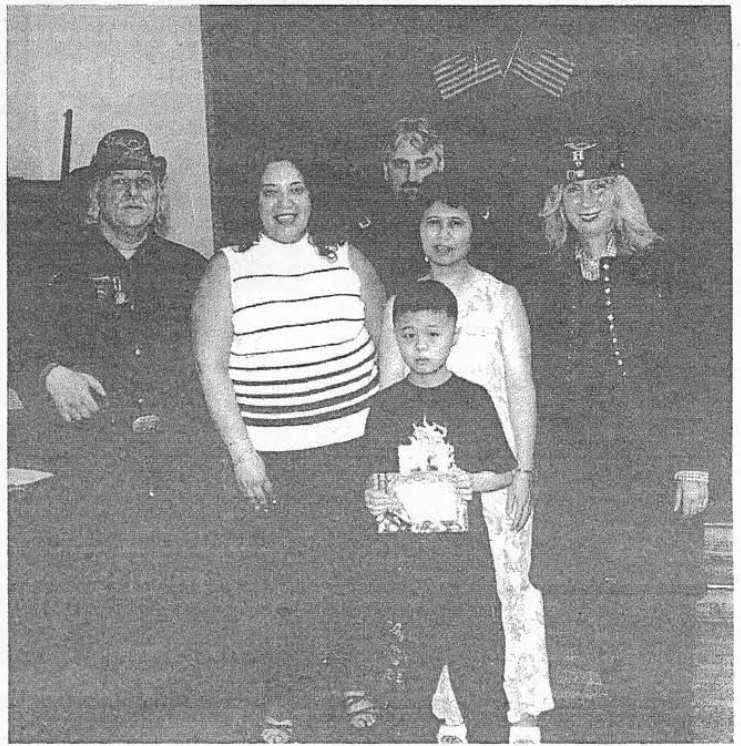
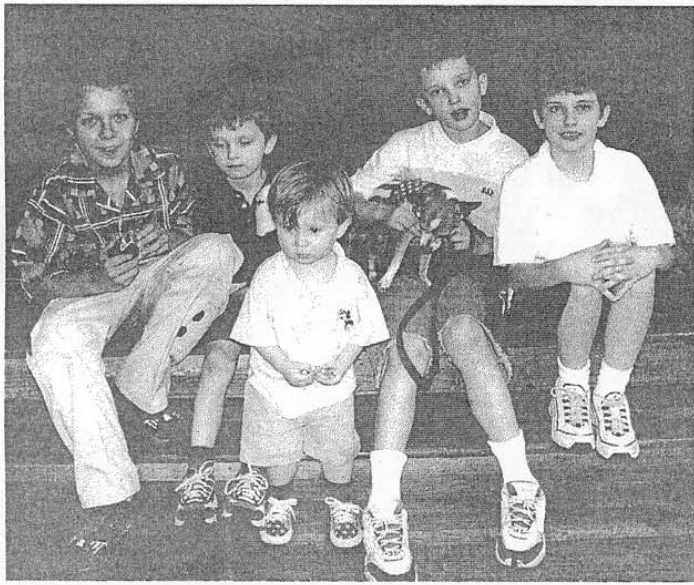
PS 161 Manhattan

First Place
Erica Chaviano
Second Place
Brussels Mercado
Third Place
Diosmiry Rodriguez
Honorable Mention
Eliel Alba
Honorable Mention
Kaytie Malave

St. Stanislaus Kostka School

First Place
Adam Perkowski
Second Place
Joseph Makowski
Third Place
Thomas Doherty
Honorable Mention
Natalia Saras
Honorable Mention
Julia Kamuda









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A VISION COMES TO FRUITION

Motiva in 1998 with the idea, the gift could not come too soon. "For The Greenpoint Monitor Museum to acquire ownership of this property represents the fulfillment of our organization's long-term vision to preserve and highlight the history of the USS Monitor," said Janice Lauletta-Weinmann, President and a founding member of The Greenpoint Monitor Museum. "We greatly appreciate Motiva's generosity and commitment to the goals of our organization."

"Motiva's donation is a welcome gift that helps us realize our goal of preserving this historic location while contributing to the waterfront area for the community's benefit," added U.S. Congresswomen Nydia Velazquez.

The museum is working closely with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) which oversees the USS Monitor Sanctuary. The sanctuary, located 16 miles off the coast of North Carolina, is where the USS Monitor came to rest on Dec. 31, 1862 following a fierce storm. Members of the museum were invited by NOAA to participate in its Expedition 2001 to recover the engine, and in its Expedition 2002 to recover the turret.

Artifacts from the USS Monitor are expected to be given to the museum for display once a building for the museum can be constructed on the site. The museum will tell the story of John Ericsson and the construction and launch of the USS Monitor from the historic sites in Greenpoint.

The Greenpoint Monitor Museum, chartered by New York State on April 24, 1996, is an education corporation. The museum is an official member of the University of the State of New York. On Dec. 16, 1998 the museum received its Federal 501(c)(3) not-for-profit status.

Motiva Enterprises LLC operates refineries and a terminal system, and has marketing operations that support a network of nearly 12,000 Shell- and Texaco-branded gasoline stations in the Eastern and Southern United States. Company assets include four refineries, capable of refining approximately 860,000 barrels per day (bpd) and ownership or partial interest in 47 product terminals.

The Board Members of The Greenpoint Monitor Museum
Janice Lauletta-Weinmann
Irene Klementowicz
Stella Harmatiuk
Elizabeth Ronchetti
George J. Weinmann
Karen Olszewski



Stella Harmatiuk, Janice Lauletta-Weinmann, Irene Klementowicz, Ernie Thiffault, Arthur Kirmss, George J. Weinmann, Paul Pullo, Kenneth Murawski, Not Present Karen Olszewski, Elizabeth Ronchetti, George Stanley

Paul Pullo

George Stanley

Prof. Louis Pignataro (recently deceased)

GIVE SPECIAL THANKS

- to Motiva Enterprises for their most generous gift
- to Ernest Thiffault, Esq. for his support and dedication as the Museum's attorney
- to the children and teachers of three of the Museum's Road Show Schools for writing letters of support for a Museum Home which were sent to the property owners. You wrote the winning letters. Keep writing for the things you believe in. Miracles do happen.

PS 110 - the Monitor School
John Ericsson School - JHS 126
-St. Stanislaus Kostka School
- to all the Road Show Schools for participating in the Museum's Road Show. Additional schools will be added to the Road Show's growing list. (Visit the Road Show on the Museum's website at <http://greenpointmonitormuseum.org/index.htm>)

PS 110 - the Monitor School
John Ericsson School - JHS 126
St. Stanislaus Kostka School
St. Anthony/St. Alphonsus School
PS 161 Manhattan
Immaculate Heart of Mary School
- to the Road Show Instructors
Janice Lauletta-Weinmann
George J. Weinmann

Arthur Kirmss

John Portanova

- to the following for being supportive and a part of our events and to all our numerous other friends we also say thanks.

- Church of the Ascension
- Lutheran Church of the Messiah
- Greenpoint Reformed Church
- Russian Orthodox Cathedral of the Transfiguration
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- Former Greenpoint Volunteer Ambulance Corps.
- Steven Stulman, Lumber Exchange Terminal
- Concerned Citizens of Greenpoint
- Greenpoint 197-A Committee
- 94th Precinct
- 94th Precinct Explorers
- New York City Fire Department Marine Co. 6
- United States Coast Guard and Auxiliary Flotilla 12-08
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineer vessel "Hayward"
- Environmental Protection Agency vessel "Cormorant"
- St. Stanislaus Memorial American Legion Post #1771
- Michael Handy, Director of Veterans Affairs (recently deceased)
- Green Oaks
- Greenpoint YMCA
- Peter Rego, Evergreen Funeral Home
- Z & R Florists

-Bedi-Makky Art Foundry

-The John Ericsson Society

-Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Oliver Tilden Camp No. 26

-Sons of Veterans Reserve, 83rd New York Volunteers [9th New York State Militia]

-Company H, 14th Brooklyn New York State Militia Society

-Our local newspapers:

Greenpoint-Williamsburg Gazette

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-And our elected officials:

Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez

Assemblyman Joseph Lentol

Ex Councilman Ken Fisher
Councilman David Yassky
Community Board No. 1

Thanks to all for your help. A Museum without a home is not a Museum without a purpose. We worked hard to find a HOME, and have found it thanks to MOTIVA ENTERPRISES.

Janice Lauletta-Weinmann,
President

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