

Cove Restaurant

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mit. Dwyer also said there was an enforcement action in the mid to late 1990s, but an agreement was reached which included the payment of \$15,000 in back taxes and \$17,000 in fines.

After that, he said, the owners received approval for all items on the site plan.

"Now the city takes the position that the settlement is

not valid," Dwyer said. Dwyer said he believed the attempt to abrogate the agreement is not legal, and the Planning Board has no right to reexamine the application.

Monzo said a lawsuit was filed with the court but was not being considered by Judge Steven P. Perskie, who said the case has to go to the Planning Board for consideration.

Dwyer said the city prevails in its position the Cove Restaurant would not be able to open for the first time in 38 years. The Cove Restaurant has yet to open for the 2009 season, and owner Paul Johnston said he probably could have opened his main room only, but he has not yet received a mercantile license from the city. He said he was not going to risk being cited for operating without a mer-

cantile license in hand. City Manager Bruce MacLeod said the Cove's mercantile license is not being held up other than by the volume of permits being processed.

Dwyer asked the Planning Board's resolution on the Cove Restaurant application be tabled until the June 9 meeting.

World War II vet always ready for Memorial Day

92 years old and still proudly wears his medals

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY - Al Balsis served in the Coast Guard in World War II, and at 92 still proudly wears the medals of our nation - and others.

"I have the Russian 50th Anniversary medal," Balsis said, indicating one of the numerous medals pinned to his blazer.

Balsis took part in the Battle of the North Atlantic, which he still remembers as "rough duty." He served on the Coast Guard Cutter Bibb.

"I didn't know the Coast Guard had boats that big," Balsis said.

He found out after being sworn in at Baltimore and

then sent to Norfolk for training. He said the need was so great at the time the Coast Guard was forging drill and ceremonies training and putting seaman on ships for the job training.

Balsis' training must have paid off, because he returned home with a Europe African and Middle East Campaign Medal with one bronze star, an American Campaign Medal one bronze star, a World War II Victory Medal, the Coast Guard Arctic Service Medal, a Good Conduct Medal, the Naval Reserve Medal and later the Russian 50th Anniversary Medal.

Besides serving on the Cutter Bibb, Balsis served on the Liberty Ship Alexander Graham Bell, the USS Greensboro, Patrol Frigate 101, and the Coast Guard Cutter Mandota.

Kittens need homes

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needs newspaper to line the bottom of cages. These items can be dropped off at the Cape May County Animal Shelter and Adoption Center which is located at 110 Shelter Road, Cape May Court House (Crest Haven

Complex - Exit 11 of the Garden State Parkway). The shelter is open daily from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., seven days a week.

The county pays 40 percent of the cost of the shelter, with the municipalities combining to pay the other 60 percent. Deputy County Administrator

Steve Hampton said the shelter has a budget of \$434,000, which pays employee salaries and wages as well as general operating expenses - food (\$30,000) and medicine (\$46,000) for the care of the animals, utilities, cleaning supplies (\$15,000), etc.

Davies-Dunhour said mone-

etary donations would be used to build a dedicated fund for the shelter to be used for animals with exceptional needs before adoption, such as surgery.

"With the fund we can do that...we can tap into the fund for medical needs of the animals," she said.

Community news brief

West Cape May Strawberry Festival June 6

WEST CAPE MAY - The 2009 West Cape May Strawberry Festival will be bigger and better than ever! On June 6, the West Cape May Business Association again presents the eagerly anticipated annual summer kick off event with the West Cape May Strawberry Festival in Wilbraham Park at the corners of Broadway and Sunset. The Festival begins at 9 a.m. and goes until 5 p.m. with entertainment by Michael Davis and

the Bullets and West Cape May local Marc Jacopec and his Drum Troupe.

Over 90 vendors selling antiques, art, crafts, jewelry, birdhouses, pottery, books and clothing will line the park and Myrtle Avenue. Food is also featured with Cape May Crab Cake Company, JB's Barbeque, Smoothie Chicks, Vanthias and more all serving up a great variety. Of course, the star of the show is the Strawberry Shortcake using fresh Jersey strawberries and real whipped cream. The shortcake booth will again be run by Animal Outreach in conjunction with the West Cape May Business Association. And don't miss the official Strawberry Festival t-shirts by West Cape May's Flying Fish Studios.

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Christopher South/Cape May Star and Wave World War II Coast Guard veteran Al Balsis speaks with Coast Guard Training Center Commander Captain Cari B. Thomas on Memorial Day before ceremonies in Cape May.

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All Applications Must be Received By June 16, 2009. Interviews will be held June 17 at 10:00 am at Cape May City Hall. For more information, please call the Dept. of Civic Affairs at 884-9565.

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