

Miss E.J. pageant this Saturday

Nine contestants are ready for the annual Miss East Jordan Scholarship Pageant which will be held Saturday, April 20th at 7 p.m. in the East Jordan High School Auditorium.

Contestants Denise Shea, Julie Healey, Amy Drenth, Dwanda White, Carla McKinnon, Angie Chase, Lori Chanda, Becky Bos, and Rachael Moreau will be vying for the title and the scholarship that goes with it.

The girls will be judged on talent, casual dress modeling, prepared speech and formal dress modeling. Officials have said this contest is not a beauty pageant.

A total of \$2,900 in scholarships will be awarded this year with the first place winner receiving \$900, second place to get \$500 and third place \$300. All other contestants will get \$100.

The theme of the pageant this year is "Young and Proud in the U.S.A." and will have a red, white and blue theme. Local talent will perform between the sets of the contestants.

Tickets for the pageant are available from the contestants, the EJ Shop, Jordan Inn, East Jordan Chamber of Commerce or at the door.



Miss East Jordan contestants posed for this picture last weekend as they prepared for the upcoming contest. Standing from left, they are: Lori Chanda, Amy Drenth, Denise Shea and Becky Bos. Seated from the left

the contestants include Rachael Moreau, Angie Chase, Dwanda White, Julie Healey and Karla McKinnon.

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McDonalds to build in Boyne City this summer

By Labor Day weekend, Boyne City and area diners will be able to get a Big Mac, Fries and a drink say officials from the McDonalds Corporation who were in Boyne City Monday to get approval for their 2,250 square foot, 50 seat restaurant.

The Boyne City Planning Board approved the site plan for the new restaurant which will be located near the corner of M-75 South and Division Street between REA Acres and the former Wolverine Power Company.

The firm has settled on that location after considering several in the community over the past year, Tom Rackliffe, New Location Specialist for McDonalds, said after the meeting. And although they have not yet completed all permits, the firm expects to be able to start construction some time in July with the projected opening of the new fast food operaton by Labor Day weekend. They are figuring about 60 days to complete the construction of the new restaurant.

Company officials said they have not yet named the operator of the new restaurant, but officials from the Grand Rapids regional office said they have several names on a list who want to become the franchise holder.

In reviewing the plans presented, the only point the planners

would not allow, was the use of interior lit signage on the site. The planners recently approved an amendment to the sign ordinance that bans interior lit signage on buildings and sites throughout the city. The final reading of the ordinance will be this week at the City Commission meeting and it will take effect in ten days.

While the planners usually have problems with companies and developers over such things as dumpsters and traffic flow, they had no problem after looking over the plans presented Monday.

The new McDonalds will have parking for 75 cars along with two handicap parking spaces. Officials say they hope to employ as many as 14 people per shift.

If the market conditions warrant it in the future, officials say they could expand the size of the building to accommodate additional customers.

But the company officials weren't too happy about having to give up their interior lit signs. Ivan Cuppett, the construction manager for the firm in Michigan said that McDonalds needs the signs as the firm is based on impulse driving conditions. He told the planners the company figures that about 75 percent of the customers will be driving by and will come in after seeing the signs. "Signage is the most important means for us to at-

tract customers and have a successful business. If you take that away we may not have a successful business in this location.

Planner Todd Sorensen was firm when he told the firm that he would agree to all of their plan with the exception of the interior lit signage. He asked that the firm comply with the city requirements covering the sign ordinance.

Rackliffe told the planners the firm would comply with the signage requirements and will be working towards solving the concern the firm as with the ordinance.

He was told that a wooden sign would allow a 25 percent increase in size over the maximum the ordinance allows. The firm plans on installing a main sign that will be 16 feet above the ground and will have less than 33 square feet.

Planner Walt Coyle then asked the rest of the board to approve the interior lit canopy the firm intends to install around the building as signage.

With the approval of the site plan, Rackliffe said that the firm still has concerns but will have to work with the city on solving them to everybody's satisfaction.

E.J. only looking at millage renewals

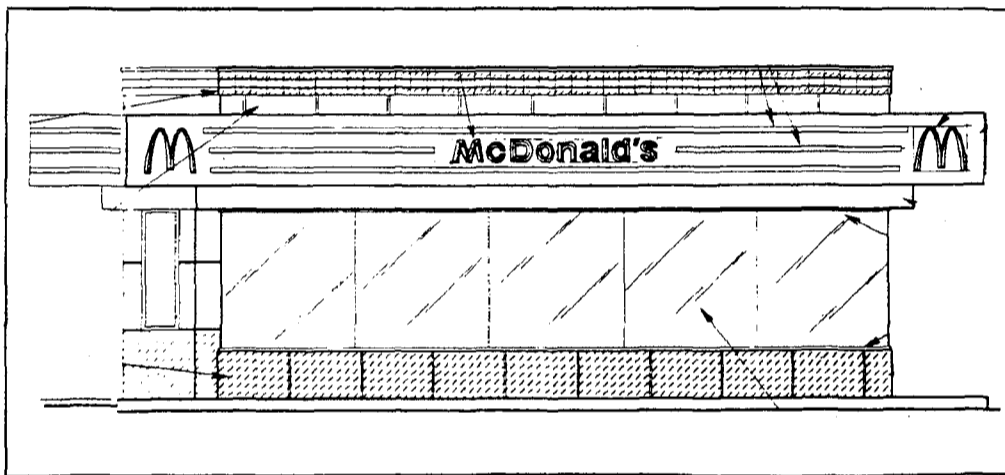
East Jordan Schools will only be going after renewals of their millages for operations, bus purchases and maintenance and repairs, along with a question on the ballot for the school system to waive the Headlee Amendment.

The issues are all renewal issues and the board expressed satisfaction that no new additional millage is required at the present time, according to Chip Hansen, Superintendent.

Hansen also told the board members that the district may see a reduction in the debt retirement levy for the third consecutive year, depending on the amount of state equalized valuation assessments.

Hansen then announced the candidates for the school board in the June election naming Wayne Fries, Herb Griffen, Calvin Gotts and John Kempton as candidates for the two four-year positions that are open.

In other action at the short meeting held Monday, April 8, the board discussed a new policy concerning the board members and decided it should be on the agenda for next month to formalize it, received an update on the boards 1991 goals and learned that



This is a front view of the new McDonalds which will be constructed in Boyne City this summer. Company officials expect to have the restaurant open for business about Labor Day they said at the Boyne City Planning Board meeting where the planners approved the site plan for the company.

B.C. board arranges for 91-92

After setting up a belief statement, and about two hours of discussion, the Boyne City Board of Education made the decision where they will be housing students for next year Monday night in front of a large group of concerned residents.

The board will move two special education rooms to the Elementary School to the present Chapter One room and move the Chapter One class to one of the special education rooms. They will also try to find one used portable classroom that will be installed at the school for an additional classroom.

At the Middle School, the seventh and or eighth grade students will be bused to the High School for classes in the area of Language Arts or Social Studies. The High School has about three rooms they will not need next year according to school administrators.

In between making the decision, the board discussed many options and plans for the future if a building program is not authorized by the voters. Those plans call for the additional purchase of portable classrooms, the moving of the seventh and or the eighth grade to the High School and possibly ending up with holding split sessions for the students.

The board discussed the options for the school years 91-92, 92-93, and 93-94. If the voters can't approve a building plan by 1993, then the board may have to consider the split sessions.

Board members said they do not want to have to make that decision at present, but want to wait until it is required.

In the midst of the discussions about the housing problems of the school system due to the failure of the board to get approval of a \$9 million building plan that was turned down by voters last week,

they heard from a new group of concerned residents who are setting up a committee to try to come up with a building plan the residents of the district can approve.

The committee will be headed up by Jim Stackus and will hold their first meeting next Tuesday evening in the Home Economic classroom of the High School at 7 p.m. Stackus has about 12 residents so far on the committee and has opened the meeting up to the public to participate.

The board then approved allowing students from Boyne

Falls to participate in football and volley ball, two sports not offered at the Boyne Falls High School. The combining of sports is a recently allowed program of the Michigan State High School Athletic Association. Boyne Falls also approved allowing Boyne Falls athletes to participate in those sports also at their regular board meeting held Monday night. Details concerning costs for the athletes will still have to be worked out but the board approved a two year commitment to allow the two schools to work together.

MDOT warns of detours for M-75 during construction

Traffic on about two miles of M-75, from Evangeline Street to State Street in the city of Boyne City (Charlevoix County), is slowed and detoured, the Michigan Department of Transportation said

today. The project includes resurfacing and storm sewer improvement.

Completion of the project will improve the drainage system and traffic flow along the roadway.

News Briefs

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild will be holding a bake sale Friday, April 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the hospital lobby. Proceeds from the sale will go toward the hospital's equipment fund.

Charlevoix County Republicans will be holding their annual Lincoln Day Dinner this Friday at Boyne Mountain with several of our leading politicians expected to speak. Tickets are still available from local Chambers of Commerce, Art Rouse in Boyne City and John Haggard in Charlevoix.

Saturday, the Charlevoix County Democratic party will be hosting an Evening with Former State Senator Gary Corbin at the Boyne City Hall at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served and donations are being asked to help defray costs. The public is invited to attend. For more information, call Lance Johnson at 582-7353.

The monthly commodity food give-away program will be held next Wednesday, April 24th for sites within Charlevoix County. The foods to be given this month include butter, vegetarian beans and rice. Foods will be available for pick-ups starting at 9 a.m. and will continue until 11 a.m. or until the food is distributed. Sites with the county include the Community Services Building in Boyne City, the V.F.W. Hall in Charlevoix and the Civic Center in East Jordan.



Boyne City Police Officers spent last Saturday taking fingerprints of youngsters of the community in a program sponsored by Glen's Markets. Many parents took advantage of the program and now have fingerprints in case the child turns up missing or has some other problem that requires identification.

Letters

You all showed 'em

Editor,
I would like to address this letter to the dissenting voters of the Boyne City School District regarding the millage vote of Tuesday, April 9, 1991.

Congratulations, you really showed 'em. You made a statement on Tuesday that won't be forgotten for some time I'm sure. The only problem is that you made the statement to the wrong people. Your statement says - School Board, Administration, KIDS, make the best of what you have, don't expect any help from us because we are sick and tired of paying taxes. Who will suffer for this action? The kids that are depending on us to provide them with adequate preparation to pursue a higher education or those who are going to be entering the "real" world with a high school diploma? The answer is "both."

How many of you people actually addressed the real problem? SCHOOL FINANCING! How many of you people wrote letters to your legislators or even your governor? I'm sure none of these people woke up Wednesday morning hearing your "statement." Get their ears, tell them how you feel, don't take it out on your kids.

How many of you people go to the board of review. Do you just accept your assessment because you feel you can't do anything about it anyway? You stopped us from getting the room we needed, you ought to be able to get your valuations in line.

The average price on housing in our area is \$50,000. The millage was for 1.5 mills. If my arithmetic is correct, that comes out to \$37.50 per year - per \$50,000 of real valuation, or less than a package of cigarettes every two weeks - or less than one alcoholic beverage per week - etc. etc. You mean to tell me that your kids futures are not worth an additional \$37.50 per year?

You see letters in the paper, hear words on the street, that attack probably the best overall administration that the Boyne City School system has ever had the privilege of employing. These people work hard for this school, but unfortunately a lot of their job is consumed with "baby sitting." They don't have the help they need to accomplish their jobs within reasonable hours, so consequently, they have to work

unending hours to try to give these kids the kind of education they are entitled to. The sad thing is, that the people that make these statements don't even know that these people are supposed to be doing in the first place.

I was born and raised in Boyne City and still live in the school district. I like my home town and most of the people in it. I'm very proud of our school and try to keep in touch with what's going on with it. I'm proud of the kids that come out of the school for their accomplishments during their school years and afterwards - both those that sought a higher education and those that choose to go through the college of hard knocks. Boyne City has many good things going for it, but right now I'M EM-BARRASSED FOR THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE GOOD people of Boyne City. I can't believe that you actually let a very few people, that CONTRIBUTE NOTHING but CRITICISM of EVERYTHING that ANYONE ELSE tries to do, play games with your own common sense to the point that you believed them. Shame on you! I certainly hope that one of you 1206 people have some legitimate answers to the problem. It's not going to go away without some common sense answers, as this is a REAL problem, and it is getting worse. You can't put two gallons of water in a one gallon bucket. Maybe we should hire David Copperfield, he made a train car disappear on television the other night, maybe he can make our problem disappear also.

I can understand the concern with the tax problem, especially for those of you that live in the city, but this action is not the answer or the cure. This is like putting water on the flames, instead of the fire. Contact your law makers and tell them you are fed up with the situation. Tell them you want some tax relief. Tell them that enough is enough! In the meantime we owe these kids absolutely the best we can give them. Remember, one day soon, they will be the ones making the decisions so you will want to prepare them the best you can.

Sincerely,
William C. Christensen
Tax payer in Boyne City
School District

Is this Glory?

Editor,
What price glory? I have no idea who might have put these three words together and used them first but I guarantee they are more meaningful today than ever before.

Anyone that has followed our adventures in the Persian Gulf and the horrible slaughter in Kuwait and Iraq that President Bush so proudly call a just and moral war knows that something is terribly wrong. Officially we lost 124 people and many of which were killed by our own action. Iraq lost 150,000 including defenseless women and children. Those numbers should scare the hell out of us. Lets strip away the window dressing and take it step by step. I'll try to be brief.

No. 1; Our government aided

and abetted Iraq in their 8 year war with Iran. We would have to be incredibly naive to believe they didn't know the exact condition of the Iraqs military and their capabilities. We were intensely misled on this score and to the dangers poised.

No. 2; When Iraq invaded Kuwait they did so with our tacit approval. We could have stopped them early on.

No. 3; President Bush publicly stated that their invasion was none of our affair and we should not intervene.

No. 4; Bush then met with Margaret Thatcher, then prime minister of England- out in Colorado for a two hour closed meeting. He came out of that meeting and did a 180 degree turn

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Remembrances



Workers from the White Lumber Company Shingle Mill posed for this picture back about 1913 or so. It was common for the owners of the plant to stop work for a short period in order to have the entire staff pictured for posterity. Some of the shingles are in the

background of the picture. If you have any old pictures of Boyne City, East Jordan or Boyne Falls, bring them to our office so we can make a copy.

Jottings

WITH JIM SILBAR

We, I mean our family have this cat. It actually "belongs" to a daughter, but I don't think the cat knows that. I think he thinks he belongs to me.

I say that only because whenever I set down to read, watch television, or just lay down on the couch, he jumps onto my stomach. Then puts his nose right into my face, thinking I will just drop everything and scratch, pet, or do something for him.

I feel that I already am doing something for him, I am providing him with food, a nice warm bed, opening the door when he wants to go out and then again when he wants to come in, and am allowing him to almost dominate the family.

Now this isn't the first cat our family has had. It seems like when someone is offering free kittens, my children go out of their way to try to bring one home. Especially if we don't have an animal at the time.

Anyway, this cat, who has been name "Manson" by one of the children, but called cat by me, seems to try to get in the way of everything I try to do.

If I want to go to bed at night, we have to leave the door ajar so he won't scratch and ruin it trying to get where the warm bodies are located.

Then he jumps on the bed and tries to find a comfortable spot to lie down.

After he walks all over the bed, investigating everything, he usually settles in at the base of the bed between the sleepers and proceeds to lick himself for a while before settling down.

Now this just drives the other half up the wall as she is a light sleeper and the motion of the cat licking himself wakes her up. She usually kicks the cat off the bed or something, but he jumps right back up and comes over to my side.

Being a good sleeper, I usually don't even recognize that something is laying on my feet until the next morning when I can't move them in order to get out of bed.

But with the warmer weather, I think I have a solution to the cat concern. I will just let him sleep in some other room, or else I will put those stainless steel door protectors up on all of the bedroom doors.

I have learned about three cats ago that you can't compete with

Tidbits

What is a wildfire? Any fire burning out of control in natural vegetation. That includes all vegetation - grass, weeds, crops, brush, or forests.

them, they always win.

Thank goodness the children are almost out of the house, and maybe I can get one of them to take the cat with them, along with the food, the litter box that she takes care of almost twice or three times a week, the scratching post,

and everything else.

Then I will probably end up with a dog as the next family pet who will do almost the same things as this cat.

Only he will not, I hope, scratch up the furniture or the fixtures of the house.

Then I may be able to take the dog hunting, fishing or just driving around in the car like so many others do in these parts.

Of course I will have to start hunting, fishing or get myself a pick-up truck so I can look "cool", while I am driving around.

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BC Commission finalizes sign, lot split Ordinances

City Commissioners finalized and adopted an ordinance amendment covering interior lit signs within the community, and adopted an ordinance covering future lot splits in the first moments of their Tuesday noon meeting.

The sign ordinance has been an ongoing thing that has come back to the commissioners the second time after the first attempt at passage caused some concern among several business owners. The ordinance was developed by the Planning Board along with the corrections to allow interior lit signs within the store signifying the store is open or closed.

The ordinance covering the lot

splits, defines the rules needed for future splits, something the city has not had and will, in the words of City Clerk Tom Garlock, "Eliminate a lot of problems", the city has had covering splits in the past.

In other action, the commissioners agreed to follow the advice of their insurance company who wanted the city to try to eliminate as much insurance liability as possible. The agreed to eliminate the use of lifeguards at the city owned public beach. In making the recommendation to the commissioners, City Manager Randy Frykberg said that the state has also eliminated lifeguards

at state owned public beaches several years ago because of the same liability reasons. He told the commissioners that with there not being lifeguards, the parents of children pay more attention to the children and the possibility of suit because of lifeguards not being able to control the whole area is less, the city should adopt the resolution.

They also agreed to accept and enter into a contract with the State Department of Transportation covering the reconstruction of the Park Street Bridge. The contract is a formal agreement with the city as to what is covered for costs. The state, under the

Critical Bridge Act will be paying for 95 percent of the cost including the approaches to the bridge, the city will have to pay for the rest of the work.

Bids for the project were opened last week in Lansing and were higher than the estimates the state had figured. The low bidder was a company specializing in bridge work Hardman Construction Inc. from Ludington, MI for \$374,963, about \$26,000 difference from the estimate. According to Dennis Jason, the city Street Department Manager, the state called the city to announce a pre-construction meeting in a few days and will award the bid at that time.

Completion for the bridge project is supposed to be around August 15th.

The city then entered into a contract with Wade Trim/Granger for the engineering inspection services the firm will be doing as part of their work on the bridge project. It will cost the city \$21,700.

In other information, Fire Chief

Nord Schroeder informed the commissioners that the fire department raised \$3,543 at their Las Vegas Night last weekend and have now received about half of the money needed to purchase extrication equipment for the department. The total cost is about \$19,000 and the department is still looking for donations.

Graduates

Laura Reibel and Katherine Washburn, 1987 graduates of Charlevoix High School, are among the over 200 candidates eligible to participate in Alma College's 1991 commencement. Washburn is the daughter of

Sanford and Jill Washburn, 508 W. Upright St., Charlevoix.

Reibel is the daughter of former Charlevoix residents Leighton and Marlette Reibel now living in Lake City.

With the courts

Magistrate

The following cases were recently handled in the office of the Charlevoix County Magistrate:

Mark Edward Chambers, 22, Charlevoix,

speeding, \$100 fine and costs.
Joseph R. Fink, 30, Kettering, Ohio, no proof of insurance, \$110 fine and costs.
Justine Renee Sylvester, 20, East Jordan, defective equipment, and no driver's license in possession, \$160 fine and costs.

Clifford Gregware, 38, Boyne Falls, violating fish-selling law, \$250 fine and costs.
Kevin N. Ostrowski, 28, St. James, permitting dog to run at large, \$60 fine and costs.

Dolores A. Moby, 46, East Jordan, defective equipment, \$85 fine and costs.

Michael D. Moody, 35 Birmingham, speeding, \$85 fine and costs.

Donald B. Hallmark, 30, Flint, failing to report property damage accident, \$120 fine and costs.

Michael E. Rothwell, 40, Marlette, no driver's license (expired), \$95 fine and costs.

Troy L. Bridson, 19, File Lake, speeding and no proof of insurance, \$246 fine and costs.

Michael D. Grutsch, 23, East Jordan, speeding, \$119 fine and costs.

Corey M. Richardson, 19, Charlevoix, failing to wear seat belt, \$70 fine and costs.

Sally L. Bickersteth, 28, Birmingham, speeding, \$134 fine and costs.

Jerome A. Razin, 52, Suttons Bay, speeding, \$105 fine and costs.

Daniel C. Parker, 29, Charlevoix, defective equipment, \$75 fine and costs.

Carolyn J. Garringer, 20, Lansing, minor in possession of alcoholic beverage, \$70 fine and costs.

Daniel M. Jensen, 25, Jenison, speeding, \$89 fine and costs.

Christine C. Hevia, 22, Elk Rapids, speeding, \$60 fine and costs.

Daniel R. Jones, 25, Ann Arbor, speeding, \$85 fine and costs.

Roger M. Erber, 19, Boyne City, minor in possession of alcoholic beverage, \$60 fine and costs.

Ann Marie Bates, 24, Charlevoix, speeding, \$60 fine and costs.

Timothy A. Antaya, 34, Lansing, speeding, \$60 fine and costs.

Martin C. Schmidt, 33, Silvis, Ill., speeding, \$60 fine and costs.

Michael R. Donner, 19, Charlevoix, failing to report property damage accident, \$115 fine and costs.

Donovan T. Rainey, 17, Boyne City, speeding, \$60 fine and costs.

Heather J. Radle, 17, Charlevoix, improper passing, \$60 fine and costs.

Robert D. Taliaferro, 42, Flint, possessing alcoholic beverage in motor vehicle, \$100 fine and costs.

Timothy J. Palm, 40, Grand Blanc, transporting open container of intoxicant in motor vehicle, \$100 fine and costs.

William L. Roach, 36, Fenton, possessing open container of intoxicant in motor vehicle, \$100 fine and costs.

George B. Adams, 28, Dearborn Heights, possessing open container of intoxicant in motor vehicle, \$100 fine and costs.

Kimberly A. Molnar, 29, Ypsilanti, speeding, \$70 fine and costs.

Chris A. Schmidt, 18, Milford, speeding, \$70 fine and costs.

Ronald J. Chapman, 44, Charlevoix, speeding, \$60 fine and costs.

Carol A. Hanlon, 31, Farmington Hills, speeding, \$106 fine and costs.

James A. Balsillie, 41, Ann Arbor, speeding, \$70 fine and costs.

Jeffrey T. Wendling, 37, Petoskey, speeding, \$60 fine and costs.

John C. Michael, 27, Charlevoix, speeding, \$97 fine and costs.

Stacey L. Lecureux, 18, Charlevoix, speeding, \$70 fine and costs.

Daniel L. Cox, 18, Charlevoix, two counts of speeding, \$165 fine and costs.

Thomas P. Fiel, 36, Boyne City, speeding, \$60 fine and costs.

Michael E. Sergey, 17, Harbor Springs, speeding, \$70 fine and costs.

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Work has started on the rebuilding of M-75 as crews down for long periods of time. This section, East Street, is the first part to be completed. Next will come Water Street and Boyne Avenue. Completion for the job will be 100 days from Monday barring rain days.

CITY OF BOYNE CITY NOTICE

Amendment No. 35-91

to the City of Boyne City Zoning Ordinance No. A-28

THE CITY OF BOYNE CITY ORDAINS:

Amend Article VII, Sign Regulations, Section 7.30 - Permitted Signs, by adding a new sub-paragraph (a) (23) to Boyne City Zoning Ordinance No. A-28:

ARTICLE VII

15.870 Sec. 7.30 PERMITTED SIGNS.

A. The following signs are permitted, without a permit, notwithstanding any prohibition contained in this Chapter:

"(23) An interior-lit or neon sign with required diffusers with total dimensions not to exceed three (3) square feet is permissible to advertise whether or not a business is open or closed."

Amend Article VII, Sign Regulations, Section 7.40 - Prohibited Signs, by adding a new sub-paragraph A (14) to Boyne City Zoning Ordinance No. A-28:

ITEM IV - A - BOYNE CITY WEEKLY COMMISSION MEETING - April 16, 1991

ARTICLE VII

15.870 Sec. 7.40 PROHIBITED SIGNS.

A. The following signs are prohibited, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Article:

"(14) Signs illuminated by a light source originating from within the interior of the sign, or from behind the sign, except for interior lit awnings and canopies which may be allowed by the Planning Board as a conditional use, following proper application, review and approval under Section 2.70."

This amending ordinance shall take effect April 1, 1991.

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