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Bidders will make school's destiny

By BARBARA UNDERWOOD

The next move in the "Valley Woods is For Sale" game is up to two potential purchasers.

Details of a counterproposal to offers received earlier from the two bidders were approved by the board of education at a special meeting last week.

The proposals were to be delivered to Yeshiva Beth Yehuda Schools and the Lutheran High School Association of Greater Detroit.

While the board never formally rejected the offers of the two groups, the counterproposal states that neither was "acceptable to the board of

education either in the form in which they were submitted or in the substance of the offer.

The Beth Yehuda offer was for \$350,000 cash or \$400,000 on a land contract for 7.5 acres. The Lutheran High School Association offered \$451,000 cash for approximately 12 acres.

The board's counterproposal to each is for \$475,000 cash for the school and approximately 7.5-8 acres of land. The size of the parcel would be determined by a survey.

Other provisions of the counterproposal are:

*A guarantee that the boiler and unit ventilators are in operable condition.

*Necessary easements for drainage purposes will be provided.

*Prospective purchasers may modify the purchase price in excess of \$475,000 and may add other provisions deemed necessary.

*Neither proposal, if accepted, will be binding upon the board of education until acceptance is confirmed at a public meeting and either or both acceptances may be rejected by the board.

Craig Mercier of Proctor Homer Warren, Inc., realtor handling the sale of the school for the board of education, said Wednesday that bidding is not closed nor limited to the two groups whose offers have been met with the counterproposal.

Botulism outbreak over; effects to plague victims

By HOLLY D. REMY

The biggest botulism outbreak in U.S. history is over in Oakland County, but its 45 victims may feel the effects of the disease for months.

"It could take some of the patients six weeks to seven months to recover completely," says Dr. Lionel Glass, the neurologist who first diagnosed the disease at St. Joseph Hospital in Pontiac.

"The patients we've sent home no longer have trouble swallowing, but their eye muscles are still affected and they have double vision."

Dr. Glass, who is chief neurologist at St. Joseph and Pontiac General Hospital, and at Crittenton Hospital in Avon Township, says all but a few patients, who are at St. Joseph, have gone home. No new botulism cases have been reported since last week.

"The incubation period for the disease lasts up to eight days," says Dr. Glass, "and if a person hasn't developed symptoms by then, he probably won't."

He said the botulism is difficult to identify because it resembles other sicknesses.

These diseases were ruled out by tests, but Glass thought the source of the botulism was mushrooms the first two patients had eaten.

"When the two patients saw each other in the emergency room at St. Joseph, though, they recognized each other from the restaurant," Glass says.

He thinks the victims who ate at Trini and Carmen's Restaurant "got a minimal amount of the botulism toxin" because none of the cases was fatal. There have been so few cases in the past that an accurate mortality rate for the disease has not been determined.

Dr. Glass says Type B botulinal toxin, the kind that affected the Oakland County victims, is one of the kinds of botulism that affects humans. It comes from a bacterium spore that grows in places where there is no air.

WHEN IT IS ingested, the toxin attaches to nerves in the brain that affect life functions. The only way to treat it, according to Dr. Glass, is to give the patient an antitoxin which prevents the disease from getting worse by blocking the attaching surfaces of the free toxin.

Botulism victims have difficulty moving their eyes, swallowing and breathing. Dr. Glass says the sickest patients he treated at St. Joseph and Crittenton were those who couldn't swallow.

"THE OTHER diseases are also neuro-muscular, but they are more chronic," he says. "The symptoms of botulism are very similar to Myasthenia gravis, which is the disease Aristotle Onassis died from, polio and the paralysis that scientists thought was connected to the swine flu vaccine."

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1:00 PM Original Mixed (convenient bowl)

1:00 PM LEARN TO BOWL CLASSES (Learn the right way)

7:30 PM Mixed "A" (8 pin no tap league—bowling 3:00)

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THURSDAYS

1:00 PM LADIES FOURSOME (keep trim and fun)

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FRIDAYS

12:00 PM SENIOR CITIZENS MIXED (Continue your winter program)

7:30 PM KINGS & QUEENS—(start the week-end right—everyone welcome)

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