Livonia woman listed top priority for transplant

Glynda Chamle, the Livenia woman walting for a liver transplant operation, is now considered a "top priority" surgery candidate at two hospitals equipped for porcedure, her sister, Suzama Portman, said this week. "She's top priority at both hospitals (the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn, and Pittsburgh's Presbyterian University Hospital). That's a big hurdle right (here," Portman said of the hospitals'

ranking. "Now we just have to wait to get one (an available organ)."
Fortman, a Comstock Street resident, said her sister likely will be admitted to one of the two hospitals, depending on which one secures an organ first, in the next couple of weeks. She recently returned home from the Mayor Clinic where she had a "blood washing" treatment.
Chamle, 46, the recipient of local fund-raising efforts, has suffered from a slowly debilitating liver disease called primary sclerosing cholangitis

Orchard Ridge hosts Junior Olympic meets

With the 1984 Summer Olympic Games still fresh in their minds, hun-dreds of young sthletes are getting ready to compete in two major state-wide events: the 1985 McDonaid's Jun-tor Olympia Gwim Mass. Peridau Santo. who evenis the 1993 manonage 3 sun-for Olympic Swim Meet, Friday, Satur-day and Sunday, March 15-17, and the McDonald's U.S.G.F. State Sectional Gymnastics Competition, Sunday,

Both events are sponsored by local McDonald's restaurants.

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"McDonald's has a longstanding commitment to the advancement of competitive swimming," said Tony (cestecki, local McDonald's restaurant owner. "The fast-service restaurant

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company underwrote construction coats of the swimming and diving facility used in Los Angeles during the 1984 Olympic Games. An integral part of that commitment is the sponsorship of local youth sports activities."

Gymnastics is another sport increasing in popularity among the nation's youth as a result of the televized 1984 Olympic Games. That growing popularity will be evident during the McDonald's U.S.G.F. State Sectional Competition, March 16, at the Melvin G. Bally Recreation Center, 36551 Ford Road, Westland.

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G. Bally Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road, Westland.
Over 150 youths from across the state are expected to participate in the exciting event, sponsored by McDonald's and hosted by the Go-Fers Gymnastics Club. The competition will run from 9 am. through 8 p.m.
Gymnasts will compete in three age groups, 9-11, 12-14 and 15 and older. They will be judged according to performance on balance beam, floor exercise, vault and uneven parallel bars.
"McDonald's involvement in the U.S.G.F. State Sectional Competition will help showcase Mchigan as a major gymnastics power in the United States," said Go-Fers coach Ronald Westerman.

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ever since ahe was seriously injured in ah auto accident almost three years ago. Portman has cared for her in her own home for almost as long.

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FUND-RAISING efforts, which have collected almost \$10,000 in local contributions, were launched last November to help pay for ceally medical bills, which Portman then estimated could reach \$150,000. Married to a Chrysler Corp. employee, Chamle's hospitalization is covered by her husband's employer's Blue Cross-Blue Shield policy. And now the bulk of the upcoming transplant costs will be covered by Chrysler as well. (Utall its announcement last mooth, the Blues considered organ transplant operations to be "experimental" and therefore excluded

from policy coverage).
"Ford Motor Co. and General Motors have included certain types of transplants within their collective bargaining agreements and we've agreed to apply those same rules on a exception basis to Mrs. Chamle," said Bill Johnson, manager of Chrysler's medcal beneilt plan.

Although Chrysler does not yet offer such benefits to employees, he said the company does not believe "employees or dependents of employees should be at a disadvantage in waiting to negoti-ate."

The company's agreement to the Chamles would pay up to \$25,000 for professional fees resulting from the surgery.

MKANWHILE, Portman's find-raising efforts continue, despite discourage
ing thefts of cantisers placed in local
businesses. Earlier this year two were
stolen from a Livenia Big Boy Restaurant and the Plymouth Road Good
Time Bar. Patrous reported a white
middle-age woman was suspected in
one of the thefts. Since then, two more
cantisers have been stolen, said Portman. One was taken from Silverman's
Restaurant on Plymouth Road by at
Gestaurant on Plymouth at the Pine
Tree Cleaner.

"People abouldn't make statements
like that," said Portman. "She's very
much alive and weiting."

Livenia Police Officer Donald My-

ers, who investigated the earlier theffs, said they never found out who was responsible for the theffs.

"I really wish I could have been some belp in this, but it's really tongth, when we have no investigative lead;" Myers did say they were successful in clearing up an unrelated but similar case recoult. Police did locate a patr of men responsible for the theft of a Lions Cibb cansiter from a Berem Mile Rig Boy Restaurant two weeks ago. One was a former employee, he said.

Portman said she plans to organize a dance-fund-raiser in the near future to feature an unnamed hand and the Straight Harmony group of the Sweet Adelines singers. She is currently locking for sponsors for the event.

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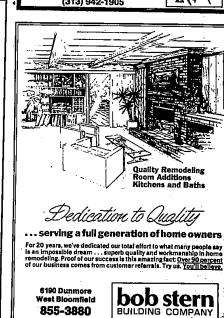












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