

### Salute to St. Patrick

Michael Sullivan of Fermington Hills chaired his 14th St. Patrick's Day parade Sunday on Michigan Avenue in Detroit. Owner and president of Waterville Construction Co. In Farmington Hills, Sullivan is affectionately known among the trish community as "West Sido Red." Marching units from Dunleavy's Pub & Grub and Donovan's Country Store in Farmington also took part in the 31st annual salute to St. Patrick. The United Irish Society, representing 19 Irish-American organizations, sponsored the parade.



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## **Grapes plucked from shelves**

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While some customers are inquiring, others are buying, despite warnings from the federal Food and Drug Administration not to eat fruit, particularly seedless red grapes, imported from Chile.

"We've had a few people come in but most were phone calls above the what fruit we were carrying from Chile," said Alan Lyons, manager of the six-month-old Oak Farms Fruit Market in Uptown Farmington. The FDA warning was prompted Monday after small traces of cyanide were found in Chilean seedless of the FDA warning that the foundary after small traces of cyanide was found after an anonymous threat to poison Chilean fruit was telephoned March 2 to the U.S. Embassy in Santiago, Chile.

The FDA warning from the shelves while tests continue. Most of the fresh grapes imported to the United States this time of year are from Chile, according to the FDA.
"It's warnated. Anything like that should be made known to the public," Lyons said. "We've pulled the red grapes. We have signs on other fruit saying where they're from."

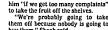
MOST SUMMER fruit, such as nectarines, plums and peaches, sold this time of the year in the United States is from Chile, Lyons said. While Lyons feels stores should respond to the FDA warning, he wishes the other side also would be publicited. "As I understand it, it is only

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the red grapes. Ninety-nine percent of the other fruit has been fine."
At least one other store owner echoed the same feelings. Like nearly all other betroit-area markets, vic's Quality Fruit Market, South-Held buys fruit from the Detroit owner from the Percentage of the Percentage

RON SHOOK, Long Lake Market produce manager, said his boss told



him "If we get too many complaints" to take the fruit off the shelves.
"We're probably soing to take them off because nobody is going to buy them," Shook said.

The grape withdrawal comes on the beets of another fruit scere, with media reports of the dangers of Alar, a potential cancer causing agent used on apples.

Although local grocers support the apple growers' denial that any dangerous amounts of Alta rar en apples we eat, they worry about sensationalized research reports. "We're almost becoming a yo-yo to whoever wants to write a (research report," West Bloomfield's Lossia said, "if you take everything in moderation you can survive anything."

Grocers generally say they'll take back uncaten grapes and give money back, since often their suppliers will do the same thing. It shouldn't affect future grape prices too much, ac-cording to Ventimiglia at Vic's.

"Chilean production is just about done. It's three weeks to a month un-til California starts. Chile products just keep us going until California starts," he said.







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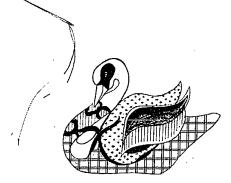
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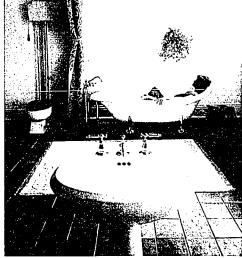


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