



## Salute to St. Patrick

Michael Sullivan of Farmington 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 Irish community as "West Side 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.

# Grapes plucked from shelves

By Dave Varga and Joanne Maliszewski staff writers

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 about what fruit we were carrying from Chile," said Alan Lyons, manager of the six-month-old Oak Farms Fruit Market in Uptown Farmington Center, Grand River at Mooney, in Farmington.

The FDA warning was prompted Monday after small traces of cyanide were found in Chilean seedless red grapes. 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 urged stores to remove all Chilean fruits 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 warranted. 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 publicized. "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 Detroit-area markets, Vic's Quality Fruit Market, Southfield, buys fruit from the Detroit Produce Terminal, said owner Vic Ventimiglia. Although some media indicated nearly all non-citrus fruit this time of year comes from Chile, Ventimiglia said his fruit market only has "three (Chile items) out of 300 items."

"I think it's just a little blown out of proportion because it's an isolated incident," Ventimiglia said.

Other stores also are pulling red grapes from the shelves. "Even if we don't know how much of a problem there is with them, we won't take a chance," said Don Lissia, owner of the Walnut Lake Market in West Bloomfield. That store pulled its Chilean grapes, nectarines and plums.

But some stores are playing it by ear. Earlier this week, the Long Lake Market in Bloomfield Hills was still selling red and green grapes and raspberries imported from Chile.

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 going to take them off because nobody is going to buy them," Shook said.

The grape withdrawal comes on the heels of another fruit scare, 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 Alar are on 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 Lissia said. "If you take everything in moderation you can survive anything."

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

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

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