

Community Corner

This week's question: Do you think there will be a large turnout for the parks and recreation millage election in Farmington Hills Tuesday?

We asked this question at the Heritage Park visitors center



"I think there will be a substantial number of voters. The media coverage will buzz people who had come to come out and vote."

— Joe Derek Farmington Hills



"Yes, because it's such an important issue for the future of Farmington Hills."

— Mark Davis Farmington Hills



"No, I think it's going to be average. I wouldn't call it apathy but I think there are a lot of people who are confused about the issues."

— Roy Lindhardt Farmington Hills



"It will be more than we had at the first millage (request). There'll be substantially more because of the absentee ballot requests. There's a lot more activity from groups supporting the millage."

— Aldo Vagnozzi Farmington Hills



"I think there's going to be a good turnout because we've found people have been supportive of the programs we've proposed."

— Dan Potter Farmington Hills



"I hope so."

— Barbara McCann Farmington Hills

Computerized first-aid teaching to go nationwide

By Tim Smith staff writer

Teaching first aid to students via computerized pictures was Aaron Milstone's basement brainstorm during the mid-1980s. His idea now is set to take on the entire nation and maybe the world.

A deal is pending with Quality Computers of St. Clair Shores to distribute "Reddy's First Aid For All" program in the U.S. said Milstone, a 1986 Southfield-Lathrup High School graduate.

"It's almost a moving-picture book that children can be watching," said the 22-year-old Milstone.

Meanwhile, before Quality Computers proceeds, it is waiting for an

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endorsement from the American Red Cross.

"IF THERE'S no endorsement, we'll market it nationwide anyway," said Milstone about his concept — transferred onto computer disk with the help of Adler Elementary School teacher and co-designer Oren Walther of Livonia.

Both Milstone and Walther would effectively hand over the program to Quality Computers, although they would remain involved as consultants.

Walther, who said the first aid program for children is one of a kind, noted that having a company interested in marketing "Reddy" (a smiling cartoon character "cross") across the U.S. is "a real boost."

"There's nothing else quite like it," Walther said. "There's no computer program that we're aware of that teaches first aid, primarily to kids."

The program, through still pictures and animation, teaches children how to deal with injuries, burns, poisoning and other first-aid situations.

It met with some success immediately after it was created, quickly becoming a curriculum staple in Southfield schools. Through word-of-mouth, Milstone said copies were then mailed to other school districts, primarily in the Midwest.

BUT MILSTONE said what really sparked interest was when he received Time Magazine's 1990 "College Junior Achievement Award" for his concept.

Not long after, a "windfall of publicity" began.

Milstone received 200 orders for "Reddy"; he met with International Red Cross officials to discuss developing the program in a foreign language. Quality Computers began showing an interest.

Such interest is in comparison to modest beginnings.

After watching a S-L ninth-grade classmate nearly choke to death during lunch hour, Milstone began volunteer work with the Red Cross.

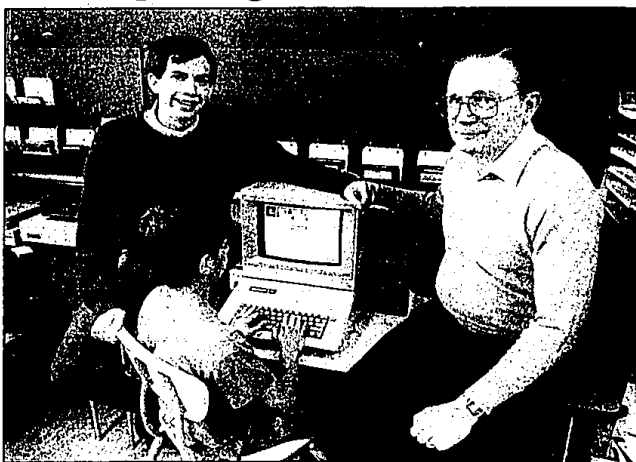
Milstone then had the notion of putting first aid lessons on the screen, an idea which was further aided by a Red Cross grant.

THE NEXT STEP was enlisting the help of Walther to program "Reddy's" first-aid tips.

"I believe that a picture is worth 1,000 words," said Milstone, now a medical student at Wayne State University. "Pictures tend to stay in a child's mind stronger than words."

"Making first aid interesting is important. It can be a dull subject for a child."

According to Walther, regular program updates are needed to keep



Adler Elementary fifth-grader Ronak Nandwana demonstrates a computerized first-aid lesson plan developed by Aaron Milstone of Southfield (left) with the help of Oren Walther of Livonia.

"Reddy" from becoming outdated in its lessons. "Originally, the treatment for poisoning was for the victim to drink a

half-glass of milk or water," Walther said. "That's now changed. You don't give anything to someone you suspect is poisoned."

The endorsement of the national Red Cross is essential to "make sure the computer program is accurate in relation to first aid," Walther said.

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