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Compact Fluorescent Bulbs come in a variety of shapes and sizes.

TNS Sponsors One Billion Bulbs Group

By John F.

The News Source is happy to announce their sponsoring of a One Billion Bulbs group. One Billion Bulbs is a website that keeps track of individual and group participation in converting regular incandescent bulbs to compact fluorescent bulbs or CFLs. The website conveniently lets users calculate not only the amount of money they have saved, but also how much pollution has been reduced.

CFLs typically use one third or one fourth the amount of power standard incandescents do while producing the same amount of light. For example, a 13 watt CFL will replace a 60 watt incandescent bulb. In this case, four CFL bulbs can be run for the cost of one 60 watt

incandescent. A six pack of 13 watt CFL bulbs costs about \$9. CFLs also last up to 10 times longer than traditional bulbs making them a great choice for hard to reach places.

CFL bulbs come in many different shapes and sizes. In addition to the familiar spiral shape, CFL flood lights are becoming more popular as prices are lowered. Dimmable flood light-shaped CFLs are now at stores like Wal-mart and Menards and allow the bulb to be dimmed without harming the bulb for around \$13.

*Our One Billion Bulb group's website is www.thenewssource.org/bulbs

*John's website is thenewssource.org/john

Pleasant View Bike Ride a Success

By John F.

The Pleasant View Youth Group's first annual bike ride was a success this year. The bike ride happened the afternoon of September 2, 2007. Everyone in the congregation and their friends were invited to attend. Riders started at the YMCA and rode on the Rotary River Walk, a 5.1 mile path, to Heritage Park in Shawnee. When the riders

arrived at the park, non-riders greeted them with hot dogs, chips, and other picnic foods. Great conversations, new friendships, and fun games were going on as the hot dogs were cooked. After the feast the riders departed for a ride back to the YMCA.

*The youth group's website is <http://youth.pleasantviewcob.org>

Software Review

By John F.

Mozilla Firefox is a browser just like Internet Explorer (IE), only much safer and much more customizable. Firefox has proven to be safer since Mozilla patches vulnerabilities in Firefox quicker than Microsoft does for IE. In fact, in 2006 it took Microsoft nine times longer to patch IE vulnerabilities compared to Mozilla. Firefox was also the only browser in PC World's 100 Best Tech Products of 2007 list.

Firefox can also be customized with many

extensions to improve browsing experience and themes to make Firefox look how users want. The News Source's favorite extensions are ad-block which deletes ads from websites and forecastfox which displays current and forecasted weather in Firefox's status bar. Other features in Firefox include a download manager, automatic pop-up removal, built-in spell checker, and tabbed browsing. Tabbed browsing has been available to Firefox users years before tabbed

browsing was available to Internet Explorer users.

The News Source has set up a Firefox page on our website at www.thenewssource.org/id20.html. The site has links to download and install Firefox as well as ways to customize it. Firefox is available for Windows 98-Vista, Mac OS X 10.2 and later, and Linux. You can download Firefox from www.mozilla.com.

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Firefox showing The News Source's Halloween themed website in Ubuntu Linux.

"An Apple a Day"

By Rachel B.

Throughout the age of mankind there has always been a hero. The one who saves the day and makes things all right. They have existed in ancient times, comic books, stories, on TV, in your imagination, or sometimes all around you in everyday life. Really, "heroes" as they are called, are everywhere. So, who is your hero then? For me, it's that one person who makes life worth it. When you have had a bad week, sometimes it doesn't take much to pick you up off your feet. Sometimes when you think you can't take it, or maybe when it just feels like life is falling out from under you all together, people who you don't even know can make life worth it.

I recently went to the Allen County Fair here in Ohio with my dad and a friend of mine. We were all feeling pretty stressed, especially my dad. He'd had yet another insane week at work and he certainly was feeling the pressure. When we walked in we decided to look at some of the little shows and events going on. Right next to a dog competition was a show that was setting up and getting ready to run called the "Comedy Safari Show". We decided, "What the heck, we might as well watch it!" The show was great and the performer worked a lot

with the young kids in the audience by having the kids hold his well-trained birds and throwing jokes out, all in fun of course. As good as that and other parts were, the part that really stood out to my friend and I, (and especially many of the adults in the audience including my dad) was a short silent comedy performance inspired by the renowned Red Skelton.

The act was hilarious, very clever, and inspiring. He left us then with a very good piece of advice after the act. As I remember he said, "So many of the comedians these days have to use every dirty word in the book for their acts, but so many times we forget what it is to enjoy pure good laughter from inside the heart. Please don't ever forget to laugh from your heart." Those words still stick in my mind and will stay with me for many years to come. That night as we left we stopped at his trailer and told him how much we appreciated him coming and how much we had enjoyed his show. He told us that it meant the world to him to hear that. My dad said later that he was really glad he had gotten to see the act. It had turned his week around. The show had made everything he had endured worth it. This man was our hero for the day, and many days following in our hearts and

minds. We may never see him again but we will not forget about him.

The performer made a difference to us from his heart and his everyday life. As a Christ loving man sending His word he reminded us that it is really God who gets us there and gets us through. So once again, the person who you last expect is the one who turns life around and saves the day and does so through God. People just like him are everywhere and you never know when someone is going to be your hero for the day, or maybe even for a number of other things. Maybe they will save your life all together, or maybe they will just give you that glimmer of hope when you think all is lost. In any case, when you least expect it and when you need it most, the most random of people can be your hero. They are the ones who can make life worth it.

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Red Skelton

Sports and Activities

By Andrew F.

Julie and Tahler are ending their volleyball season, Andrew and Drew are finishing up their marching band season, Adam is

completing football season, and Nathan is finishing his soccer season. The Elida High School Marching Band will have their annual marching band concert in the beginning of November. John, Rachel,

Kevin, and Sarah all started college on September 19 at Rhodes State College.

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Pet Information

By Greta Augsburger

Info from <http://pbskids.org/>

Dogs, cats, birds, hamsters, fish, the list of lovable pet's is quite lengthy. So here are some fun facts about you're furry, feathery or scaly friends!

-Pet lovers across America are guardians to nearly 100 million cats and dogs!

-Studies show that people with pets live longer, have less stress, and have fewer health problems.

-There are more than 9,000 species of birds.

-A dog named Laikia became the world's first astronaut in 1957, when she was sent into space by the Russian government.

-Tests done by the University of Michigan proved that cats have better memories than dogs. The study shows that while a dog's memory lasts no more than 5 minutes, a cat's can last as long as 16 hours!

-Think your dog is color blind? Not so true! Dogs just don't see color as well as we do.

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Movie Spotlight

By: Amanda F.

The movie Sydney White stars Amanda Bynes. She is a college freshman at South Atlantic University and wants to pledge to her late mothers sorority. When she gets there she finds that the sisterhood is not the way it used to be.

Removed to a condemned house, Sydney and seven other outcasts get together and try to take over the student government and prove that nerds and noted are alike. The movie is rated PG-13.

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By John F.

The News Source has a new feature on our website, The News Source Forums. The forums are set up to allow registered members to discuss news in The News Source and news not in The News Source, ask for computer help, and much more! Our forums are at <http://forums.thenewssource.org>. Please do not use "www." or the page will not display.

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