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EARTH HOUR March 28 2010

Sydney was one of the thousands of cities across 120 countries that plunged into darkness Saturday March 28 as hundreds of millions of people around the world turned off their lights for Earth Hour.

The first Earth Hour on March 31, 2007, consisted of about 2100 local businesses – Sydney's Harbour Bridge and Opera House – along with 2.2 million Sydney homes in giving the world "the big flick".

In 2008 the event went global, with 50 million people across 35 countries participating. Last year hundreds of millions of people took part, with more than 4000 cities in 88 countries officially switching off. This year the event will involve a record 120 countries.

Earth Hour was conceived of by Andy Ridley, formerly World Wildlife Fund (WWF-FB/WE HQ)*staff member – in Sydney. Ridley now, as co-founder and executive director of Earth Hour Global, attributes the staggering growth of Earth Hour to "what can be done, not what can't. And people are hungry for that now."

The WWF has organized the event in 68 countries with environmental agencies, NGOs and "anybody else who put their hands up" helping with the other countries. In South Korea, for instance, it was run by the Clinton Climate Initiative. Brunei had a volunteer team of IT professionals, photographers and graphic designers. In the Maldives, President Mohamed Nasheed managed it, while in

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THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM

"The Presidential Medal of Freedom is the highest honor given to civilians in the United States. Forty years ago this year, Americans came together for the very first Earth Day. They came together because of one American – Senator Gaylord Nelson. As the father of Earth Day, Nelson inspired us to remember that the stewardship of our natural resources is the stewardship of the American Dream. He is the worthy heir of the tradition of Theodore Roosevelt. And Pres.

Bill Clinton awarded Gaylord Nelson this honor in September 1995, commenting, "I hope that Gaylord Nelson's shining example will illuminate all the debates in this city for years to come."

**FOGGY BOTTOM FARMERS MARKET –
BROUGHT TO YOU BY FBA
OPENS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7 AT 3 PM!**

Spring Haiku –

*view cherry blossoms
smiling people cameras in hand,
happiness — springs back*



SPRING HAIKU AND PHOTOS – S.TRINTER

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COMPOSTING AND
HOW DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLICWORKS CAN HELP
YOUR COMMUNITY WITH
CLEAN UP PLANS AFTER
SNOWMAGGEDON —**
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The Foggy Bottom Association was formed by a group of citizens in 1955 and was formally incorporated in 1959. Attendance at FBA meetings is open to all residents of Foggy Bottom and the West End.

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EARTH HOUR (cont'd)

Morocco a group of activist students in Casablanca.

The event is a city-by-city affair and will most likely stay that way. "Roughly 70 percent of emissions come from cities," Ridley says, "so cities are important in climate change. And city governments are powerful enough but small enough to make a difference. That's why cities are critical in climate change; because even though laws are made federally, it's cities that deliver at operational level."

For info for next year's earth hour go to www.EarthHour.org.

NOTE: Earth Day Founder Gaylord Nelson passed away July 2005 at the age of 89. He believed strongly that education is the key to changing people's attitudes about the environment and he devoted much of his energy to that challenge.

Spring Haiku – Cherry Blossoms (cont'd)

SPRING HAIKU AND PHOTOS – S.TRINTER

C A L E N D A R**FBA MEETING**

April 27, 2010, Monthly Membership Meeting: Speaker, Jack Evans
St. Stephen Martyr Church Parish Hall
2436 Pennsylvania Ave NW (Entrance on 25th St)
6:30 Social; 7 pm Speaker. Open to Community

FARMERS MARKET, APRIL 7th — OPENING FOR 2010 SEASON
3 to 7 pm Wednesdays New Hampshire @ "I" & 24th St NW**THE EMBASSY OF SWEDEN OPENS
"HEALTH" THEMED EXHIBITIONS*****THE GOOD – THE BAD – THE UGLY through June 6***

The world faces potential fatal consequences as more bacteria become resistant to antibiotics. Soon it will be hard to find drugs to treat bad infections, use in operations or treat cancer successfully. How could this happen?

Visitors meet different bacteria and face the plethora of prejudices and misconceptions surrounding antibiotics, their effects and consequences. Learn how to tell one bacterium from another, feel better, live longer and healthier.

FACING THE FUTURE – HEALTH & CARE through June 6

The Swedish passion for the outdoors and a healthy lifestyle intertwines with an interactive display of Swedish life changing innovations such as the pacemaker, stent, anesthetics and products which have just seen the light of day. Through this ever changing exhibit of moving images, sound, objects and photos you can explore state of the art trends in health care and healthy living.

CELEBRATION OF KNOWLEDGE AND HEALTH through April 28

This exhibit presents some of Karolinska Institutet's strong research areas: epidemiology, stem cells, reproduction and neurobiology, through beautiful images by world famous Swedish photographer Lennart Nilsson. His intense photography has captured the intricate microscopic beauty of the human body.

VIRTUAL AUTOPSY TABLE through May 2

A unique interactive table allows people to explore the inside of a human being. This big touch screen allows the user to freely interact with data generated by CT and MRI scans. Without cutting into the body, medical experts can see things otherwise difficult to discover in a conventional autopsy.

HOUSE OF SWEDEN EXHIBITION HOURS:
Saturdays 11am–4pm, Sundays 12–5 pm
with guide on-site.