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PRICES *TAKE A DIVE* AT THE AQUARIUM

Baltimore (August 30, 2005) — The National Aquarium in Baltimore announces another season of Fridays After Five starting September 9, 2005 through February 24, 2006. Guests entering the Aquarium between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. (exploring until 10 p.m.) on Friday nights will enjoy the low admission price of \$7.50.

Fridays After Five is a great time for visitors to enjoy the tropics of the Amazon River Forest during the cold winter months. Tour an extraordinary collection of animals, brilliant color, breathtaking beauty, and learn the little-known secrets of an astonishing jungle habitat. Saunter along a 57-foot stretch of riverbank, spying a 16-foot long anaconda, piranhas, and dwarf caimans (relatives of the American alligator).

Animal Planet Australia: Wild Extremes will open on December 16th. As the first of its kind in the United States, the new exhibit will transport visitors to Australia's Northern Territory as they trek across its steep, red cliffs. The region's dry heat will blow across the river gorge, the scent of eucalyptus will waft through the air and the sound of thunder will rumble through this land of flood, fire and drought.

Fridays After Five is presented by Southwest Airlines, and supported by FOX 45 and WB 54 television.

The National Aquarium in Baltimore, a non-profit organization, is Baltimore's leading attraction, hosting more than 1.6 million visitors per year. The Aquarium's mission is to connect people with aquatic life in order to create a better world for both. It's dedication to education and conservation through more than a dozen programs that serve the environment and the community. Log on to www.aqua.org for more information.