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Cedar Point has done it again. Top Thrill Dragster brings the world record for roller coaster height and speed back to northern Ohio. And, along with it, quite a bit of attention.



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After a day of thrills at one of the Universal Orlando theme parks, guests can dine, relax and be pampered while staying at the charming northern Italian city known as Portofino Bay.

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ON THE COVER The lighthouse at Universal's Islands of Adventure signals the beginning of a journey.