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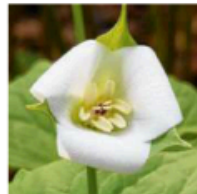
RACE AND THEN RELAX IN VERMONT

Push hard during a 5K road race in the Green Mountains then kick back and enjoy some of Vermont's top beers. The Craft Brew Race takes place at the StoweLake Mountain Resort & Spa on May 21, when you can run the timed 5K route and afterward take part in a craft beer festival, featuring beer and cider from Harpoon, von Trapp, Magic Hat, Switchback, and more. The run begins at noon, and the festival takes place from 12:30 to 4 p.m., with food trucks, about three dozen drink vendors, and live music. Don't feel like running? Purchase a festival-only ticket. Designated-driver tickets are also available, or stay at the resort (save 15 percent off room rates for May 20-22 when you say the magic word: "crafty"). Rates start at \$165.75. Tickets: \$15 (designated driver) to \$55 (for race and brew fest). Each festival attendee receives a free pint glass. 401-856-9197, www.craftbrewraces.com/stowe

WELCOME SPRING AT WILDFLOWER EVENT

See 21 species of trilliums — the most extensive collection of its kind in New England — at

Framingham's Garden in the Woods May 9-15. Trillium Week includes lectures and workshops on trillium propagation and care, garden tours, family events, and a chance to buy trilliums from New England's oldest native plant botanical garden (only available this week). Wander around the 45 acres of gardens and nature trails, where you will see hundreds of spring ephemerals and trilliums in bloom (try to spot



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the three trillium species native to New England). The week-long event includes a talk by William Cullina, director of horticulture at the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens in Boothbay; workshops led by the garden's propagator Dan Jaffe, and trillium-themed stories and crafts for kids. Admission: \$6-\$12; kids under 3 free. 508-877-7630, www.newenglandwild.org

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LAST CHANCE TO SEE TITANIC ARTIFACTS

See seven fragile artifacts recovered from the Titanic before they retire from public display this summer. The Luxor Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas has just added these precious objects, which include textiles, personal goods, and paper documents, to its permanent exhibit, "Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition." You will see a men's leather shoe fragment, a pair of socks, a blank page from a waiter's order pad, and a pair of men's cotton pajamas, among other items. View these objects in a special conservation case until they get put into long-term monitored conservation July 18. Once stored, the objects will be available to historians, archaeologists, and other quali-



fied researchers. Exhibit hours: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Admission: \$24 ages 4-10 to \$32 adults. 702-202-4400, www.titanictheexhibition.com

FLORIDA RITZ-CARLTON LAUNCHES KIDS' PROGRAM

Kids can meet baby alligators and play in the Swamp, as it's called, thanks to a new interactive experience at the Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes that teaches children about Florida's rich biodiversity and history. The new Ritz-Kids program includes a re-created frontier farmhouse, a garden where kids can learn about edible seeds, and a play area that has a carpet made from recycled fishing nets and a pattern that mimics a bird's-eye view of the Everglades. The Swamp, incidentally, is home to a giant cypress tree and all sorts of harmless critters. The Ritz property is part of the 500-acre Grande Lakes Orlando resort, which also includes a JW Marriott ho-

tel, a Ritz-Carlton spa, and an 18-hole golf course. Starting rates: \$239 Ritz, \$199 JW Marriott. 407-206-2400, www.grandelakes.com

EVERYWHERE

CAPTURE THE WORLD OF DRIVING

Swann's new Navigator HD Dash Camera can't protect you from crazy drivers, but it can capture whatever happens in front of you — and prove when you're not at fault — whether you're road tripping closer to home or driving a rental car on the other side of the world. The 140-degree camera captures HD 1080p video, still shots, and audio, and can even zero in on license plates. It has a built-in GPS that records time and location information with your footage, and motion detection video recording, meaning it starts recording when you turn on the car and begin moving. It also has G sensor accident detection, which detects sudden acceleration and collisions. The tiny camera suction onto the windshield, perfectly tucking in behind the rearview mirror,

and plugs into your 12-volt car charger. It measures 2.09 by 2.32 inches, and has a 2-inch color LCD screen. \$149.99. 862-777-2551, www.swann.com

BIG STORAGE IN A TINY, DURABLE DEVICE

Samsung's new rugged and compact Portable SSD T3 device measures about the size of a pack of Extra gum, yet can store up to 2TB of data. Its shock-absorbent aluminum casing protects the solid state drive in case of falls of up to 6 feet, or while getting battered around in your travel bag. The device has a USB 3.1 Type C port, meaning its cord is compatible with many new Android devices and the latest MacBook. Blazing fast speeds — up to 450 megabytes per second — enable you to transfer movies, music, photos, and other data quickly, as long as the drive is connected to a USB 3.0 port (it is backward compatible, however). The drive also comes with AES 256-bit encryption, which is easy to set up and works with Windows, Apple, and Android devices. Currently \$99.99 (250MB) to \$779.99 (2TB) through Samsung.us. 800-726-7864

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