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GARDEN GROVE City Council wll consider a proposed contract with an event planning firm to organize large events in the community such as "Foods of Garden Grove Live" (File photo)

Contract with event planning firm for city gatherings mulled

By Jim Tortolano
Orange County Tribune

■ **GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL**

Garden Grove could be getting more fun.

At Wednesday's meeting the Garden Grove City Council will consider a contract for special services for events such as Winter in the Grove and Foods of Garden Grove Live.

The contract would be for an amount not to exceed $200,000 annually. The chosen vendor is James Event Productions, based in Anaheim.

According to its website, its experience includes a wide variety of types, including company picnics, events and festivals, catering, kids rides, "spectacular rides," attractions (including a mechanical bull), inflatable rides, booth games and a variety of entertainment.

The company would be responsible for managing all logistical and operational aspects, although other vendors could also be used by the city.

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Arrest is made in a HB killing

A 28-year-old Santa Ana man has been arrested in the fatal shooting of a man in Huntington Beach on Sunday.

According to the HBPD, the incident took place in the area of Ash Lane and Mandrell Drive. Police received reports of shots fired at around 2:26 p.m.

Arriving officers found an adult male victim suffering from gunshot wounds. He was taken to a local trauma center where he died from his wounds. His identity is being withheld pending notification of his next of kin.

The joint efforts of the HBPD Major Crimes Unit and the Special Investigations Bureau, along with help from the Orange County Sheriff's Department and Crime Lab resulted in identifying Luis Angel Mireles as a person of interest.

At around 11:30 p.m., detectives located him in

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■ **GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL**

Help For The Undocumented In A Resolution

Revised version of an earlier try

Will the City of Garden Grove take steps to help residents who may be affected by the ongoing immigration crackdown?

The city council on Wednesday will consider a resolution committing the city to – among other things:

• "identify services, programs and partnerships to inform Garden Grove's immigrant and refugee residents and to maintain a page on the city's website with links to local immigration resources, including resources offering emergency and crisis support, legal services, workplace and employer guidance, support with contacting federal agencies, know-your-rights and legal education and school-related support."

• direct city staff to "prepare information and preparedness resources for any emergency, including information relevant for those impacted by immi-

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Gates returns from Washington to HB

Michael Gates, the one-time city attorney for Huntington Beach who came to prominence for his legal battles on behalf of Surf City with the State of California, is back home.

Gates left for Washington, D.C., to become a deputy assistant attorney general in the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice.

But after several months, he's back working for the city .



MICHAEL GATES
Back in Surf City

In a post on social media dated Nov. 9 , he wrote: "After 10 months of serving the country with much

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Events planning contract to GG council

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The agreement would be for an initial one-year term with the option to extend the agreement for up to four additional one-year terms.

The council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday in the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave. The meeting was moved from Tuesday because of observance of the Veteran's Day holiday.

Arrest made in an HB killing

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Santa Ana.

Interviews and evidence gathered at the scene led to the arrest of Mireles for murder and violation of probation. He was booked into the Huntington Beach City Jail.

Anyone with video surveillance in the area or information related to the crime is asked to call Detective Sgt. Anthony Pham at (714) 878-5640.

Gates returns

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sacrifice away from the family and enduring very difficult circumstances, I have made the decision to return to Huntington Beach to work for the city."

His explanation was that "this experience taught me how much I love Huntington Beach and how much spending these months away from my family has been pretty unbearable."

He will assume the post of chief assistant city attorney, effective Nov. 24.

Among the battles that Huntington Beach has fought with Sacramento was the state's regional housing needs allocation requiring that the city zone for an additional 13,000 housing units and the city's requirement for voters to present identification when casting a ballot.

Resolution

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gration enforcement activity, to be made available to community members and community organizations assisting those in need."

The meeting will be held in the Community Meeting Center at 6:30 p.m. It was rescheduled from Tuesday because of the observance of Veteran's Day.

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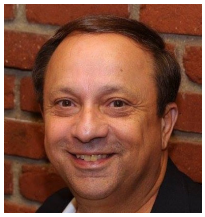
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News&Views

Who else might deserve a street named for them?



Retorts
Jim Tortolano

When I saw on the agenda for this week's Westminster City Council meeting the items about changing All American Way to Charlie Kirk Way and declaring Oct. 14 Charlie Kirk Day and telling all Communists to stay out of town, my first thought was: "I guess the 2026 election season has started."

Charlie Kirk was pretty much unknown outside of hardline conservatives until he was fatally shot in September. Among some he became a secular saint in the same way liberals regard Dr. Martin Luther King, although I don't believe their accomplishments are comparable.

Some complaints have already surfaced in the sense of "What has he ever done for Westminster?" Interesting question. But if there's a great outcry for renaming streets and declaring holidays, one option would be to find someone with a Westminster connection. My nominees:

• L.P. Webber: He's the Presbyterian minister who founded the community in 1870. There wouldn't be a Westminster without him. Or, at least, it probably would have a different name.

• Jay C. Decker: He was the only member of the original Westminster City Council who was not involved the Eastgate bribery scandal which influenced that area going to Garden Grove instead of Westminster. You have to pay respect to an honest man.

• William "Bill" Shopoff (I love that name!) is the fellow behind efforts to resurrect

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IT WAS FLAG DAY IN NOVEMBER



THE GARDEN GROVE Elks Lodge Americanism Committee provided 19 new American flags to the City of Garden Grove and met on historic Main Street to assist with flag placement. Present were Stephanie Janji (Americanism chair), Chris Garland (Lodge president), Keith Huff (2nd year trustee), Stephanie Klopfenstein (mayor of Garden Grove, center on scaffold) and other Elks Lodge members.

'Snowland' comes to the Great Wolf



SNOW GLOBES are part of the Snowland event at the Great Wolf Lodge Southern California on Harbor Boulevard in Garden Grove.

Holiday cheer is in the air as Great Wolf Lodge in Garden Grove kicks off its annual Snowland celebration, running from Nov. 24 through Jan. 6.

From the moment guests arrive, they'll be surrounded by the sights, sounds, and scents of the season — including towering holiday trees decked with ornaments, garland-wrapped banisters, twinkling lights, and the cozy crackle of the lodge's iconic fireplace.

Parents and kids alike can make holiday memories with the return of beloved traditions like seasonal crafts, holiday games, and visits from Santa. Guests can even enjoy the magic of a winter snowfall without ever stepping outside with daily snow showers in the Grand Lobby.

One of the highlights of staying at Great Wolf Lodge during their Snowland celebration is the ability to swap snow boots for swimsuits in the resort's toasty, always-84-degree indoor water park.

Outside of the water park,

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NewsUpdate

And When the House Convenes ....

Some unfinished business still to be handled



MIKE JOHNSON, Speaker of the House (Shutterstock).

After eight weeks of absence during the shutdown of the federal government, the U.S House of Representatives is expected to convene and pass legislation to finally re-open most of the federal agencies.

The Senate has already done so and the House is likely to start up on Wednesday when enough members are present and Speaker of the House Mike Johnson (R-Louisiana) calls the 435-member body into session.

According to the Associated Press, the House will face major issues including the question of releasing the Jeffrey Epstein files.

Most Democrats and some Republicans are in support of making the files from investigation of the convicted sex trafficker public. Connected to that is the long-delayed swearing in of Democrat Adelina Grijalva, a Democrat who won a special election in Arizona.

Johnson has cited procedural issues for why he hasn't sworn her in; critics say it's because she may cast the deciding vote in the release of the Epstein files.

Turkeys don't fly: will the airlines for Thankgiving?

The government shutdown has impacted the commercial air travel industry, reducing flights, snarling traffic and perhaps scaring passengers away from flying during the busy Thanksgiving week.

The New York Times is reporting that Sean Duffy, the secretary of transportation, on Tuesday refused to say when he would lift restrictions on flights at 40 of the busiest airports across the nation.

The shortage of air traffic controllers due to the shutdown – many of whom have worked extra shifts without pay for weeks – could lead to "significant issues in the airspace," said Duffy. The crisis among those controllers has led to a rise in retirements and some of them seeking outside income due to missing two full paychecks.



An estimated 20 percent of controller positions are vacant, according to The Times.

Great Thoughts

"Wise men speak when they have something to say. Ordinary men speak when they need to say something."
– Various

"The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing."
– Walt Disney

"Listen to many, speak to a few."
– William Shakespeare

It will rain for a while

Clouds will be plentiful for our West Orange County cities for the next few days, followed by rain that is expected to continue from Friday through Tuesday of the coming week. The forecast for Wednesday is for a daytime high of 69 with an overnight low of 58 and cloudy skies. Thursday will warm slightly to 71 (62) with morning clouds and afternoon sun. Rain is expected to roll in on Friday with temps of 67 (58). Saturday will still be rainy and even cooler at 63 (57).

Arts&Living

Going For Broke in 'Die My Love'

Lawrence and Pattinson in an odd romance

By Jake Coyle
AP Film Writer



JENNIFER LAWRENCE and Robert Pattinson in "Die My Love" (Mubi release).

A primal punk spirit rages through Lynne Ramsay's "Die My Love," a jagged, go-for-broke psychodrama starring Jennifer Lawrence as an increasingly unhinged new mother and Robert Pattinson as her husband. In this cauldron of marital nightmare, set in a ramshackle rural Montana home, there are fires, real and imagined, and a variety of wildlife.

There's an incessantly yapping dog, brought home by Jackson (Pattinson) shortly after the couple move in from New York. There's a horse in the road, inopportunely. And on the shirt on Grace (Lawrence) is a tiger. But, more than these animalistic flourishes, there is Grace, herself. In a moment early in the film, she prowls on all fours through tall grass, with a knife in her hand.

The shorthand description of Ramsay's film, adapted from a 2012 novel by the Argentine writer Ariana Harwicz, is that it's about a woman with postpartum depression. But that's not quite right. It's more about the power and urges of a woman who, like a beautiful, feral creature, is not taking to domestication.

That's the appealing through line of "Die My Love," though it can be difficult to firmly grasp it in Ramsay's piercing but tediously overamplified character study. Still, as unkempt and overwrought as "Die My Love" is, it's not a movie that's timidly weighing in on parenting and gender roles. There's plenty to admire in Ramsay's uncompromising and delirious portrait of marital hell, particularly in the bracingly raw performance of Lawrence. The abandon with which she throws herself into the role is enough to make you exclaim "Mother!"

Grace and Jackson have moved near his childhood home. Their house belonged to Jackson's uncle before he killed himself. Jackson's parents (Nick Nolte, Sissy Spacek) live nearby, and Spacek's knowing eyes suggest they went through something not so dissimilar long ago, casting Grace's struggles as part of a long, gothic American history. Soon after moving in, the couple dance ferociously before winding up naked on the floor.

That scene is announcement of the pitch Ramsay, the great Scottish filmmaker of "Ratcatcher" and "We Need to Talk About Kevin," is working at and of how much her stars are with her on the ride. This is the first movie together for the former teen idols. But I found myself wondering if Lawrence and Pattinson's evident chemistry works against the film.

Pattinson's Jackson is some ways a stereotypical dude and foil to Grace. He drinks Budweiser, goes absent with work and can seem more interested in their young son, or the dog, than in Grace. But Pattinson has always exuded a bemused resistance to male tropes that makes him less of an oppositional force to Grace. Pattinson does a lot with concerned looks, as Grace's behavior grows more extreme. But a more conventional leading man might have been better suited to the role, and clarified their dynamic.

Movie Review

Fair ★★

But clarity is also not what Ramsay is after. Working from a script she penned with playwrights Enda Walsh and Alice Birch, Ramsay sticks resolutely to Grace's disturbed perspective. The sound design, by Tim Burns and Paul Davies, is purposefully chaotic, filled with barking and the children's music Grace blares as she stomps half naked through the house, ignoring housework and indulging in

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Like something more cozy?

The Starlight Cinema in West Garden Grove on Valley View Street offers a more intimate movie-going experience with three large screens and big comfortable chairs and good snack choices. A great neighborhood cinema,



TheSportsPages

Sports betting scandals now snowballing



Sports Retorts
Jim Tortolano

Just about anybody who cared to – even humble sports columnists from mid-sized cities – could see this coming. And this could be just the tip of the rainstorm as my uncle used to say.

As I wrote this column about recent revelations about gambling offenses in the NBA and MLB came the news over the wires that in Turkey, the football (soccer) association there has suspended 1,024 – that's one thousand and twenty four – professional players for betting on games. Ten officials were also implicated.

Two members of the Cleveland Guardians have been indicted for their part in a gambling scene to allegedly rig bets on pitches thrown in Major League Baseball games.

You can imagine the grift. Jim bets on So-And-So to throw an outside sweeper and Sally bets he won't. The TV announcer says "And that's a sweeper low and outside." Jim wins a bet, but it's not really a gamble if Jim has inside knowledge of how the pitcher will throw to a certain batter.

Or, worse, if he throws a pitch to win bets placed by him or his business partners.

Several pro basketball players – including more recently, Terry Rozier of the Miami Heat - have been indicted for similar offenses.

The sports organizations are rushing to try to head off further damage by putting – as Sarah Palin might say – some lipstick on these pigs with minor reforms. But it's too late and too little.

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The New Three Amigos

Rams take new approach vs. the Seahawks

By Greg Beacham
AP Sports Writer



THREE TIGHT ENDS Tyler Higbee, Colby Parkinson and Davis Allen celebrate vs. the 49ers (Brevin Townsell/Rams).

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Halfway through his ninth season as the Los Angeles Rams' coach, Sean McVay is still coming up with new ways to confound NFL defenses.

The latest twist in his offensive game plans has been a big surprise — quite literally.

The Rams (7-2) are thriving in recent weeks with extensive, simultaneous use of three tight ends. The bulky offensive sets — and Matthew Stafford's superb play within them — have been a major driver of Los Angeles' offensive surge, culminating in a redemptive 42-26 victory over the San Francisco 49ers on Sunday for the Rams' fourth consecutive win.

"The thing that's cool is it always starts with the players," McVay said Monday. "The only reason you can do it is because you have four players that are capable of doing it.

"They're smart, they're conscientious, they can play all the spots, and it's awesome."

Those four tight ends are Tyler Higbee, Colby Parkinson, Davis Allen and rookie Terrance Ferguson. All four have caught a pass in each of the past two games, with Parkinson and Allen hauling in TD passes in Santa Clara.

McVay spent years devoted to 11 personnel — a term meaning one running back, one tight end and three receivers on the field.

The Rams had long stretches where they never changed their basic setup at all, with McVay's offenses regularly ranking near the top of the league in their use of three-receiver sets.

This season, McVay has four tight ends who are capable blockers and receivers, and he's putting them all to work. Even back in training camp, McVay clearly had big things in mind for his big men, and those early plans have played out in fascinating fashion.

The Rams had three tight ends on the field against the 49ers for 30 of their 67 snaps — one of the highest rates by any NFL team in the past decade.

A week earlier, three tight ends

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Kings move to 2nd; Ducks lose 4-1

NBA&NHL

The Los Angeles Kings defeated the Montreal Canadiens 5-1 in Ontario on Tuesday night to take their position in second place in the NHL Pacific Division with an 8-5-4 record and fourth in the Western Conference.

After falling behind 1-0 in the first period, the Kings scored five unanswered goals. Five players lit the red lamp for the winners and the same number had assists.

Scoring goals were Warren Foegele, Kevin Fiala, Quintin Byfield, Joel Armia and Joel Edmundon. He also had an assist

Darcy Kuemper has 22 saves in goal for Los Angeles.

The Kings will be back in acton on Thursday to face the Maple Leafs in Toronto.

In Denver, the Anaheim Ducks saw their seven-game winning streak ended, losing to the Colorado Avalanche 4-1.

Despite the loss, the Ducks remain in first place in the NHL Pacific with an 11-4-1 record, good for 23 points.

Leo Carlsson scored his 11th goal of the season in the first period to tie the game at 1-all, but that was all the offense the team could muster.

Lukas Dostal gave up three goals on 35 shots. One Av's goal was scored on a power play.

Chargers, M's Will Carry the Flags

Second round of the CIF-SS grid playoffs

Prep Sport Spotlight

And then there were two.

That's how many of our West Orange County teams have advanced to the CIF-SS football playoffs second round games to be played on Friday.

Here's a look at the matchups.

Pacifica (8-3) was the champion of the Omicron League and began the Division 10 tournament with a 35-14 win over El Rancho.

The Mariners are more of a passing team than a ground-pounder. James Anema, the quarterback, is passing for an average 203.4 yards per game, with his favorite target being David Carlsson, who's averaging 102.8 yards receiving.

They can run, too, as Ma'kai Brown is averaging 111 yards a game.

Kole Chapman is averaging 10.1 tackles a game. Robert Bernard is averaging one sack per contest.

The opponent will be the **Liberty** Bisons from Winchester (6-5), who inished second in the Ivy League. They beat West High of Torrance 42-35 to advance to the second round.

They emphasize rushing, averaging 233.5 yards per game. Farris Peacock (yes, that's his real name) rushes for an average of 107.6 yards. QB Devin Dillard passes for 113.5 yards a game.

Lucas Saenz is the defensive star with 7.6 tackles per game.

In Division 3 action, **Edison** (6-5) will take on **Inglewood** (6-5).

The Chargers finished an unfamiliar last place in the tough four-team Alpha League but remain one of the top-ranked teams in California. They defeated city rival Huntington Beach 31-19 in their first round game.

Edison has a strong passing attack with Sam Thomson averaging 162.1 yards per game. He's complemented by the rushing of Samuel Edmisten, who's running for 58.2 yards per game. A defensive standout is Jude Gonterman with 10.4 tackles on average.

The Sentinels can pass and run. Lincoln Jahn has thrown for 254.1 yards per game with Semaj Welch carrying for 115.9 yards each evening, on average. Robert Nobles gets 9.6 tackles per game for the Sents.

Three tight ends keeps Ram out of tight spots

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played on 35 of the Rams' 80 plays in their 34-10 win over New Orleans, making a combined 10 catches for 114 yards and two scores.

Perhaps this new twist shouldn't be such a surprise. After all, McVay got his NFL start with three seasons as Washington's tight ends coach from 2011-13, working with the likes of Chris Cooley and Vernon Davis.

"This does bring back some good memories," McVay said. "This game is cyclical."

What's working

Stafford has played his way into the MVP conversation for the first time in his 17-season career with one superb performance after another. He scorched the 49ers for 280 yards and four touchdowns, including the 400th of his career.

In the past six games, he has thrown for 1,688 yards with 20 touchdowns and no interceptions. This Rams offense has been one of McVay's best so far — and that's saying something.

What needs help

The Rams' vaunted pass rush didn't make much impact on 49ers quarterback Mac Jones, who wasn't sacked and was only hit once while going 33 for 39 with three TDs.

Los Angeles still ranks among the NFL leaders in sacks, but San Francisco could have provided a blueprint for opposing offenses to minimize the edge rushers' impact.

Stock up

Harrison Mevis, the "Thiccer Kicker," will keep the job for another week after hitting six straight extra points at San Francisco.

Mevis didn't get the opportunity to try his first NFL field goal, but McVay remains convinced Mevis can do the job. Yet McVay also said the Rams will continue to use a roster spot to keep deposed kicker Joshua Karty.

Injuries

McVay had no update on receiver Davante Adams, but reiterated his belief that the veteran could have returned against the Niners despite his oblique injury.

Next steps

Regular-season games don't get much bigger than Sunday's showdown with the Seattle Seahawks (7-2), who have kept pace with the Rams in the NFC West.

Cooper Kupp, the MVP of the Rams' Super Bowl victory, will return to the city where the receiver spent his first eight seasons and where he is still beloved by Rams fans.

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Movie review: "Die My Love'

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sexual fantasies. (LaKeith Stanfield has a small, peculiar part.) Grace is also a writer who isn't writing, so her manic mindset has some echoes with Jack Torrance in "The Shining."

So, no, this isn't postpartum, and Grace, herself, makes it clear. Her son is great, she says. "It's everything else that's f---ed." What falls into everything else? It's mostly the things that are trying to subtly and not so subtly conform Grace to a simple and restrictive mom persona. Heaven help the cheery suburban mothers who try to make small talk with her at a birthday party. Even the classic rock Jackson plays in his truck irks her. "I hate guitars," she pronounces.

It helps for "Die My Love" to get out of the house, where the movie is overwhelmingly, even oppressively set. "Die My Love" might have benefited from more scenes like these that let Lawrence use her comedic talents more. Instead, a live-wire performance gets suffocated, and the conceptual force of the movie ends up feeling more oppressive to Grace than anything else.

"Die My Love," a Mubi release, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association for sexual content, graphic nudity, language and some violent content. Running time: 118 minutes. \

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

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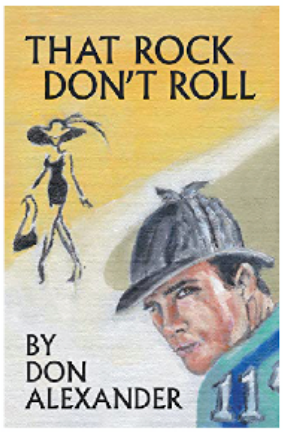
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Retorts: Down a dark street

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Westminster Mall into a new mixed-use Bolsa Pacific project on that site. Not sure what the future brings there, but maybe a street name would give him some extra "push" to get it done.

• Terry Rains. Yeah, I know she's often a pain in the penumbra, but she's been a doggedly effective advocate for transparency in city government.

And if ever a city needed that ….

Sports Retorts: Don't bet on it

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Legalized sports betting is on TV almost constantly, hawked by celebs like Jon Hamm and Jamie Foxx. There's a tiny disclaimer at the bottom of the screen urging you to (ha! ha!) gamble responsibly with a phone number in case you're dumb enough to admit you have a problem.

This thing will get bigger as the payoffs and playoffs get bigger. About the only consolation I feel right now about this debasement of athletic integrity is that nobody – and I mean nobody – on the last place Los Angeles Angels will ever throw a game for gamblers. I mean, who would bet on *them* to win?

'Snowland' at Great Wolf

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there's an array of complimentary family activities themed to the season, making a stay at Great Wolf Lodge the "merriest getaway of the year":

● "'Twas the Night Before Snowland" Yoga Tails: A playful yoga session to start the day with stretches and smiles while celebrating the holiday season.

● Nightly Snowfall Celebration: A guest favorite! Families can dance as snow drifts through the lobby.

● Snowland Selfie Station: Capture the magic of the season with themed backdrops and plenty of holiday cheer. It's the perfect place to snap a family photo worthy of any holiday card.

● Seasonal Games: Make merry with a round of Bingo, learn the reasons for the season with holiday trivia, or create the ultimate wonderland experience with the Great Wolf Lodge Snowland Scavenger Hunt.

● Visits with Santa: On select nights from Nov. 25 until Dec. 23, there will be surprise visits from Santa himself.

● Seasonal Crafts: Gather the family and get creative with DIY jingle bell crafts, snowflake ornaments, Snowland bracelets, and keychains featuring a limited-edition seasonal bead.

● Frosty Fest Family Dance Party: Guests will have a holly jolly time boogying down at this holiday dance party.

For more information about Great Wolf Lodge or this year's Snowland celebration, visit www.greatwolf.com.

