

# Things to do Super Bowl weekend that do not involve snacks...or even football

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So, are you rooting for the San Francisco 49ers or the Kansas City ... the Kansas City, um...

If your level of football knowledge is so slight that you're not even sure of the names of the Super Bowl contenders, then you have two choices this weekend: Educate yourself on the red-blooded, all-American, cholesterol-fueled, commercial-laden extravaganza that is the Super Bowl.

Or do something completely different. Own it, and be yourself, you freaky pariah.

(FYI, however: Kansas City Chiefs. Also, Jennifer Lopez and Shakira are headlining the halftime show. There. Now you have water-cooler fodder for Monday morning).

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Santino Fontana stars in "The Big Time" at McCarter Theatre in Princeton. (Photo: Courtesy of McCarter Theatre Center)

That guy in the picture? No, he is not a football player. He is Santino Fontana, and he is among the Broadway talent appearing at McCarter Theatre in Princeton for a concert reading of "The Big Time," a new musical comedy by Douglas Carter Beane, author of Broadway's "Sister Act," "Cinderella" and "Xanadu."

As McCarter describes the story: "It's the height of the Cold War when Russian spies take over an ocean liner holding all of NATO. Leave it to lounge singers on board to save the day by teaching the Communists to put down their Kalashnikovs and pick up singing, dancing and comedy."

Commie shenanigans, as parodied Broadway-style? What could be less like football? You're totally going to this performance.

Fontana, who has starred in "Tootsie," "Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella" and "Crazy Ex-Girlfriend," will be joined by Debbie Gravitte ("Jerome Robbins' Broadway," "Chicago"), Laura Osnes ("Bandstand," "Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella"), Jackie Hoffman ("Fiddler on the Roof," "Xanadu" and "Feud: Bette and Joan"), Michael McCormick ("Wicked," "Hello Dolly"), Bradley Dean ("The Phantom of the Opera," "Dear Evan Hansen") and Raymond Bokhour ("Chicago").

The concert reading is part of the Princeton Pops series, a collaboration between McCarter and the Princeton Symphony Orchestra.

Show time is 8 p.m. Jan. 31. For tickets and info, go to [mccarter.org\\_](https://www.mccarter.org/) (<https://www.mccarter.org/>).

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SEASIDE HEIGHTS - 8/4/11 - Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi waits for her next interview at the "Jersey Shore" house in Seaside Heights during a media availability on the day when Season 4 of their show premieres on MTV. ASBURY PARK PRESS PHOTO BY THOMAS P. COSTELLO JERSEYSHORE0804Y (Photo: THOMAS P. COSTELLO)

## Snooki | Yes, that's what I said

You're heading to a Super Bowl party, but you have absolutely no pertinent chit-chat to bring to the table.

No worries. You can talk about Snooki.

Sure, everyone will judge you. But you don't care. You can't stand football. And these aren't your real friends anyway. Why did you even come? You're outta here.

You'll go home, and can bask in the memories of that time you saw the erudite and culturally current "It's Happening with Snooki and Joey," a live recording of the podcast of that very name. It's happening at 8 p.m. Jan. 31 at Mayo Performing Arts Center in Morristown. For tickets and info, get thee to [mayoarts.org\\_](https://www.mayoarts.org/events-calendar) (<https://www.mayoarts.org/events-calendar>).

## "Super Duper Bowl" | Football for Hipsters

On second thought, maybe you should give it the old college try. You'll watch the game, but there's gotta be something in it for you.

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You're going to House of Independents in Asbury Park at 5:30 p.m. on Feb. 2. and you will sit there and watch the entire game — muted — on the big screen. But! You also will observe a live podcast of Taylor Allen and Steve Arena's "Callin' The Shots," which will involve funny commentary on the game and commercials by local celebs, including Ming Chen, Mike Zupcic, Warm Things, Kate Nichols, Gordon Baker-Bone, Ariel Leaty, Ryan Barry, Angelo Gingerelli and Simmons & Moore. Special guest will be Kurt Braunohler of The Big Sick, Bobs Burgers and Long Shot, who will joining the podcast for second half of the game.

You'll also get your own personal halftime show, in the form of The Karl Malones, who will cover J-Lo and Shakira songs.

Sounds like a plan. For info, go to [houseofindependents.com.](http://houseofindependents.com/) (<http://houseofindependents.com/>)

## Winter Eagle Festival | Outdoors

Oh, the Eagles are playing? Yes, in Cumberland County.

Spend the day before the Super Bowl at the Cumberland County Winter Eagle Festival, where you may spot a Bald Eagle at play. Bird-watching, guided trail walks, art activities, exhibits, speakers, and morning and evening owl watches will be part of the day.

The festival runs from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 1, based at the Mauricetown Fire Hall. For more info, go to [pinelandsalliance.org.](https://pinelandsalliance.org) (<https://pinelandsalliance.org/event/cumberland-county-winter-eagle-festival/>)

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