

Super Bowl 60 was one for the books

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Super Bowl week will unfold across several days in the Bay Area, with the game itself serving as the final act in a tightly coordinated mix of sports, music, media and celebrity appearances.

From league-run press events to invitation-only gatherings in San Francisco, the jam-packed week draws athletes, entertainers and executives together in the days leading up to the league's championship game. Early programming sets the stage for nights headlined by figures such as Shaquille O'Neal and Dave Chappelle along with a variety of performances spread out through San Francisco by Kehlani, Post Malone and Calvin Harris.

High-profile stops like Michael Rubin's Fanatics Super Bowl Party and the Sports Illustrated celebration tied to Tight End University collaborators Travis Kelce and George Kittle—help define the celebrity-driven stretch of the week before fan-focused experiences take over on game day.

For first-timers and returning visitors alike, Super Bowl week moves quickly.

Here is a day-by-day look at how each day takes shape starting Feb. 4:

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 4: POWER BRUNCH AND EARLY ARRIVALS

Super Bowl week begins with events centered on leadership, media and behind-the-scenes influence.

The day's marquee event is the Sports Power Brunch: Celebrating the Most Powerful Women in Sports with attendees including Becky Hammon, Maria Taylor and Elle Duncan at the Four Seasons Hotel San Francisco. The invitation-only gathering brings together executives, broadcasters and athletes for panels and honors spotlighting women shaping the sports industry.

At night, Cam Newton will bring some gospel flavor to the Bay.

The retired NFL quarterback will host the Super Bowl Soulful Celebration, returning for its 27th year. Under the theme "Go Higher," the lineup includes performances by Pastor Mike Jr., Lalah Hathaway and LaRussell, Miles Minnick, Jamal Roberts, the NFL Players Choir and the South Carolina State University Band.

NFL legend Randy Moss will receive the Lifetime of Inspiration award and New York Giants quarterback Jameis Winston will be given the Faith in Action honor. The HBCU Player Spotlight will be focused on Minnesota Vikings player Javon Hargrove, who attended South Carolina State University. The celebration will air on Feb. 7 on BET.

U.S. snowboarder calls for unity after Trump bashes teammate

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LIVIGNO, Italy — Chloe Kim and Eileen Gu, two Olympic standouts who have faced their share of hate over the years, each weighed in Monday on Donald Trump's bashing of their friend, American freeskier Hunter Hess, for having said he didn't back the U.S. president's heightened crackdown on immigrants.

"I think in moments like these, it is really important for us to unite and kind of stand up for one another for all that's going on," said Kim, the two-time Olympic gold medalist whose parents are South Korean immigrants and who has faced racism throughout her career for her Asian heritage.

Gu, the American-born freeskier who competes for China, said after her silver-medal win in slopestyle that

she had been in touch with Hess, who told her she was one of the few people who could relate to what he's going through.

"As someone who's been caught in the crossfire before, I feel sorry for the athletes," said Gu, who was born in San Francisco and whose decision to compete for China turned her into a lightning rod.

Hess drew Trump's ire when he was asked by reporters to give his views on the immigration crackdown that has claimed the lives of two protesters in Minnesota and disrupted thousands of lives of immigrants and U.S. citizens.

Hess answered: "Just because I'm wearing the flag doesn't mean I represent everything that's going on in the U.S."

The next day, Trump lashed out at Hess on his Truth Social account, calling him "a real Loser" and saying he would be hard pressed to root for him

at the Games. Hess's friends—snowboarders and freeskiers competing this week in Livigno—were asked for their reaction.

"My parents being immigrants from Korea, this one definitely hits pretty close to home," said Kim, who begins defense of her title Wednesday.

"I'm really proud to represent the United States," she said. "The U.S. has given my family and I so much opportunity, but I also think that we are allowed to voice our opinions of what's going that we need to lead with love and compassion."

Other American snowboarders spoke out for diversity and the right of expression.

"I think there are a lot of different opinions in the U.S. right now. Obviously we're very divided," snowboarder Bea Kim said. "I personally am very proud to represent the United States. That being said, I think diversity is what makes us a

very strong country and what makes that so special."

Teammate Maddie Mastro added: "I'm also saddened with what's happening at home."

"It's really tough and I feel like we can't turn a blind eye to that. But at the same time, I represent a country that has the same values as mine of kindness and compassion. And we come together in times of injustice," Mastro said.

Gu called it "an unwinnable press war" for Hess and lamented the fact that the controversy could be a distraction for the athletes, and overshadow the beauty of the biggest event in winter sports.

"I'm sorry that the headline that is eclipsing the Olympics has to be something so ... unrelated to the spirit of the Games," she said. "It really runs contrary to everything that the Olympics should be."

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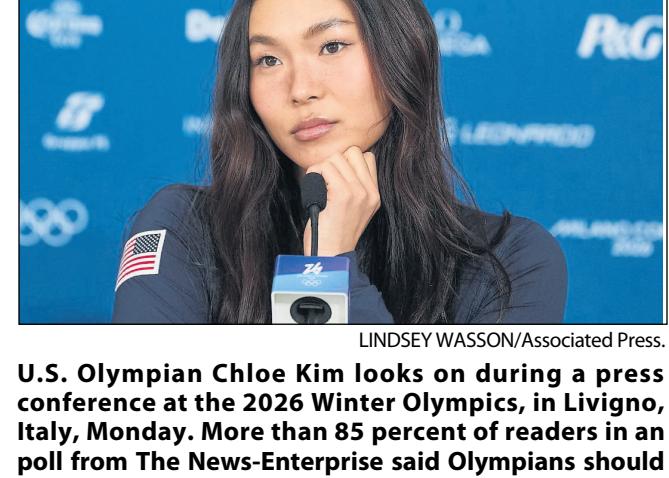
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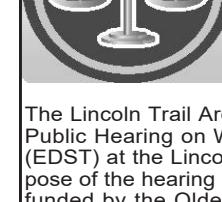
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U.S. Olympian Chloe Kim looks on during a press conference at the 2026 Winter Olympics, in Livigno, Italy, Monday. More than 85 percent of readers in a poll from The News-Enterprise said Olympians should not use their platform to speak about politics.



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The Lincoln Trail Area Development District (LTADD) will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. (EDST) at the Lincoln Trail Area Development District. The purpose of the hearing is to review the Area Plan for Aging Services funded by the Older Americans Act, Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services, and the Kentucky State funded programs. These Programs are funded, in part, under contract with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services with funds from the Administration for Community Living, U.S. Department for Health and Human Services. A copy of the Plan will be available at local Senior Centers, the LTADD Website and the LTADD Office at 750 Provident Way, Elizabethtown, KY 42701. Views are being sought particularly from caregivers, disabled, low income and minority individuals. Please notify the LTADD of any special needs or accommodations at (270) 769-2393. Please contact the LTADD office to request an appointment to review the full area plan.

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said. "He's been invaluable to the volleyball program and his presence will be missed."

Hampton said he is thankful to all of his former players, their parents and his coaching staffs over the years.

"Most importantly the bonds with each and every player and parent past and present," he said. "I will truly miss them all and I'm proud of their contributions to the program. All of them helped me become an even better person and leader for the community. I was blessed to have this opportunity and thank the administrators for the chance

to coach John Hardin volleyball."

John Hardin is expected to return several players off last year's team with only two seniors in the program last season — Abby Moore and Aubree Halliburton.

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