



California and Michigan Senators Place  
Friendly Wager on Lakers / Pistons Series  
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**Washington, DC** – California Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer and Michigan Senators Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow today placed a wager on the outcome of the NBA series between the Los Angeles Lakers and the Detroit Pistons.

If the Lakers win, Senators Levin and Stabenow will send California's Senators cherry pies, Vernors Ginger Ale, Motown CDs, and two bottles of Michigan wine.

If by some miracle the Pistons win, Senators Feinstein and Boxer will send Michigan's Senators DVDs of Academy Award winning movies, two Disneyland tickets, a crate of avocados, and two bottles of California wine.

**"The Pistons have about as much chance of winning as the Edsel does of coming back,"** Senator Feinstein said. **"Senators Levin and Stabenow should pay up now."**

**"Motown is going to be singing the blues after the Lakers get through with the Pistons,"** Senator Boxer said.

Michigan's senators replied:

**"I look forward to enjoying the California vintage, but I suspect that won't be the only *whine* coming from the West Coast when this series is done,"** Stabenow said. **"I will enjoy my visit to Disneyland, but I feel like I'm already in Fantasyland, when I hear folks taking the Pistons out of this championship before this series even tips off."**

**"The Pistons swept the series with the Lakers the last time they met in the finals,"** Levin said. **"It may take a little longer this time, but I'm confident the Pistons will once again bring home the championship. And when they do, I'll be shouting, 'I'm going to Disneyland.'"**

The series between the Lakers and the Pistons begins Sunday, June 5, 2004 at 6 p.m. (PDT).

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