

## In Washington

# *Superstars Meet*

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WASHINGTON (NEA) — Both politicians and football players often engage in bruising battles whose outcome isn't certain until the final minutes of the contest. The superstars in both fields are nationally known celebrities.

With so many similarities, it probably was inevitable that pro football and pro politics would meet — and that's exactly what will occur in Los Angeles, the Super Bowl host, on Jan. 19, the eve of the championship contest.

The Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee will sponsor a \$500-per-plate fund-raising party designed to attract political leaders and well-heeled GOP donors as well as owners, coaches and players from the National Football League.

The co-hosts will be Republican senators from the two states that produced last year's Super Bowl participants: Sen. John G. Tower of Texas, representing the Dallas Cowboys, and Sen. H. John Heinz III of Pennsylvania, representing the Pittsburgh Steelers.

The only known previous efforts to link politics and football were made by Rep. Jack Kemp, R-N.Y., a former Buffalo Bill quarterback who has sponsored more modest parties for his supporters at past Super Bowls.

The Los Angeles party, expected to raise \$100,000, is being coordinated by Washington political consultant Brad O'Leary, who last year raised \$150,000 at an equally impressive event — a party in the Palm Spring, Calif. back yard of former President Gerald R. Ford.