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Final tribute to former LPLAC chair, David Larkin



Paying tribute to Reg. 61 and LPLAC activist Dave Larkin are from left standing: David Wire, Alan Pyeatt, Theresa Espinasa and brother J.R., and Edward Bowers. Seated are Kit Maira, Laura Brown, Ted Brown, Don Meyer, Bob Weber and Thomas Sipos. Photo by Gail Lightfoot.

Sherman Oaks –Nearly two dozen fellow activists and friends of David Larkin met at the Van Nuys Sherman Oaks War Memorial Park in Sherman Oaks on Nov 2, 2008 to pay homage to the former Reg 61 and LPLAC activist.

Larkin died on or about Oct 4 in his Pacoima home of natural causes, a few days after his 61st birthday.

He had been active with San Fernando Valley Reg. 61 as chair and in other activities. In 2005-2006, he served as chair of LPLAC.

His death was discovered by Kit Maira, another Reg. 61 activist. He and Larkin used to meet regularly at each other's home and to take walks. When Larkin did not answer his phone for a couple of days, Region Chair Edward Bowers drove over to find an apparently deserted house,

with several days' collection of newspapers around the front door. Maira was contacted and drove over to check further. He arrived at Larkin's home to find a County Coroner's notice on the front door. A quick phone call to that office told him the sad news.

The last time most of his friends had seen Larkin was at the September Pub Club. He left a little early saying he did not feel well.

Larkin is survived by a sister, whom he had not seen for some time. She lives out of town and it fell onto Maira's shoulders to go through Larkin's belongings and sort out what he thought the sister would like to keep.



David Larkin

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LP candidates score well in Los Angeles County

by Ted Brown

The protest vote was alive and well on Election Day — obviously not in the presidential race, but certainly in the down-ticket races for Congress, State Senate and State Assembly. California Libertarians posted some of its best vote totals in years, including an almost record breaking percentage for Pamela Brown in Assembly District 40 (West Sam Fernando Valley).

Unfortunately, we had fewer candidates than usual to take advantage of the public's discontent over major issues such as the Wall Street bailout and California's near bankruptcy.

The election percentages for Los Angeles County candidates were as follows:

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The officers of LPLAC wish all of you a successful and healthy year in 2009 as we work together for Liberty and a more free society.



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A Plan for Libertarian Victory!

by Bruce Dovner

Part I -The Key to Victory

The key to victory is party identification and voter registration growth. In virtually all partisan elections, the vote almost always breaks along party lines, with Libertarians and other non-establishment parties splitting the non-establishment voters. The lesson is that to attain the vote totals of the Democrats and Republicans will require the voter registration and party identification percentages of the Democrats and Republicans.



Bruce Dovner

How long will it take?

Conceivably, we can win elections with 34% of the vote, assuming a roughly even split of the vote between the Democratic and Republican parties, with the smaller parties taking their usual split. Therefore, if the vote breaks down along party lines, a Libertarian voter

registration of around 34% should start bringing us victories, again assuming the Democratic and Republican voter registration stays roughly equal and no other smaller party's registration outstrips ours.

The table below shows projected Libertarian voter registration percentages for the next 50 years given different initial growth rates (left column). (The "victory zone" percentages are given in bold.) It assumes the initial rates of increase of voter registration will decrease as the pool of potential Libertarian registrants is used up. It also assumes the pool of potential Libertarian registrants to be a maximum of 40% of all registered voters and will tend to level off at that level over time. The pool includes libertarians and libertarian-leaning potential converts, both currently registered to vote and those who can potentially be registered. As of this writing, the Libertarian voter registration percentage is 0.47%.

Initial (starting) growth rate	Year > 0	1	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
5%	0.47%	0.49%	0.59%	0.8%	1.0%	1.2%	1.5%	1.9%	2.4%	3.1%	3.8%	4.8%
10%	0.47%	0.51%	0.7%	1.2%	1.9%	3.0%	4.6%	6.9%	10.1%	14.3%	19.1%	24.0%
15%	0.47%	0.53%	0.9%	1.8%	3.5%	6.6%	11.5%	18.3%	25.7%	31.8%	35.8%	38.0%
20%	0.47%	0.56%	1.1%	2.7%	6.3%	13.0%	22.6%	31.4%	36.6%	38.8%	39.6%	39.9%
25%	0.47%	0.58%	1.4%	4.0%	10.5%	21.8%	32.7%	37.8%	39.6%	39.9%	40.0%	40.0%
30%	0.47%	0.60%	1.7%	5.8%	16.2%	30.4%	37.8%	39.6%	39.9%	40.0%	40.0%	40.0%
33%	0.47%	0.62%	1.9%	7.0%	20.1%	34.2%	39.0%	39.9%	40.0%	40.0%	40.0%	40.0%
35%	0.47%	0.63%	2.0%	8.0%	22.9%	36.1%	39.5%	39.9%	40.0%	40.0%	40.0%	40.0%

Now, with a 33% initial rate of increase, the 34% threshold is reached in less than 20 years! There are approximately 18,000 Libertarian registered voters in Los Angeles County, 33% of 18,000 is 6,000, which is the number per year necessary for an increase of 33%. Twenty years is less than one generation, which is within the lifetimes of most of us. We can achieve a libertarian political revolution in less than one generation!

How?

- Website and radio ads
- Website updated to be a sales and persuasion site, rather than only informative. Radio ads during drive time refer listeners to LPLAC.org website which has voter registration page enabling user to register via Secretary of State, or refers listener to local number or 800 number where voter registra-

See Victory, p. 5

"In 1940, teachers were asked what they regarded as the three major problems in American schools. They identified the three major problems as: Littering, noise, and chewing gum. Teachers last year were asked what the three major problems in American schools were, and they defined them as: Rape, assault, and suicide."

- William Bennett (1993)



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Talking Points by Dan Fernandes

Don't like trickle-down? How about trickle-up?

Left-leaning politicians are fond of saying that trickle-down economics doesn't work. They are, of course, referring to a statement made by Adam Smith in his famous book, partially titled "Wealth of Nations," where he laments that the free market makes some people disproportionately wealthy, and he expresses hope that some of that wealth would eventually "trickle down" to the less fortunate in society.

By saying that trickle-down economics doesn't work, politicians are implying that it is the government's job to tax the rich to fund benefits for the poor. Thus, correction of alleged market inequity provides a "moral" basis for the graduated income tax and the modern welfare state.

Just for the record, President-Elect Barack Obama's choice for lead economic adviser, economist Laurence Summers, is known from his public statements as an income redistributionist egalitarian.

With the income tax and many welfare programs in place for many decades now, you would think the egalitarians would be bragging about how they have

made poor people better off at the expense of the rich. But instead, left-leaning think tanks continue to claim new evidence of a growing income disparity, implying that we need even more taxes and welfare to redistribute the wealth. What these think tanks don't mention is that their data, using income tax returns, are based on income before taxes, and they do not include government benefits to the poor. Thus, they ignore the extent to which they have already corrected the alleged problem!

Another trick used by these dishonest egalitarians is that they baseline their data before 1979, when tax rates were changed to favor personal income over business income. This means that, after 1979, people who owned their own businesses had an incentive to take more personal income and less business income, thus making the rich appear to get richer.

The egalitarians use other dishonest tricks too, like not accounting for IRA/401k/403b accounts, which don't show up on tax returns, but which do account for a growing portion of middle class wealth.

I guess lying with statistics is perfectly justified for the noble cause of expanding the welfare state. Meanwhile, our federal government continues to operate numerous corporate welfare programs intended to benefit the rich, like the recent banking bailout package. Maybe we should call that "trickle-up" economics.

Talking Points is a regular feature in Los Angeles Libertarian. Dan Fernandes represents Reg. 67, East San Gabriel Valley. He can be reached at dfern2@verizon.net.

"The reason congressmen try so hard to get re-elected is that they would hate to have to make a living under the laws they've passed."

Anon

L.A. County Ballot Recommendations and voter response

There were 44 measures put before the voters of Los Angeles County, municipalities and entities in the November election. All were bonds, taxes, tax increases, increases in regulation or enforcement, or outside the scope of government. Here is how the recommendations adopted by the Executive Board of the Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County compared with the decisions of the voters.

Measure	Recommendation	Voter action
A	NO	YES
B	NO	YES
D	NO	YES
E	NO	YES
G	NO	YES
I	NO	YES
J	NO	YES
K	NO	YES
L	NO	YES
M	NO	YES
O	NO	YES
P	NO	YES
Q	NO	YES
R	NO	YES
T	NO	NO
U	NO	YES
V	NO	YES
W	NO	YES
Y	NO	YES
Z	NO	YES
AA	NO	YES
BB	NO	YES

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Libertarians celebrate the season at holiday party

Los Angeles Libertarians got together at Ted and Laura Brown's house in San Gabriel for a festive holiday party on Saturday, Dec 13.

Celebrants included Kate O'Brien (recently re-elected member of the Rancho Simi Parks & Recreation District Board); Art Olivier (former candidate for Governor) and José Castañeda of Region 65; Don Meyer and Alex Goldburt of Region 64; Jill Stone, Alan Pyeatt, Adam Morris, Gayland Pfister, Bill and Gisela Cushing, Sandor and Araksia Woren of Region 63; and Chris Agrella from San Bernardino County; as well as many of the Browns' friends and family. •



Among those attending the Ted and Laura Brown LPLAC Christmas Party in San Gabriel on Dec. 13 were Bill Cushing standing behind his wife Gisela and Araxia Woren, wife of Sandor. Photo by Laura Brown.

Elections — from p. 1

U. S. Congress:

- 26. Ted Brown: 6.8%
- 27. Tim Denton: 6.6%
- 29. Alan Pyeatt: 4.3%
- 35. Herb Peters: 4.2%
- 38. Chris Agrella: 18.1% (no Republican candidate)
- 46. Ernst Gasteiger: 1.4% (also a Green candidate)

State Senate:

- 21. Steve Myers: 7.8%
- 23. Colin Goldman: 5.4%
- 29. Jill Stone: 6.7%

State Assembly:

- 40. Pamela Brown: 14.7%
- 44. Thomas Logan: 5.8%
- 51. Marty Swinney: 4.4%
- 54. John Kling: 5.8%
- 59. Maureen Keedy: 8.1%
- 61. Michael Mendez: 6.5%

Ted Brown apparently racked up the highest Libertarian congressional vote percentage in the nation (in a 3 way race), closely followed by Tim Denton. As a rule, Libertarians don't fare as well in other states as we do here. Chris Agrella won the second highest in a two way race, of which there were very few around the country.

In 2010, all statewide offices will be up for election, as well as Barbara Boxer's U. S. Senate seat. All Congressional and Assembly seats, as well as even numbered State Senate seats, will be up for election. It's not too early to plan for the next election. Let me know if you are interested in running. •

Brown is the LPC's candidate recruitment chair. His email is tedbrown1776@hotmail.com. •



"A nation of sheep will beget a government of wolves."

— Edward R. Murrow

L.A. County vote on state props

No.	Proposition	Rec.	Voters
1A	Passenger Train Bond Act	No	Yes
2	Farm Animals Initiative	No	Yes
3	Children's Hospital Bond	No	Yes
4	Pregnancy Of Minors	No	Pos No
5	Nonviolent Drug Offenses	No	Pos No
6	Police/Law Enforcement	No	No
7	Renewable Energy	No	No
8	Same-Sex Initiative	No.	Yes
9	Criminal Justice System	No	Pos Yes
10	Alternative Fuel Vehicles	No	No
11	Redistricting Initiative	No	No
12	Veterans' Bond Act 2008	No	Yes

Measures — from p. 3

AB	NO	YES
CF	NO	YES
CV	NO	YES
DD	NO	NO
EE	NO	YES
GG	NO	YES
HH	NO	YES
II	NO	YES
JJ	NO	YES
KC	NO	YES
MC	NO	NO
MM	NO	YES
PC	NO	NO
PS	NO	YES
RR	NO	YES
SA	NO	YES
SG	NO	YES
SM	NO	YES
SP	YES	YES
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UUT	NO	YES
WS	NO	YES •

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Pub Club renamed in Dave Larkin's honor

by Michael B. Everling

In December, in a consensus decision among many past and present Pub Clubbers, it was decided to rename the monthly Pub Club event the Dave Larkin Pub Club, to become effective in January 2009.

Meant to honor the memory of former County Chairman David Larkin who passed away on or about October 4, the suggestion was made by Larkin's good friend and fellow party member Kit Maira at a memorial picnic held in Van Nuys on November 2. (See Tribute on page 1.)

Pub Club originated as a San Fernando Region 61 event in 1990. Then Regional Social Director Jerry Collette, who now resides in South Dakota, is considered the "father of Pub Club." After a year or so of meetings, it was suggested by Region 61 that the event be discontinued due to low attendance.

Enter Larkin, who was determined to preserve Pub Club. At that point, then Central Los Angeles Reg 64 Chairman Mike Everling and Larkin worked together to keep the event on the activities calendar.

Over the ensuing years, the event became better established, attendance grew, and Pub Club came to be considered the Los Angeles County LP's premier event and an important venue for candidates and other activists to lay plans and transact business.



In this March 2005 photo taken at the Pub Club, are (from left) Mike Everling of Reg. 64, Dave Larkin, past chair Reg. 61 and LPLAC, Jerry Collette, former Reg. 61 social director, and Bob Weber, Reg. 62 chair. Photo by Richard E. Venable.

As Pub Club approaches its twentieth year, it is largely due to Larkin's dedication and perseverance that it has survived. Thus the decision seemed most appropriate and was ratified by Los Angeles County Chairman Bruce Dovner, saying that it was "a good idea" to honor Pub Club's most ardent adherent.

Except for a one year hiatus when the event met at Amazon Bar and Grill in Sherman Oaks, it has been located at the Pineapple Hill Saloon, 4454 Van Nuys Blvd., in Van Nuys, where it remains today.

Please join the pubbers on the next Third Friday!

Everling is an activist with Reg. 64, Central Los Angeles. •

Victory — from p. 2

tion packet is mailed to prospect.

- Direct mail
- Direct mail solicitation with voter registration form enclosed.
- College libertarians are paid to go door-to-door or staff booths.
- Raise money to pay students from college libertarian clubs to go door-to-door and get paid for it. College libertarians solicit voter registration, leave information and answer questions.
- Volunteers staff booths & go door-to-door.
- Libertarians solicit voter registration, leave information and answer questions.

During the registration drive of 1979, which resulted in the Party attaining ballot status, a price of \$1 per registrant was paid to professional personnel to register Libertarian voters. Today, that approach would cost about \$8 to \$10 per registered voter. But there's a problem with it. By far, most of the people who were registered in 1979 were not libertarians or even libertarian-leaning. With little explanation of the party's principles, the paid personnel simply registered whomever they could for a buck a head — libertarian or not. Most of those registrants eventually left the party, never to return, nonetheless vote Libertarian. Any extra money we'll pay for well-informed Libertarian registrants will be well worth it. It will be necessary for us to use meth-

ods that libertarians have always talked about but never seriously tried — educating and persuading the public. That's the way revolutions are made, anyway.

Conclusion

Subsequent articles in this series will more closely examine methods and costs. The most important point to be made is that there is no shortcut to victory. In order to win politically, we will need to accumulate our constituency. That's Poli Sci 101.

The purpose of including the above table is to bring some realism to the discussion. Most of us would live to see a revolution that took 20 or even 30 years. Even if not, it would still be satisfying to know for a fact that the Cause of Liberty is clearly in the ascendancy rather than in a slow decline. But we may not have to wait that long (especially if there is a crisis in the country and we have the political strength to take advantage of it). With a reasonable rate of growth, 19 to 25 years is realistic. If twenty years ago, the Party had concentrated on growing its electoral base, Libertarian partisan electoral victories would be approaching about now. •

Larry Leathers is dead

Long time activist Larry Leathers died in early October, according to word received from Alice Lillie, former Angeleno activist now living in Las Vegas, Nev.

Norma Jean Almadovar, former candidate for California Lt. Governor, organized a memorial held Oct. 14.

For more information, you can reach Lillie at aliceprez@aol.com or Almadovar at normaja@webuniverse.net. •

"Every state is corrupt. Good men must not obey the laws too well.

"What satire on government can equal the severity of censure conveyed in the word 'Politic,' which now for ages has signified 'cunning,' intimating that the state is a trick?"

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

LPLAC

Meets Fourth Monday
Phillipe's, at Ord and Alameda Streets, Los Angeles. 7:30 pm.

Regional Representatives meet to discuss matters; visitors welcome. Contact Chair Bruce Dovner, Tel: 562.961. 6919 or bdovner@artnet.net.

Where to go for food, company and enjoyment

New! Dave Larkin Pub Club

Meets Third Friday
Pineapple Hill Saloon, 4454 Van Nuys Blvd., Sherman Oaks, 91430. Tel: 818.789.0679.
Good food and conversation, 8:00 p.m. until ?

Sundowners

Meets First Friday
Brits Restaurant and Pub, 1770 E. Colorado Blvd (near Allen Ave), Pasadena 91106. Tel: 626.578.1301. Good food, good conversation. 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm or?

Karl Hess Club

Meets Third Monday
Dinah's Family Restaurant, 6521 Sepulveda Blvd (at Centinela). 8 p.m.

Good food and rousing discussion, minimum of \$13.00, program and dinner. For info: contact mikeeverling@earthlink.net or www.KarlHessClub.org

Regional Happenings

Reg 61 San Fernando Valley

Meets Fourth Thursday –
Supper Club: Carrow's Restaurant, 18355 Ventura Blvd., Tarzana. 7:00 p.m, dinner; 8:00 p.m., speaker.
Contact Edward Bowers at ebowers@mac.com or voicemail 818.314.1897 to RSVP and for time.

Reg 64 Central Los Angeles

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Reg 67 E. San Gabriel Valley

Meets Fourth Tuesday –
Supper Club: Denny's at Grand Ave. and 210 Fwy, Glendora at 7:30 pm.
For more info, contact chair Dan Fernandes at dfern2@verizon.net, or log on to http://libertarian-ca-la-67.net firms.com.

Reg 62 West Los Angeles

Meets Third Tuesday –
Supper Club: Dinah's Restaurant, 6521 Sepulveda Blvd., corner of Centinela Ave. in Westchester. Supper, 7:30 pm; program, 8:30 pm.
For more information, call Bob Weber at 310.204.0612 or nexus2@sbcglobal.net.

Reg 65 Southeast Los Angeles

Meets First Tuesday:
Supper Club: The new location is Denny's, 8350 Firestone Blvd, Downey, CA 90241. Dinner, 7:30 pm; meeting, 8:00 pm.

Reg 68 Antelope Valley

Meets Third Friday –
Business meetings are fun and informative as well as productive. Greenhouse Cafe, 1233 West Avenue P, Palmdale. Supper club at 7:00 pm; Bus. mtg: 8:00 pm.
Contact chair Jason Gonella, tel: 661.284.4585. or AynRKey@aol.com. Website: http://www.geocities.com/aynrkey.

Reg 63 Pasadena/Glendale

Meets Second Wednesday –
Supper Club: New Location. Panera Bread, 3521 E. Foothill Blvd., Pasadena. Dinner and conversation, 7:30 pm; meeting, 8:00 pm.
Contact chair David Ruprecht. For information, phone 626.355.8529; drup@adelphia.net

Reg 66 Long Beach/South Bay

Meets Third Thursday –
Supper Club: Raffaello's Restaurant, Fourth St. at Pacific Ave., San Pedro. Dinner, 6:30 pm; speaker 8:00 pm.
For information, contact chair Jay Jones. Tel: 310.377.864, j1000@cox.net. Web site: www.Liberty66.org.

Liberty Shooters

Meets third Sunday
LAX Firing Range, 927 W. Manchester Blvd., Inglewood
Jan 18 - 4:00 pm.
Feb 15 - 4:00 pm.
Contact: Bob Weber, 310.204.0612 or nexus2@sbcglobal.net.

KARL HESS CLUB
Dinah's Family Restaurant
6521 Sepulveda Blvd. (at Centinela) 310.645.0456
175 Jan 19, 2009 – John Walsh, Los Angeles City Election (Feb 3, 2009)
176 Feb 16, 2000 – Bruce Cohen, Quo Vadis?
See http://www.KarlHessClub.org for details.



“I ask, sir, what is the militia? It is the whole people, except for a few public officials.”

— George Mason

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for updated event information

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Historical Dates: Common Sense (Thos. Paine) pub Jan 10, 1776 Martin Luther King, Jr. bn Jan 15, 1929 Benjamin Franklin bn Jan 17, 1706 Thomas Paune bn Jan 29, 1737			1 Happy New Year	2 Sundowners	3
4	5	6 Reg 65 Epiphany	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Reg 66 M. L. King, Jr. 	16 Pub Club Reg 68	17 Benjamin Franklin
18 Liberty Shooters	19 Karl Hess Club MLK, Jr. obs.	20 Reg 62	21 Reg 63	22 Reg. 61	23	24
25	26 LPLAC	27 Reg 67	28	29 Thomas Paine 	30	31

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Los Angeles Libertarian deadlines for March-April issue:
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 National Freedom Day	2 Ayn Rand G'hog Day	3 Reg 65	4	5	6 Sundowners	7
8	9	10	11 Reg 63	12 Abraham Lincoln 	13	14 Valentine's Day
15 Liberty Shooters	16 Karl Hess Club Presidents' Day	17 Reg 62	18	19 Reg 66	20 Pub Club Reg 68	21
22 George Washington 	23 LPLAC	24 Reg 67 Shrove Tuesday	25 Ash Wednesday	26 Reg 61	27	28
				Historical dates: Ayn Rand bn Feb 2, 1905 Abraham Lincoln bn Feb. 12, 1805 St. Valentine's Day, Feb 14 George Washington bn Feb 22, 1732		

Calendar of Events

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The Campaign for
Liberty was estab-
lished: to highlight
the neglected but
common-sense
principles we
champion and
reinsert them into
the American
political
conversation.

Tribute — from p. 1

Maira and his lady friend Theresa Espinasa found photographs of Larkin's life and brief naval career during Vietnam to put together a photo montage. That became the centerpiece of a pot luck luncheon under a towering oak tree. Maira said he chose the spot for the memorial because that is where he and Larkin walked on a regular basis.

In addition to Maira and Espinasa, other attendees were Espinasa's brother J.R., Jerry Jewett, George Johnson, John Ulsher, daughter Sarah Ulsher, Linda Dorfmont, Rodger Rosie, Ted Brown, Laura Brown, Thomas Sipos, Michael Everling, Mike Binkley, Joseph Miranda, Bob Weber, Eric Fine, Don Meyer, David Wire, Edward Bowers, Bruce Acker, Gail Lightfoot and Richard E. Venable.

After brief remarks by Maira, each of the attendees made brief statements about their recollections of Larkin.

Everyone agreed that he was a quiet man, dedicated to liberty, and one who lead by example. He will be sorely missed and long remembered. •

Now it's "health zoning"

"As America gets fatter, policymakers are seeking creative approaches to legislating health... and now they're eyeing your neighborhood. Amid worries of an obesity



Kit Maira and Theresa Espinasa look over the photo memorial they had prepared for the David Larkin memorial service. Photo by Richard E. Venable.

epidemic and its related illnesses, including high blood pressure, diabetes and heart disease, Los Angeles officials, among others around the country, are proposing to limit new fast-food restaurants — a tactic that could be called health zoning."

— Los Angeles Times, September 10, 2007.

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-fast-food10sep10,0,4559964.story?coll=la-home-center> •



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