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Money Trail Takes Some Odd Turns

Now, for another kind of playing ball — the kind that involves dollar signs.

Campaign filings show that, in September, the Simon campaign got \$25,000 from the "Lungren for Governor" operation — a kind of dead man's money, inasmuch as Lungren lost to Davis by 20 points four years ago.

Another \$1,000 made its way to Simon from Jon Iverson, the "tax director" at Oracle Corp. in San Jose, Oracle being the com-

pany whose contribution to Davis caused the governor much consternation earlier this year.

More money on the cash-parched Simon landscape came from simpatico Orange County, where GOP rainmaker Ron Cedillos hosted about 100 people, who paid between \$250 and \$10,000 for the meet-and-greet. Several attendees said privately they were aghast that Simon falsely accused Gov. Gray Davis of taking a campaign check on state property.

But they showed up loyally anyway, more for the sake of down-ticket candidates who rely on voter pull from the ticket topper. Cedillos' Laguna Niguel

spread is *the* address for Orange County political fundraisers — why, it was there, in February, that Cedillos hosted a "do" for his first choice for governor: Bill Jones.