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**OBAMA WINS,  
CLINTON LEADS**

Barack Obama swept to victory in North Carolina but trailed Hillary Rodham Clinton slightly in Indiana. The states are the last big-delegate prizes in the long race for the Democratic presidential nomination. Both candidates said Clinton would win Indiana. But thousands of votes were yet to be counted, principally in Lake County, not far from Obama's home city of Chicago. Clinton led by two percentage points late Tuesday. The economy was the top issue by far in both states, according to interviews with voters as they left polling places.

## Upland's 'Uncle Bill' dies at 84

Good-will ambassador was dedicated to revitalization

By Lori Consalvo  
Staff Writer

UPLAND — It will be hard to imagine this city without the familiar face of William "Uncle Bill" McElroy.

Though his home and family were in Chino, his warm smile and white beard could often be spotted in downtown Upland at the Cooper Museum or Molly's Souper.

McElroy, 84, died Saturday at Upland Rehabilitation and Care Center, where he was recovering from surgery for stomach cancer. His stepson, John Machado, said McElroy fought through the surgery and "was in great spirits going in."

A memorial service is set for 5 p.m. May 13 at Stone Funeral Home in Upland.

McElroy — Upland's proclaimed good-will ambassador — was dedicated to the city's revitalization for years.

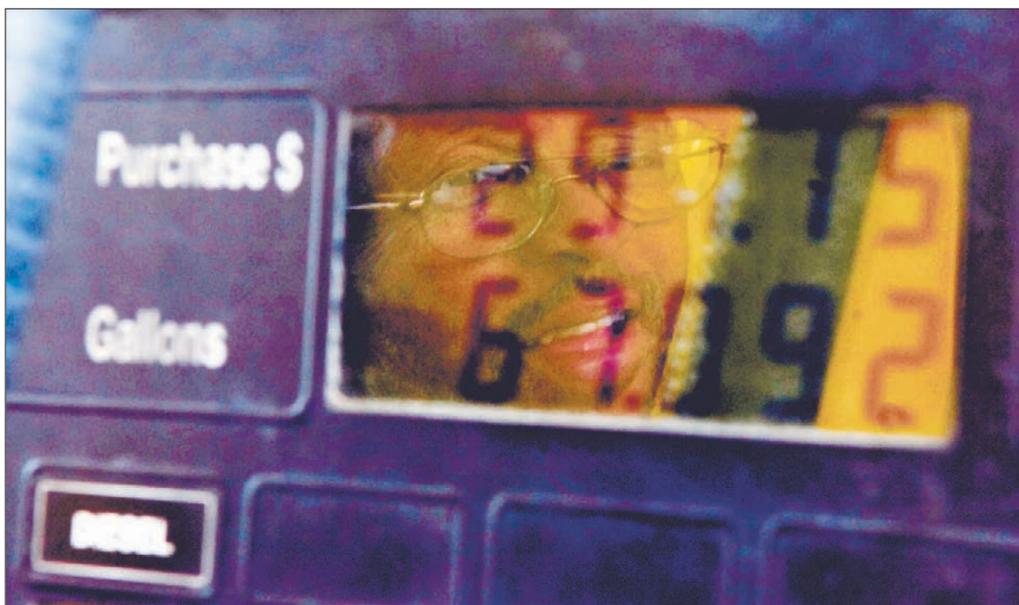
He was involved in several of Upland's Christmas parades and was a board member for Upland Heritage, Main Street and the Cooper Museum.

"The museum was his baby," said Dave Stevens, the museum's president. See **MCELROY** | Page A4



William McElroy died Saturday. File Photo

## MOUNTING NUMBERS



Photos by Will Lester/Staff Photographer

Lamar Allen, 59, of San Jacinto fills up the truck he is driving to San Diego and Arizona on Tuesday morning. Allen put in 67 gallons of diesel into the truck at the Three Sisters Truck Stop in Fontana, costing him \$297.15.

## Truckers feel pinch

By Josh Dulaney  
Staff Writer

FONTANA — Robin Luetgerodt might need a bigger calculator.

The Upland resident, a clerk at Three Sisters Truck Stop on Slover Avenue, watched Tuesday as truckers from all over the country filled their diesel tanks.

And drained their wallets. "I've seen as much as \$800 at one time," she said.

It's about to get worse.

Crude oil for June delivery hit a record \$120.93 a barrel Tuesday, and analysts at Goldman Sachs, an investment banking firm, predicted that prices for crude could reach \$150 to \$200 a barrel over the next six months to two years.

Managers at Three Sisters on Tuesday expected to calibrate the price per gallon of diesel fuel at \$4.50, up from \$4.42 on Monday.

Gail Jensen, who drives for a company based in Commerce City, Colo., spent about \$900 on fuel in Kingman, Ariz., on the way to Southern California. She'll stop for more in Las Vegas on the way back to Colorado.



The round trip will cost her company about \$2,000 in diesel fuel, she said.

"It's the worst I've seen," the nine-year trucking veteran said.

Jack Brown, president and CEO of San Bernardino-based Stater Bros. Markets, said Tuesday that the cost of diesel fuel is the driving factor behind higher

food prices. "Fuel affects the pipeline of food interests, from the farmer to the manufacturer to the consumer," Brown said.

He added that while the overall price of food has spiked 3.4 percent this year, he's watched diesel fuel costs jump 50 percent.

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#### OIL PRICES SOAR

Oil futures hit a record on Tuesday, topping \$122 a barrel and bringing indications that gas prices would rise further and possibly break records in the coming weeks. **Page D1**

## Sex crime law OK'd

### Pomona restricts offenders

By Monica Rodriguez  
Staff Writer

POMONA — It's now difficult, if not impossible, for registered sex offenders to move here.

City Council members have unanimously approved an urgency ordinance that essentially prevents additional registered sex offenders from moving into the city.

Under the new regulation, just about every part of the city would be excluded.

The city has about 260 registered sex offenders living inside it, Assistant City Attorney Andrew Jared said.

Mayor Norma Torres said Tuesday she's happy to see the ordinance approved even though it meant repealing one she pushed to have enacted in 2005.

"We've got a much stricter ordinance now," she said.

The ordinance, fashioned after one adopted in February in Long Beach, takes advantage of wording in Proposition 83, also referred to as Jessica's Law, that allows cities to adopt ordinances that add residency restrictions for registered sex offenders beyond what's in state regulations, according to a city staff report.

Jessica's Law bars registered sex offenders from living within 2,000 feet of schools and parks where children gather.

Before the adoption of Jessica's Law, registered sex offenders were prohibited from living within 1,320 feet of such facilities.

Pomona's new ordinance, approved by the City Council on Monday, bars registered sex offenders from living within 2,640 feet of "sensitive uses," which include child-care centers, community centers, museums, sports centers, tutoring or learning centers, youth centers and rail stations or bus stops.

The ordinance also makes it illegal for a sex offender to loiter within 300 feet of such places, with some exceptions.

The ordinance also contains provisions penalizing those who knowingly rent housing to more than one offender unless they are legally related, the report said.

As part of the new ordinance, the sex-offender ordinance adopted in November 2005 was repealed. It limited the housing of sex offenders through zoning.

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## Ad maker slays his competition

Amateur producer wins \$25,000; spot will air nationally

By Will Bigham  
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CLAREMONT — An amateur producer has finally achieved victory in a self-made TV ad contest sponsored by a national brand.

Jared Cicon, a finalist in contests by Doritos, Heinz and others in the past two years, was announced Monday as the winner of a contest by TaxSlayer.com, an online tax-filing service.

Cicon was awarded \$25,000, and a 30-second version of his ad will air nationally next year in the months preceding tax day.

"I'm on cloud nine," Cicon said. "I'm just ecstatic."



Courtesy Photo

Jared Cicon dons a suit of armor and fantasizes about slaying a dragon in his TaxSlayer.com ad. The ad will air on national TV next year as tax time approaches.

Cicon said he will use his winnings mainly to cover expenses, such as rent, while he continues to pursue work as an ad producer.

He said he will continue to enter

more contests and is also hoping to form relationships with large ad agencies to do work for them.

Cicon was a finalist in a Doritos contest last year that asked amateur ad producers to create a Super Bowl spot. He later entered about 10 other contests. He said he was named a finalist each time but never won.

In his spot for TaxSlayer, Cicon plays the main character, a man struggling to complete his taxes.

Cicon's character receives a call from a friend who suggests he try TaxSlayer.com, "like slay the dragon." Cicon's character then enters into an extended fantasy about slaying a dragon.

To view Cicon's winning ad, go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search for "TaxSlayer Contest." Cicon's ad is the first search result.

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