

### Landslide win for Opposition Party

NEW DELHI (AP) - India's opposition leader, Narendra Modi, will become the next prime minister of the world's largest democracy, winning the most decisive election victory the country has seen in three decades and sweeping the long-dominant Congress party from power.

Modi, a career politician whose campaign promised a revival of economic growth, will have a strong mandate to govern at a time of profound changes in Indian society. He also has said he wants to strengthen India's strategic partnership with the United States. But critics worry the ascendance of his Hindu nationalist party could worsen sectarian tensions with India's minority 138 million Muslims.

The results were a crushing defeat for the Congress party, which is deeply entwined with the Nehru-Gandhi political dynasty that has been at the center of Indian politics for most of the country's post-independence history. The party, led by outgoing Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, has been plagued by repeated corruption scandals and a poor economy.

As his overwhelming win became clear Friday, Modi appeared before a crowd of cheering supporters and tried to strike a conciliatory note.

"I have always said that to govern the nation it is our responsibility to take everyone with us," Modi said after a lengthy and punishing race. "I want your blessings so that we can run a government that carries everyone with

## GM Fined A Record \$35 Million

WASHINGTON (AP) - Federal safety regulators slapped General Motors with a record \$35 million fine Friday for taking more than a decade to disclose an ignition-switch defect in millions of cars that has been linked to at least 13 deaths.

Under an agreement with the Transportation Department, GM admitted it was slow to inform regulators, promised to report problems faster and submitted to more in-depth government oversight of its safety operations.

The fine was the maximum the department can impose. "Literally, silence can kill," Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx said, adding: "GM did not act and did not alert

us in a timely manner. What GM did was break the law." Safety advocates said the fine, which is less than a day's

revenue for GM, is too small to deter bad behavior by automakers.

### New Ukranian Confrontation Possible

MARIUPOL, Ukraine (AP) - Steelworkers from plants owned by Ukraine's richest man retook government buildings from pro-Moscow insurgents, reversing the tide of rebellion and lawlessness that has gripped this industrial port and dealing a setback to anti-Kiev forces aspiring to merge with Russia.

Wearing overalls and hard hats, dozens of workers cleared away barricades of debris and tires outside the Mariupol city hall on Friday, scoring early successes against the pro-Russian forces, but threatening to open a new and dangerously unpredictable cycle of confrontation.

"People are tired of war and chaos. Burglaries and marauding have to stop," said Viktor Gusak, a steelworker who joined in the effort to banish the pro-Russia militants from Mariupol, the Donetsk region's second-largest city and the site of bloody clashes last week between Ukrainian troops and the insurgents.

About 75 miles (120 kilometers) to the north, armed backers of Ukrainian unity dressed in black patrolled in a village just inside the troubled Donetsk region, vowing to expel the separatists through force if necessary.

The patrols, which began Thursday in Mariupol and the village of Velyka Novosilka, were a blow to the separatists who have seized control of government offices in this city and a dozen others in the east.

# **Investigators Look For Arson In Wildfire Outbreak**

BY JULIE WATSON AND ELLIOT SPAGAT Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — A 57-year-old man was charged with arson Friday in one of at least 10 wildfires that erupted in Southern California this week, and investigators were working to determine whether other blazes in the unusually early and intense outbreak were ignited by something as ordinary as sparks from cars or something more sinister.

State fire officials said the first blaze that erupted between Tuesday and Thursday was caused by a spark from malfunctioning construction equipment. But it could take months to get to the bottom of the most damaging fires.

Alberto Serrato pleaded not guilty to arson in connection with one of the smaller fires — a 105-acre fire in suburban Oceanside that started Wednesday and is fully contained. Bail was set at \$250,000.

Tanya Sierra, a spokeswoman for the San Diego County district attorney's office, said Serrato wasn't seen igniting a fire but witnesses saw him adding dead brush onto smoldering bushes that flamed up. He has not been connected to any other fire, Sierra said.

Serrato was booked into jail Wednesday, according to the San Diego County Sheriff's Department website, but his arrest wasn't announced until Friday. Sierra didn't know if he had an attorney.

All together, the wildfires have raced through an estimated 20,000 acres about 30 miles north of San Diego, causing more than \$20 million in damage. One burned body was found in an encampment of homeless people. At least eight houses and an 18-unit condominium complex were destroyed, and tens of thousands of people were warned to leave their homes.

Eight of the blazes popped up between late morning and sundown on Wednesday, raising suspicions that some had been set

The region has become a tinder box in recent days because of conditions not normally seen until late summer - extremely dry weather, 50 mph Santa Ana winds and temperatures in the 90s. On Friday, though, cooler weather aided the 2,600 firefighters, and thousands of people began returning home.

In one of the hardest-hit cities, Carlsbad, investigators finished examining the burn site across the street from a park and focused on interviewing people who called a hotline that was set up to report any suspicious activity.

'Do people have suspicions? Yes," said police Capt. Neil Gallucci, noting there has been no lightning that could explain the blazes. "But can we confirm them? The answer is no.'

Police in the city of Escondido arrested two people, ages 17 and 19, for investigation of arson in connection with two small fires that were extinguished within minutes. But they found no evidence linking the suspects to the 10 bigger wildfires

The list of possible causes is long. "Our investigation might be over

quickly for some of these fires - say. if we find a piece of metal nearby from a catalytic converter that backfired," the sheriff said. "But others might not be so easy to determine. We'll be talking to people in the areas to see if they saw anything to see if arson might have had a role.

Investigators will visit each burn site and go down a list, marking what they know and don't know.

Is it near a road? That raises the possibility that the flames were ignited by a hot tailpipe, sparks from a catalytic converter or a discarded cigarette from a motorist. Is there a railroad nearby? Are there any power lines?

Investigators will also study the ground for footprints or tire tracks and analyze the burn pattern.

Two of the blazes broke out at military bases, where training exercises with gunfire have been known to spark flames.

A 2003 wildfire in Southern California that killed 15 people, destroyed more than 2,000 homes and blackened 300,000 acres in October and November was caused by a lost hunter who set a signal fire. Sparks from power lines were blamed for wildfires in the San Diego area in 2007 that left five people dead and burned down about 1,500 homes.

This time, the hardest-hit areas were in the cities of San Marcos, where a college campus shut down and canceled graduation ceremonies, and Carlsbad, where the Legoland amusement park was forced to close.

# FAA, NTSB Investigate Near-Collision Over Hawaii

**BY JENNIFER SINCO KELLEHER** Associated Press

HONOLULU - Federal officials are investigating how two passenger jetliners traveling in opposite directions got too close to each other over Hawaii.

On April 25, an eastbound United Airlines flight received an alert from its onboard Traffic Alert and Collision Avoidance System about a westbound US Airways flight, the Federal Aviation Administration said in a statement Friday. The planes were at an altitude of about 33.000 feet. about 200 miles northeast of Kona

### MENUS

Friday - Meatloaf

Menus listed below are for the week of May 19, 2014. Menus are subject to change without notice. All meals are served with milk

The Center/Yankton

Monday — Chicken Fried Steak Tuesday - Pork Roast Wednesday - Liver & Onions Thursday - Swiss Steak Friday - N/A

In that airspace, planes must be separated by 5 miles laterally or 1,000 feet vertically, according to the FAA.

A government official familiar with the investigation said the planes were about 8 miles vestigation. apart when the United plane started descending to avoid the other plane. The vertical distance between the planes wasn't clear. About 12 seconds later, the planes were 5.3 miles apart with a vertical distance of 800 feet, said the official, who did not know the planes

speeds. The official was not authorized to release the preliminary information and spoke on condition of anonymity.

**Tabor Senior Citizens Center** Monday - N/A Tuesday - Cook's Choice Wednesday – Swed. Meatballs Thursday – French Dip

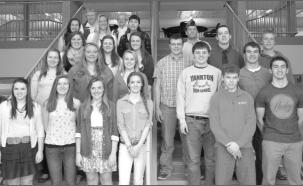
United Flight 1205 was traveling from Kona to Los Angeles, while US Airways Flight 432 was heading to Maui from Phoenix. The airlines said they are cooperating with the in-

FAA and National Transportation Safety Board investigators arrived in Honolulu this week to review air traffic control procedures. The investigation team is also reviewing

audio and radar data and interviewing pilots and air traffic controllers to learn "why these aircrafts came into the proximity that they were,' NTSB spokesman Ťerry Williams said.

Doug Church, spokesman for the National Air Traffic Controllers Association, declined to comment on the incident.

## **Boys & Girls State**



SUBMITTED PHOTO Yankton High School recently selected its delegate to Boys State and Girls State, whih will be held during the first week of June in Aberdeen (boys) and Vermillion (girls). Girls State delegates are, front from left: Rachel Orton, Julie DeWitt, Maggie Wallis and Tris-

# **Randomly Running Truck Is Confusing Owner**

**Car Talk** 

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI

#### King Features Syndicate, Inc.

### Dear Tom and Ray:

We have a 1999 GMC Sierra that has something that "runs' on occasion when it is sitting in the garage. We have not started the truck in nearly two months, and my wife heard it run just yesterday. What is causing this, and how do I stop it? Does this truck have a random battery discharger, or is it just lonely because we have not run it lately? We have had it since it was new, and it is in nearly new condition due to the fact that the price of gas is so high. Most of its life has been spent in the garage - except when some family member moves, or during deer season. It sounds like something is running — like a pump, maybe? Can you tell me what's running and if there's anything we should do about it? Thank you. — Grover

**TOM**: First, stop hanging around your parked truck so much, Grover. People are going to think you're some kind of weirdo.

RAY: This truck, like all vehicles these days, has an evaporative emissions control system to keep gasoline vapors from escaping into the atmosphere. I think what you're hearing is the system's pump.

TOM: To contain the vapors and prevent air pollution, your fuel system is kept under constant pressure, so the vapors are pushed into a charcoal canister, where they're trapped and held. Then, when the engine starts, they're released into the cylinders to be combusted. It's a good system.

**RAY**: That fuel system pressure is the reason you sometimes hear a little "whoosh" of air escaping when you unscrew your gas

cap. TOM: The system has a self-test mode. It's possible that all you're hearing is the pump pressurizing the system to test it. It may have just

been a coincidence that you've been near the truck every time that happened.

**RAY**: But I'm guessing that the pump is coming on more often than it should. That's probably because your system isn't holding pressure.

**TOM**: You could have a slow pressure leak somewhere. It could be from your gas cap, a bad valve, a rusted fuel-filler neck or a dozen other places. But something's allowing the pressure inside the fuel system to drop, and that's kicking on the pump.

RAY: Or, the pressure sensor is faulty, and is turning on the pump when it doesn't need to be on.

TOM: Either way, if we're correct, the Check Engine light will come on soon — if it's not on already, Grover. That'll be your cue to do, what? Check the engine!

RAY: Yeah. Have a me-

chanic scan the truck and see what trouble codes the computer has stored. That will give him some clues as to where to start looking. Good luck.

Auto repairs can be costly! Save money by ordering Tom and Ray's pamphlet "Ten Ways You May Be Ruining Your Car Without Even Knowing It!" Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Ruin, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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# **Memorial Day Deadlines**

### **The Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan** will be closed Monday, May 26th, for the Memorial Day holiday.

#### The following deadlines will apply:

Out On The Town — 5 p.m., Wednesday, May 21 Tuesday, May 27 newspaper – 5 p.m., Wednesday, May 21 Wednesday, May 28 newspaper – 5 p.m., Thursday, May 22 Thursday, May 29 newspaper – 5 p.m., Friday, May 23

There will be no newspaper on Monday, May 26, 2014.



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### **Cornerstone Evangelical Church**

Will be Meeting at Walnut Village 613 Walnut St., Yankton Beginning Sunday, May 18

Sunday Morning Service 10:00am Nursery Provided

For more information, contact Pastor Steve McHone • 605-464-7254 www.cornerstonevangelical.com



Van Egdom-Brandt Megan Elizabeth Van Egdom of Brandon, SD, and Gavin Scott Brandt of Yankton, SD, are happy

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**~**> to announce their engagement. Parents of the couple are Rob and Michelle Van Egdom of Brandon, SD, and Merle and Gena Brandt of Yankton, SD. The bride-elect graduated from USD in Vermillion, SD, with a degree in Lab Sciences. The groom-elect graduated from USD with a degree in Elementary Education. The couple plans to work in Twin Falls, SD. The couple is planning a June

21, 2014 wedding in Brandon, SD.

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