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SEATTLE (AP) — Searchers aren't giving up on finding survivors, 24 hours after a massive mudslide in Washington state. After hearing voices pleading for help, rescuers searched through the night, using thermal imaging cameras. The slide of mud, trees and rocks destroyed at least six houses and killed at least three people.

TEXAS CITY, Texas (AP) — Cleanup efforts have begun in Texas after a barge carrying nearly a million gallons of thick, sticky oil collided with a ship in Galveston Bay. The Coast Guard says skimmers are recovering the oil that spilled and a boom is in place to protect environmentally sensitive areas. It isn't clear how much oil spilled into the bay, which is a popular bird habitat.

ISTANBUL (AP) — Turkey says its fighter jets have shot down a Syrian warplane after it violated Turkey's airspace. A spokesman for Syria's military confirms the incident, but says the plane was downed in Syrian airspace while attacking rebels. Today's incident is likely to increase tensions between the two countries already deeply at odds over Syria's civil war.

PERTH, Australia (AP) — France says it has provided new satellite data that could indicate debris in the same part of the southern Indian Ocean where searchers are looking for the missing Malaysian jetliner. Malaysian officials had described the information as "new satellite images," but a statement from France's Foreign Ministry describes it as "radar echoes taken by a satellite." Nothing was found today in the latest search by the Australian air force.

MADRID (AP) — The man who was Spain's first democratically elected prime minister after decades of right-wing rule under Gen. Francisco Franco has died. Adolfo Suarez was 81. A family spokesman says Suarez died today in a Madrid hospital, where he had been admitted last week with pneumonia. He had been suffering from Alzheimer's disease.

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Ukraine's acting president is calling for the release of a top air force commander who is being held after his base in Crimea was stormed by pro-Russian forces. It's unclear if the forces, who didn't bear insignia, were Russian military or local pro-Russia militia.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Virginia State Police say one person has died and others have been injured in an accident overnight near Washington, D.C. A state police spokeswoman tells WTOP that a 16-passenger shuttle bus swerved to avoid a car, hit a guardrail and overturned on Interstate 95. Police are looking for a white sedan that witnesses say was speeding when it veered into the bus's travel lane.

MASON, Mich. (AP) — A county clerk in central Michigan has issued the state's first marriage license for a same-sex-couple and married them this morning.

Glenna DeJong and Marsha Caspar were married a day after Michigan's ban on gay marriage was scratched from the state constitution by a federal judge.

Clerks in at least three of Michigan's 83 counties have said they'll start granting marriage licenses to same-sex-couples today.

Attorney General Bill Schuette asked a higher court Friday to freeze the landmark ruling while an appeal is pursued.

It was not known when the federal appeals court in Cincinnati would respond.

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — A spokesman for the Libyan navy says American sailors have handed over control of a captured North Korean-flagged oil tanker to Libyan forces while in international waters.

Ayoub Abou el-Qassem said Saturday that the tanker, Morning Glory, is now heading to the port at Zawiya refinery, 40 kilometers (25 miles) west of the capital Tripoli.

Last week, U.S. Navy SEALs seized the ship off the Mediterranean island of Cyprus, stopping an attempt by a Libyan militia to sell its shipload of crude in defiance of Tripoli. A Pentagon spokesman said Friday that 34 sailors from the frigate USS Elrod are aboard the tanker.

The tanker saga illustrated the extreme weakness of Libya's government, vying with militias for dominance since the 2011 ouster and death of longtime strongman Moammar Gadhafi.

DULUTH, Minn. (AP) — This year's shipping season is getting off to a slow start due to record levels of ice on the Great Lakes after an extremely cold winter. KSTP-TV reports some ice on Lake Superior is still several feet thick, and ice breakers are working to carve paths for ships. Jim Sharrow with the Duluth Seaway Port Authority tells that even with the help, several fleets have delayed their first sailing until early April.

WAUNAKEE, Wis. (AP) — Authorities believe alcohol was a factor in an early morning crash that killed one man and left another seriously injured. The Dane County Sheriff's Office says the crash happened shortly before 2 a.m. yesterday in the Township of Westport.

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Police say they have arrested a 20-year-old Wauwatosa man after authorities found materials to make explosives in a Madison apartment. WISC-TV reports Madison police received a report of suspicious material in an apartment on the 10 block of North Brooks Street on Saturday afternoon. Madison police say there is no ongoing threat to the community and that the investigation is ongoing.

FOND DU LAC, Wis. (AP) — Former Green Bay Packers linebacker George Koonce has accepted a job at Marian University in Fond du Lac. Koonce will be the university's vice president of advancement beginning April 21st. The university says Koonce will be responsible for "growing awareness and increasing philanthropic support" through the community and alumni.

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UNDATED (AP) — The 11th-seeded Dayton Flyers are now part of the Sweet 16 in the NCAA men's basketball tournament.

The Flyers have followed Thursday's one-point win over sixth-seeded Ohio State by squeaking past No. 3 Syracuse 55-53. Dayton held on after Jordan Sibert (SY'-burt) hit a 3-pointer with 44 seconds left to put the Flyers ahead 52-46.

Dyshawn Pierre scored 14 points for Dayton, which next faces either Kansas or Stanford in the South Regional semifinals Thursday in Memphis.

A pair of Big 10 teams barely avoided upsets.

Second seed Wisconsin rallied from a 12-point halftime deficit to beat No. 7 Oregon 85-77. Frank Kaminsky finished with 19 points, Traevon Jackson had 16 and Jason Gasser had 13 for the Badgers, who hit five free throws in the closing seconds to clinch the win.

Fourth seed Michigan State blew a 16-point lead and trailed late in the second half before pulling out an 80-73 win over No. 12 Harvard. Branden Dawson scored a career-high 26 points as the Spartans moved into the Sweet 16 for the 12th time in the last 17 seasons.

Top overall seed Florida opened the third round by adding to its school-record winning streak.

Scottie Wilbekin scored 21 points and the Gators picked up their 28th consecutive win by silencing ninth seed Pittsburgh 61-45. Patric Young added seven points and eight rebounds for the Gators, who play again Thursday in Memphis.

UNDATED (AP) — The Los Angeles Dodgers are heading back to the United States after completing a Sydney sweep.

Hyun-Jin Ryu (hee-YUHN'-jih-n YOO) allowed just two hits while striking out five over five shutout innings of the Dodgers' 7-5 win over the Arizona Diamondbacks in Australia. Yasiel Puig (YAH'-see-ul pweeg) drove in two runs while collecting three of the Dodgers' 13 hits.

Mark Trumbo hit a two-run homer to cap the Diamondbacks' four-run ninth.

The Dodgers opened the major league regular season with a 3-1 victory before leaving Sydney with a 2-0 record.

Also in the majors:

— Reds utility player Skip Schumaker will miss about a month after dislocating his left shoulder. He was injured while making a diving attempt to cut off a line drive hit by Angel Franco in the left centerfield gap in the seventh inning of Cincinnati's exhibition game.

— The Indians have released outfielder Jeff Francoeur (fran-KOOR'), who had been signed to a minor league free-agent contract in January and was invited to major league training camp. The 30-year-old Francoeur had 35 at-bats with the Indians this spring, hitting .286 with one home run and 10 RBI.

— Ron Roenicke (REHN'-ih-kee) has a contract to manage the Brewers through next year after the club exercised its option for 2015. Roenicke is 253-233 in three seasons with the Brewers winning the 2011 NL Central title and a franchise-record 96 games his first season.

MONDAY...MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH A 50 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW. HIGHS IN THE LOWER 30S. SOUTHWEST WINDS 5 TO 10 MPH.

.MONDAY NIGHT...MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH A 50 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW SHOWERS. LOWS AROUND 12. NORTHWEST WINDS 10 TO 15 MPH.

.TUESDAY...COLDER. MOSTLY SUNNY. HIGHS IN THE LOWER 20S. NORTHWEST WINDS 10 TO 15 MPH.

.TUESDAY NIGHT...PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS AROUND 7. WEST WINDS 5 TO 10 MPH...SHIFTING TO THE SOUTH AFTER MIDNIGHT.

.WEDNESDAY...NOT AS COLD. PARTLY SUNNY. HIGHS IN THE UPPER 30S.

.WEDNESDAY NIGHT...NOT AS COOL. MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH A 30 PERCENT CHANCE OF RAIN. NEAR STEADY TEMPERATURE IN THE MID 30S.

.THURSDAY...RAIN LIKELY. HIGHS IN THE LOWER 40S. CHANCE OF RAIN 70 PERCENT.

.THURSDAY NIGHT...CLOUDY WITH SNOW...POSSIBLY MIXED WITH RAIN. LOWS IN THE UPPER 20S. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 60 PERCENT.

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — A Detroit Cass Technical High School student is the 2014 Michigan Poetry Out Loud champion.

Matthew Webb of Detroit won the title earlier this month after a daylong recitation competition at the East Lansing Hannah Community Center.

Webb took top honors among 35 student competitors. He recited "The Empty Dance Shoes" by Cornelius Eady in the final round.

First runner-up was Cal Kreiner of Wellspring Preparatory High School in Grand Rapids. The second runner-up was James McConnell of Petoskey High School, and the third runner-up was Ejiro Enajero of Detroit School of Arts.

Webb received a \$200 cash award, a \$500 stipend for his school and an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington to represent Michigan at the National Poetry Out Loud competition April 29-30.