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No. 1 vs. No. 1

Lauren Betts, right, and No. 1-seeded UCLA battled Madison Booker and fellow No. 1 seed Texas in the Final Four of the NCAA women's basketball tournament Friday evening, with the victor facing the winner of South Carolina vs. UConn in the finals. For a score and full recap of the game, visit sbsun.com



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MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Tower Buzzers excite fans with first game



Maverick, the new Ontario Tower Buzzers team mascot, greets baseball fans inside ONT Field in Ontario on Thursday prior to pregame ceremonies for the team's inaugural game. PHOTOS BY WILL LESTER — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

New Ontario team opens season at ONT Field against Lake Elsinore Storm

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The smell of new paint, fresh popcorn and team spirit hung in the air Thursday evening as the Ontario Tower Buzzers played their first home game at the new ONT Field.

Ontario's new minor league baseball team kicked off its inaugural game against the Lake Elsinore Storm. The home team ended up losing, 7-5.

Earlier, fans and players alike buzzed with excitement as the first pitch was thrown in the 6,000-seat stadium for the Single-A affiliate of the Dodgers.

"I love seeing all the new features of the stadium and just the beauty that they brought into the city," Natalie Avena-Lopez said in an interview. "I like how they're, you know, following trends and making it better versus staying in its old ways."

As part of the opening day celebrations, former Dodgers players and legends Darryl Strawberry, Mickey Hatcher, Joe Kelly, Jaime



Ontario Tower Buzzers fans react as Cypress Hill rapper Louis Mario "B-Real" Freese performs prior to the Tower Buzzers' inaugural game at ONT Field in Ontario on Thursday. The Ontario Tower Buzzers, the Single-A affiliate of the Dodgers, lost to the Lake Elsinore Storm 7-5 in a California League baseball opener.

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MIDDLE EAST

2 U.S. aircraft downed by Iran

1 crew member rescued, at least 1 more missing; Tehran takes credit for second crash

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WASHINGTON — Two U.S. military planes were shot down in separate incidents on Friday, and while one crew member was rescued in Iran, the whereabouts of at least one other was unknown — marking a dramatic escalation since the war began nearly five weeks ago.

It was the first time U.S. aircraft had been downed in the conflict and came just two days after President Donald Trump said in a national address that the U.S. has "beaten and completely decimated Iran" and was "going to finish the job, and we're going to

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COURTS

Mistrial declared in sexual abuse case against School for the Deaf-Riverside

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A mistrial has been declared in a sexual abuse case involving a former California School for the Deaf-Riverside student plaintiff whose attorneys claimed defense attorneys withheld more than 17,000 pages of documents, including records that supported their negligence claims.

Judge Eric A. Keen granted a motion for mistrial on March 24 after attorneys Deborah Chang and Candice Klein, who represent the now 20-year-old former student, accused the defense of failing to produce the documents in timely fashion during the discovery process, according to a March 27 ruling notice submitted to Riverside Superior Court.

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MORENO VALLEY

Spring fire burns 3,500 acres in area

Wind-driven blaze prompts evacuation orders, including at college

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Firefighters are battling a fast-moving, 3,500-acre vegetation fire driven by strong winds that prompted evacuation orders, including at a college in the Moreno Valley area on Friday afternoon and an evacuation

warning for the Kaiser Permanente medical center.

The Springs fire was reported around 11 a.m. Friday on the 15900 block of Gilman Springs Road, east of Moreno Valley, the Cal Fire/Riverside County Fire Department said.

Gilman Springs Road was closed from Bridge Street to Alessandro Road.

An evacuation shelter was established at Valley View High School, at 13135 Nason St., Moreno Valley. Animals can be brought to the San Jacinto Animal Shelter, 581 S. Grand Ave. in San Jacinto.

The blaze scorched approximately 50 acres by 11:30 a.m., and

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Residents evacuate after a vegetation fire along Gilman Springs Road erupted in the Moreno Valley area on Friday. **ONSCENE.TV**

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