

■ STANTON CITY COUNCIL

Term Limits For Mayor on Nov. 5 Ballot?

David Shawver long-term incumbent

The long service of David Shawver as the mayor of Stanton may be coming to an end.

At Tuesday's meeting of the council is an agenda item to place on the November 2024 general election ballot a two-term lifetime limit for the office of mayor. The terms are for four years.

Shawver has been on the city council since 1988 and has served several terms as mayor. He was most recently elected in November 2022, without opposition. The other council members already

have a limit of two four-year terms.

If approved by the council and then by voters, Shawver would end his tenure as mayor in 2026.

The mayoral lifetime limit was raised in August 2023 by Councilmember Gary Taylor. In September 2023, the council voted 4-1 – with Shawver opposed – to have a proposed ordinance drawn up and placed on the November 2024 ballot, if the council approved.

Shawver was the sole “no” vote last year. “I

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■ WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL

Free frankfurters for public were hot topic

A proposal to add a community barbecue to a summer concert/National Night Out in the Civic Center might seem like a non-controversial item, but not for the Westminster City Council.

The proposal at Wednesday's meeting by Councilmembers Amy Phan West and Namquan Nguyen

was to serve hot dogs to the first 500 residents to attend the event on Aug. 8.

However Councilmembers Kimberly Ho and Carlos Manzo raised objections including the potential cost of the barbecue – up to \$2000 – whether it was a self-pro-

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SERVICE WITH SMILES



STUDENT LEADERS from Garden Grove High School helped hand out strawberry shortcake slices Friday on the first day of the Strawberry Festival, which continues through Monday at the Village Green (Orange County Tribune photo).

■ GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL

Proclamation of June as LGBTQ Month on next week's agenda

A proclamation recognizing June as LGBTQ Month goes before the Garden Grove City Council for adoption at its meeting on Tuesday.

The original proclamation was approved by the council for June 2018 and a proposal for annual adoption by Councilmember Kim Nguyen-Penalosa was in May 2021.

With the proclamation, the clock tower in Village Green Park will be illuminated with “rainbow”

lights and a “Pride” banner during June.

The acronym LGBTQ stands for “Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (or Questioning).”

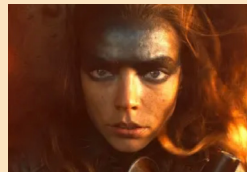
Also on the agenda will be:

- the second reading and adoption of an ordinance changing the zoning of a 0.88-acre parcel on Newhope Street, north of Garden Grove Boulevard to allow for the development of a 15-unit resi-

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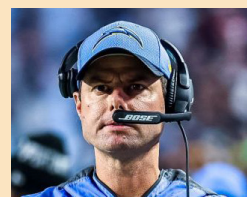
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'Mad Max' Is Back Again



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dential detached condominium project;

• approval of a cooperative agreement with the Orange County Transportation Author-

ity for participation in the Harbor Boulevard Innovative Corridor Project intended to improve safety and the "travel experience" from the Santa Ana Bus Base to the Fullerton Transporta-

tion Center.

The council will meet in the Community Meeting Center at 11300 Stanford Ave. (at Euclid Street) at 6:30 p.m.

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think that we need to have long-time leadership. We need to have someone stay in that position and work with the newly-elected councilmembers since we now

have term limits," said Shawver at the time.

There will be a special closed session at 5:30 p.m. and at the joint regular session at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 7800 Katella Ave.

Hot dogs were a hot topic at the Westminster council

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motion and a possible burden on the city staff to add to the event at this time.

After some discussion, a motion to approve the event didn't come to a vote, being superseded by a substitute motion by Coun-

cilmember Carlos Manzo (seconded by Ho) to take no action on the item. That motion was approved 3-2 with West and Councilmember Namquan Nguyen voting no.

The next council meeting is set for Wednesday, June 12 at 6 p.m.



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News & Views

Your chance to travel back into another time

The Ferris wheel and carousels at Garden Grove's annual Strawberry Festival are not just carnival devices to me. They're more like colorful time machines.

Every Memorial Day weekend the area in and around the Village Green park at Main and Euclid streets in the city's downtown area takes me back a half-

century or more, and gives newer visitors a glimpse of how people entertained themselves before iPads and streaming services; before AI made having an imagination an optional part of one's thinking.

A time traveler – and I suspect there really might be such people – wouldn't feel out of place if he or she strolled the grounds of the park or lined up with the throngs on Euclid to view the parade.

As in 1960 or so – even earlier – there would be the brass marching bands stepping in their colorful uniforms, cheerful music from the calliope and boys and girls eyeing each other as they paced along the midway between the games and the food booths.

At night, it all lights up and bathes the area in a neon glow that would have been familiar to motorists driving Nash Ramblers, Ford Falcons and Chevrolet Corvairs.

Traveling carnivals and community festivals are as American as apple pie (and pizza and tacos and bagels and pho) and there's no sign that these will pass away in favor of some electronic alternative.

No microchip can – at least so



Retorts Jim Tortolano



HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT exercises are scheduled for next Tuesday and Wednesday at Garden Grove Unified School District schools (Orange County Tribune photo).

It's just about the time to graduate

Cue “Pomp and Circumstance.” Graduation ceremonies are right around the corner for high schools in the Garden Grove Unified School District.

- Bolsa Grande: Tuesday, May 28, 2 p.m. at Bolsa Stadium
- Garden Grove: Tuesday, May 28, 2 p.m. at Monsoor Stadium

(GGHS campus).

- Hare: Wednesday, May 29, 6 p.m. on campus
- La Quinta: Tuesday, May 28, 6 p.m. at Bolsa Stadium
- Los Amigos: Wednesday, May 29, 2 p.m. at Monsoor Stadium
- Pacifica: Wednesday, May 29, 6:30 p.m. at Bolsa Stadium

- Rancho Alamitos: Wednesday, May 29, 3 p.m. at Bolsa Stadium

- Santiago: Tuesday, May 28, 6 p.m. at Monsoor Stadium.

For details on live-streaming of the events go to: <https://grad.ggusd.us>.

■ HUNTINGTON BEACH CITY COUNCIL

Street name change for contributor downgraded

A proposal to recognize a resident by renaming a street after him was amended to a different honor at Tuesday's meeting of the Huntington Beach City Council.

Three council members – Mayor Gracey Van Der Mark, Mayor Pro Tem Pat Burns and Councilmember Tony Strickland – had submitted an item to rename Commerce Street after Ed Laird, a long-time local community leader and business owner. The location is in an industrial park northeast of Research Drive and Graham Street.

But when concerns were raised

over Laird's political contributions to members of the council majority, the item was amended to instead add a “commemorative” addition – Honorary Laird Lane – to Commerce Lane.

The item, as amended, was approved on a 4-3 vote.

Also approved was a bid and approval of a construction contract with DBX, Inc. in the amount of \$1,146,920 for traffic signal modifications at the intersection of Warner Avenue and Ash Lane and Main Street and Delaware Street.

The next meeting of the council is set for Tuesday, June 4.

Memorial Day Service held at Memorial Park

The 50th Annual Memorial Day Service will be held on Monday, May 27 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Westminster Memorial Park in Westminster.

The program will include live music, a marching band, a guest speaker, memorial wreath dedication, a “missing man” formation flyover and dove release.

Following the service, complimentary hot dogs and Italian ice will be served.

Westminster Memorial Park is located at 14801 Beach Blvd.

NewsUpdate

Abortion Rights on 2 State's Ballots

Colorado and South Dakota are latest to allow voters to decide

Efforts to enshrine abortion rights have qualified for the ballot in Colorado and South Dakota.

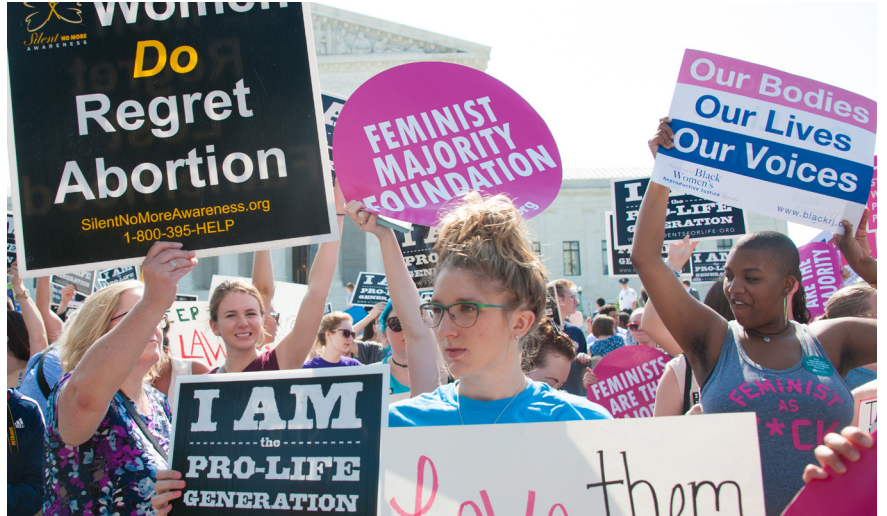
In Colorado, now a blue state, there are already strong protections for women seeking abortions, but the ballot measure would place them in the state constitution.

In South Dakota, a red state, many more than the required number of valid signatures were gathered.

Both ballot measures

– to be voted on in November – would keep the state from limiting abortions in the first trimester and allowing the state to regulate abortion after the second trimester, with exceptions to protect the life or health (physical or emotional) of the woman.

Other abortion rights measures could also be on the ballot in Arizona, Nevada and Florida.



REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS to be on the agenda in Colorado, South Dakota (Wikipedia).



PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN (Wikipedia).

Getting President Biden on the ballot in Ohio this fall

Will voters in the 2024 presidential election in Ohio get a chance to vote for the Democratic candidate?

Ohio's deadline for getting on the November ballot is Aug. 7 and President Joe Biden won't be formally nominated until the Democratic National Convention Aug. 2.

Gov. Mike DeWine, a

Republican, has called a special session of the state's General Assembly to pass a bill to allow Biden to qualify for the Buckeye ballot.

“Ohio is running out of time to get Joe Biden, the sitting President of the United States, on the ballot this fall. Failing to do so is simply unacceptable. This is ridiculous. This is (an) absurd situation.”

Once a swing state, Ohio has become more reliably Republican in recent years and if the law is not changed those who would have voted for Biden would have to write in his name or chose another candidate.

Twice before, Ohio lawmakers have adjusted the deadline, once for a Republican and once for a Democrat.

World court demands halt of Israeli troops to Rafar

Israel's military thrust into the city of Rafah in the southern part of Gaza has been ordered “stopped” by the International Court of Justice.

The court on Friday demanded an immediate end to the offensive on the grounds that it might lead to the destruction

of Rafah “in whole or in part.” The vote was 13-2 in favor.

The ICJ has little enforcement power and its decision has been rejected by Israel. But it's the latest rejection from the international community over its military conflict with Hamas.

Spain, Norway and Ireland recently announced they will recognize Palestine as an independent state, and the International Criminal Court has issued arrest warrants for Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and the Hamas leader.

Weekend warming up

Memorial Day weekend is said to be the unofficial beginning of summer, and the thermometer is starting to agree. For our West Orange County area, Saturday will start with morning fog, followed by afternoon sun. The daytime high will be 68, with 59 as the overnight low. But on Sunday, the daytime temp rises to 70 (53) with similar conditions. Monday and Tuesday will warm with 73 (57) with partly cloudy skies.

Arts & Living

'Furiosa' Revisiting 'Mad Max'

Frustrating but still an exciting cinematic ride

By Mark Kennedy
AP Entertainment Writer

At the beginning of "Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga," we are introduced to a kick-ass woman who rides a horse, then a motorbike, nails a few bad guys with sharp-shooting finesse and fights off a mob. But it's not Furiosa — it's her mom.

That's one of the oddities of this latest offering in the Mad Max Cinematic Universe: Creator and director George Miller has taken the coolest role of 2015's "Mad Max: Fury Road" and built a whole prequel around her yet has her overshadowed by everyone else.

The adult Furiosa — a coiled, clenched Anya Taylor-Joy — only appears after the first hour-mark — we get way too much preteen Furiosa — and she's meek for another quarter of the film. We, frankly, wanted more. Charlize Theron as Furiosa promised a "Top Gun" swagger yet Taylor-Joy mostly does furious side eye.

What goes into making adult Furiosa is very unpleasant: She endures childhood kidnapping and torture, goes mute, passes herself as a boy, gets traded for gas, works her way up a mad-man's hierarchy and only in the final scenes does she have real agency. We do learn how her left hand was maimed and that she was sweet on a guy. But making her mute? In her own movie?

Back are some familiar, scarred faces — Immortan Joe, The People Eater and a legion of half-naked War Boys. The new mega villain is Chris Hemsworth's Dementus, who has a hunger for human blood sausage and a knack for spectacularly murder-



ANYA TAYLOR-JOY stars in "Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga" (Warner Bros.).

Movie Review

ing people who Furiosa cares about.

Miller has added pretentious chapter titles like he was making a black-and-white Czech New Wave exposition on existentialism — "The Pole of Inaccessibility" and "The Stowaway" are among the sections — despite also employing a narrator.

By the time Miller is finished, he's built an epic, gritty history in the Wasteland like "Lord of the Rings" or "Game of Thrones." But was the point of this franchise a better understanding of the negotiating tactics of untrusty warlords in a hellscape? No: It was rocket-propelled grenades, motorcycles, chains, massive sandstorms and cracked skulls.

The best action sequence happens at the halfway point — not a good omen — with a 15-minute sequence inside, over and under a barreling silver double-tanker War Rig while it is being attacked by motorbikes, buggies

and parachuting adversaries. It's a marvel, truly, but since 2015 we've had cooler moments in things like "Mission: Impossible" and "Fast and Furious" so, sorry, mind not blown.

Viewers also spend time whipping through the Citadel, the Bullet Farm and Gas Town but there's something missing, that unpredictable spark of madness, maybe. Perhaps once you've seen an insane guy chained to the outside of a zooming truck playing guitar solos in front of a wall of amps with fire coming out of the headstock, the shock wears off.

Speaking of heavy metal, Hemsworth wears fingerless gloves, a codpiece, leather pants, a sleeveless leather vest and flowing hair, like he was a member of Mötley Crüe circa 1983. He has decided to perform his role in full psychotic camp — licking the tears of a victim, he describes them as "zesty" — and proves it by incorporating a teddy bear into his ensemble. Perhaps he should have his own stand-alone movie because he doesn't really fit in

Fair: ★ ★

here as the deranged comedy monster in a film with grim faces and famine.

A large part of the problem here is that young Furiosa is on an epic hero's quest to go home — like "The Odyssey" or any "John Wick" movie — but we know from "Fury Road" that the Green Place is no more. So "Furiosa" then just becomes a catalogue of crazy stuff that happens to her until it morphs into her cold-blooded quest for revenge. There's no real risk either because we know Furiosa lives to team up with Tom Hardy in 2015.

It feels like with this fifth Mad Max installment, Miller is trying to add operatic heft and seriousness to what started in 1979 as a fun, rip-roaring smear of nightmarish, post-apocalyptic motor oil. In that case, "Fury Road" was fantastic, but "Furiosa" is just fine.

TheSportsPages

College sports in the not-too New Wild West

I believe the term is “soldier of fortune.” As a general description, it applies to those who participate in a conflict for private gain, rather than out of loyalty to a cause.

As a more recent description, it now applies to a whole lot of college athletes, past, present and future.

This week the NCAA and five “Power Conferences” agreed to a \$2.8 billion settlement of an anti-trust suit which has the result of



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Jim Tortolano

clearing the last legal obstacle toward treating “student-athletes” as employees.

The practice of financial compensation for star athletes – especially in football and basketball – is at least a century old. Sometimes it’s been blatant in the form of cash or gifts (expensive cars were a favorite) or through “no-show” jobs. The NCAA – supposedly the enforcement arm to suppress such chicanery – has been more Barney Fife than Raylan Givens.

The lid started to really come off with the “transfer portal” and the “NIL” (name, image and likeness) ruling which allows paying money to “amateur” athletes for the use of their fame to sell tickets and win broadcasting revenue.

But now, we are in a New Wild West. Big college programs will be bidding against each other to attract top talent, who now – with the transfer portal – will be able to be “one and done” not just to the NFL or NBA or WNBA – but to other “institutions of higher

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BRANDON STALEY was fired after three seasons as head coach of the Los Angeles Chargers (File photo).

Staley’s reset lands him with the 49ers

He’s the new defensive assistant coach

By Josh Dubrow AP Football Writer

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Brandon Staley’s rise up the coaching ranks was meteoric, going from a Division III defensive coordinator to head coach in the NFL in a dizzying five-year span.

Staley’s stay at the top of the football coaching profession proved to be brief as he was fired before the end of his third season as coach of the Los Angeles Chargers.

Staley took a couple of months of time off before resetting his coaching career in a lower-profile role as a defensive assistant for the San Francisco 49ers.

Staley welcomed the opportunity to work for a winning organization led by coach Kyle Shanahan and general manager John Lynch even if it didn’t have the responsibility as the play-caller and coordinator.

“I don’t think looking at it as a reset is a bad thing,” Staley said Wednesday. “I was really excited about the role. There is a lot of common ground in how to lead a football team. This is what I was looking for more than anything, an opportunity where you feel you’ll be aligned with the right people who do things

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Dodgers lose to Reds; Halos fall to Guardians

In what they used to call a “slugfest,” the Cincinnati Reds got in the most punches and defeated the Los Angeles Dodgers 9-6 in the Queen City on Friday.

The Blue Crew got two home runs – one by Will Smith and another by Ted Hernandez – and three hits from Mookie Betts – but could not hold on to a 5-3 lead.

Six runs poured across the plate in the Reds’ fifth inning and that proved to be enough. The key hit was a grand slam by Jonathan India, along with two other home runs in the victory.

Shohei Ohtani had a rare off night, batting 0-for-5 to see his average drop of .340.

The loss went to reliever Yoohan Ramirez (0-2) who faced four batters and yielded three hits and a walk without getting an out.

With the loss, the Dodgers are 33-20 and remain in first place in the National League West. They’ll take on the Reds again on Saturday with Walker Buehler (1-1) getting the start.

The Los Angeles Angels crumbled under a barrage of home runs as the visiting Cleveland

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AL West Standings

| | W-L | Pct. | GB | L10 |
|---------|-------|------|-----|-----|
| Seattle | 27-25 | .519 | — | 4-6 |
| Texas | 24-28 | .462 | 3 | 2-8 |
| Houston | 23-28 | .451 | 3.5 | 7-3 |
| Oakland | 21-32 | .396 | 6.5 | 2-8 |
| ANGELS | 20-31 | .392 | 6.5 | 5-5 |

NL West Standings

| | W-L | Pct. | GB | L10 |
|-----------|-------|------|------|-----|
| DODGERS | 33-20 | .623 | — | 5-5 |
| San Diego | 27-27 | .500 | 6.5 | 5-5 |
| Arizona | 26-26 | .500 | 6.5 | 7-3 |
| San. Fran | 24-27 | .471 | 8 | 5-5 |
| Colorado | 17-33 | .340 | 14.5 | 5-5 |

Staley's 'reset' makes him a 49er coach

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the right way and you have a chance to improve, and where you also have a chance to affect a team that can compete for a championship. All those stars kind of aligned and it's been energizing."

Staley has a bit of an amorphous role with an official title of assistant head coach/defense

under first-time coordinator Nick Sorensen. He is bringing some fresh ideas to add tweaks to what has been one of the NFL's top units in recent years, will work with the secondary bringing a few new wrinkles and use his experience of calling defensive plays for four years and being a head coach for three as a resource for Sorensen and Shanahan.

But Shanahan doesn't anticipate any awkwardness with a staff that features a former coordinator of the NFL's top-ranked defense working under a coach who has never called plays in the NFL.

"Nick knows who the defensive coordinator is, and Brandon does," Shanahan said. "Brandon is in a real good spot, just leaving from being a head coach and how he can help us in a number of roles. I think Nick feels very excited to have a guy on the staff who has called plays, who has done it at a number of different places and things. I think he's helped

him a lot in those ways. But no, there's no really gray area of it."

The 41-year-old Staley is viewed as one of the brighter defensive minds in the game even if his defenses didn't play to that level during his three years running the Chargers. Staley went from being coordinator at Division III John Carroll to being an outside linebackers coach under former 49ers defensive coordinator Vic Fangio in both Chicago and Denver for three years before being fired as defensive coordinator of the Los Angeles Rams in 2020.

He helped Los Angeles have the stingiest defense in the NFL in his one season with the Rams, leading to him getting the head coaching job for the Chargers.

Los Angeles fell a game shy of the playoffs his first season, got into the postseason as a wild-card in 2022 before blowing a 27-point lead to Jacksonville and then got fired with a

5-9 record last season.

The Chargers allowed the fifth most points, the third most yards per play and a staggering 210 plays of at least 20 yards the past three seasons.

"You take a deep look at all of it," Staley said. "You have to unpack it the right way. You have to take time to do that, which I thought I did. You can't do it yourself. You have to talk to a lot of different people who can help you. I read a lot. I worked out a lot. I was with my kids. Through all that, doing it the right way, it led me to an opportunity here where I was ready for it."

Staley said he looks forward to working with Sorensen after getting positive reports on him from people who have worked with him in the past.

The Niners wanted someone well-versed in their defensive

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schemes to run the unit after struggling at times last year when Steve Wilks came in from the outside to replace DeMeco Ryans.

Ryans had also been an internal promotion when he got the job after Robert Saleh was hired as the New York Jets' coach in 2021.

While Staley has typically used a more complex style of defense than the simpler approach that has worked well for the 49ers with a four-man pass rush and more zone coverages on the back end, he believes he can bring some subtle changes that can elevate the defense even more without compromising the core principles.

"They've always evolved," Staley said. "I think since

Kyle's first season to now the defense has changed. ... From Robert to DeMeco to Steve, and now Nick, I think you've seen a really nice evolution. That's what's important is that you don't stray too far away from what makes you special. The style of play of this team is what's made it special."

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learning," if you can keep a straight face while speaking that term.

Sure, the NCAA will try to hang some window-dressing rules around this new reality, but that organization is clearly on its last legs; new rivals are already shopping their plans around.

So, is my heart broken that the Pure Old Days are gone and fleet-footed young men and women are no longer playing solely for the glory of good ol' Central State?

Nope. This is just a case of the public image catching up with the reality that the Pure Old Days never really were.

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far – duplicate the experience of chomping on cotton candy and a hot dog while people-watching and gawking at the color and sound of an experience that has connected generations for over a half-century and doubtless will go on and on and on ...

Dodgers and Angels each lose

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Guardians defeated them 10-4 in Anaheim.

Cleveland got one home run in the third and three more in the fourth. Angel starter Patrick Sandoval was tagged for eight runs on six hits including three round-trippers in 3.2 innings.

For the Halos, home runs were hit by Luis Renfigo, who went 3-for-4 with two runs scored and one RBI, and Logan O'Hoppe, who was 2-for-4 with two runs driven in and one run scored.

With the loss, the Angels are 20-31 and remain in fifth and last place in the American League West.

Jose Soriano (2-4) will get the start on Saturday against Cleveland.

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