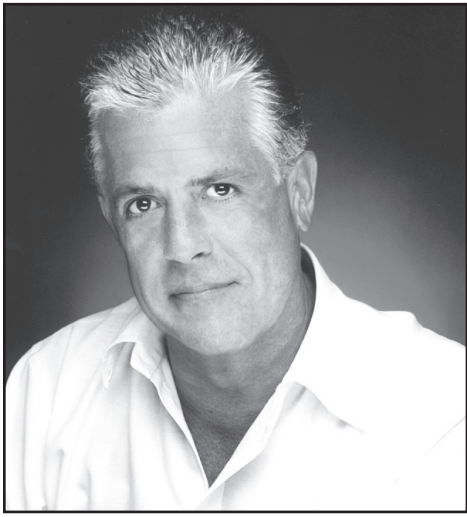


## Cityscape



### By Mayor Kelly McDowell

I grew up in Fairfax County, Virginia, just outside Washington, D.C. That makes me an automatic lifetime Washington Redskins fan. Just ask our own Parks and Recreation Commissioner, Joe Caravello.

In a former life, Joe played with distinction for the Redskins. Washington fans remember Joe with respect and admiration to this day even though it has been, well, decades since his tenure with the team. That's how deeply the Redskins are ingrained in D.C. culture.

If you're from the Washington area, you are a Redskins fan forever. It's pretty simple. But it is not always easy. This football season is one of those times when it isn't easy at all.

Under current head coach Jim Zorn, the 'Skins' currently sport a record of two wins and twice that many losses. That's bad enough. But it gets worse--and shows no signs of improvement.

In six games this year, the team has never managed to score more than 17 points--and they have managed to score an average of only 13.2 points per game. That's bad. Real bad. But it gets worse. Twice already this season, they have failed to score a touchdown in a home game. That's bad, too. On the bright side, the Redskins have been great at improving other teams' records. Week three

of this season, they gave the Detroit Lions their first win in 19 games. Nineteen games is almost as long as the California drought.

A week ago, the 'Skins met up with the Carolina Panthers, who at the time were winless in three tries. Their fortunes turned on meeting the Washington club, which folded promptly.

And in the Redskins' latest effort, the 0-5 Kansas City Chiefs beat Washington 14 to 6 on Sunday. The carnage occurred on Washington's home turf, of course.

Against Kansas City, a team which started the day giving up an average of over 27 points and 400 yards in every game, Washington managed an anemic 265 yards of offense, a whopping seven first downs and converted only two of 14 third downs--to go with their single-digit scoring. (Except for D.C.'s home-field advantage, who knows what would have happened?)

So what has Redskins' management done to improve things? This is stunning. The head coach will no longer call plays. Who will? No one seems to know. Zorn, to his credit and no one's surprise, admits fault in all this. But he offers no answers.

At a Redskins' game a few years back, my son Kelliston and I observed a homemade banner that seemed to tell it all. My memory is a little hazy, but I'll paraphrase it: "Roses are red, violets are blue. You may think it's them, but Danny, it's YOU!"

The "Danny" in question is Redskins' owner Dan Snyder, who made a fortune dealing in telephones of some sort and thus qualified himself to buy and micromanage an NFL team. Danny, in the unlikely event that you should ever run across this column, yes, IT'S YOU!! Don't just ditch the coach, pare your ridiculous payroll and get some actual talent on your team, FIRE YOURSELF! Sell the team or give it away. Please!

You've had years now and the results speak for themselves. A team formerly led by the likes of Vince Lombardi and George Allen, Sr. deserves far, far better. Retire. Now! •

## Police Reports

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

One male adult was arrested at 0339 hours at Vista Del Mar and Grand Avenue for driving under the influence of alcohol.

One female adult was arrested at 0431 hours in the 300 block of Richmond Street for plain drunk in public.

Court order violation report was taken at 1009 hours from the 200 block of W. Walnut Avenue.

Two female adults were arrested at 1853 hours from 119th Street and Aviation Boulevard for possession of a controlled substance.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

One male adult was arrested at 0200 hours from Richmond Street and Grand Avenue for misdemeanor DUI.

One male adult was arrested at 0222 hours from the 400 block of Center Street for misdemeanor DUI with a BAC of .08% or above.

One female adult was arrested at 0545 hours from Grand Avenue and Kansas Street for possession of a controlled substance, possession of controlled substance paraphernalia, under the influence of a controlled substance, misdemeanor DUI and one outstanding misdemeanor traffic warrant.

Vandalism occurred at 1600 hours in the 300 block of Oregon Street. Unknown suspect(s) threw yogurt on victim's parked vehicle.

Burglary (commercial) occurred sometime between 08/21/09 and 10/17/09 in the 1900 block of Hughes Way. Taken was video production equipment valued at \$20,000.00.

One male adult was arrested at 1924 hours in the 600 block of North Sepulveda Boulevard for battery.

Petty theft report was taken at 1949 hours in the 600 block of Maryland Street. Unknown suspect(s) stole the victim's gas can.

Two male adults and one female adult were arrested at 2227 hours in the 500 block of North Sepulveda for burglary and conspiracy to commit burglary.

Vandalism report was taken at 2209 hours in the 300 block of Indiana Street.

One female adult was arrested at 2355 hours in the 1400 block of East Imperial Avenue for plain drunk in public.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

One female adult was arrested at 0208 hours in the 600 block of Vista Del Mar for driving under the influence of alcohol.

One male adult was arrested at 0140 hours in the 200 block of Standard Street for plain drunk in public.

One male adult was arrested at 0241 hours

at Mariposa Avenue and Indiana Street for possession of a concealed firearm, possession of a loaded firearm and possession of less than one ounce of marijuana.

One male adult was arrested at 0232 hours at LAPD Pacific division for one outstanding El Segundo PD misdemeanor warrant and one outstanding parole warrant.

Assault report was taken at 0601 hours from the 1100 block of East Acacia Avenue. The victim's foot was run over by the registered owner of a vehicle he was in the process of repossessing.

Battery report was taken at 0845 hours from the 300 block of North Sepulveda Boulevard. Unknown suspect punched the victim in the face.

Burglary report was taken at 1119 hours from the 800 block of Apollo. Unknown suspect(s) took a HP laptop computer, two Blackberry cell phones and one iPhone cell phone.

One male adult was arrested at 1450 hours from Imperial Highway and Main Street for misdemeanor DUI.

Burglary report was taken at 1453 hours from the 1300 block of East Grand Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) took various office items including furniture and security items.

Petty theft report was taken at 1557 hours in the 600 block of Main Street. Two cell phones were taken.

One female adult was arrested at 1958 hours from Imperial Highway and Pershing Drive for three misdemeanor warrants.

One male adult was arrested at 2157 hours at El Segundo Boulevard and La Cienega Boulevard for driving under the influence of alcohol.

One male adult was arrested at 2351 hours at Vista Del Mar and the Hyperion Plant for driving under the influence of alcohol.

One male adult was arrested at 0019 hours at Aviation Boulevard and El Segundo Boulevard for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

One female adult was arrested at 0019 hours at Aviation Boulevard and El Segundo Boulevard for being under the influence of a controlled substance.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

One male adult was arrested at 0219 hours in the 200 block of North Sepulveda Boulevard for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Traffic accident (no injuries) occurred at 0800 hours in the intersection of California Street and Walnut Avenue. Two vehicles

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