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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT B4

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DOWNTOWN REDLANDS

Intersections to get redo



ERIC TOM/Staff Photographer

Pedestrians walk across one of the new crosswalks at Redlands Boulevard and Orange Street, where uneven bricks can be seen, in Redlands on Thursday. Work will begin soon to correct the problems forcing street closures around the downtown area.

Expect delays, get updates

Motorists should anticipate delays and high levels of traffic congestion during construction. Use of the various detour routes, to be posted throughout the city, is recommended. Access to businesses in the project area will be provided.

Daily progress reports, detour routes and construction schedule updates may be found at www.ci.redlands.ca.us/utilities/downtown.htm

Questions: Capital Projects Manager Mike Pool at 909-798-7584, ext. 4, or by email to mpool@cityofredlands.org; or to Project Specialist Ross Wittman at 909-798-7585, ext. 7, or by email at rwittman@cityofredlands.org.

Orange Street brick pavers did not meet city standards

By CHANTAL M. LOVELL Staff Writer

REDLANDS — Improvements made to downtown streets last summer will have to be redone due to failing work and quality that does not meet city standards.

City Spokesman Carl Baker said all of the brick intersections installed at downtown intersections less than one year ago are falling apart, and do not meet the quality standards specified in the agreement with contractor All-American Asphalt.

"Once the initial construction was complete, the bricks started to settle and were not flat," Baker said. "You can feel it when you drive over them. When we went back and tested the bricks, we found they did not meet the durability standards speci-

fied in the contract."

Work was originally scheduled to begin Saturday, but has been postponed at least two weeks due to the possibility of rain Sunday and Monday, Baker said.

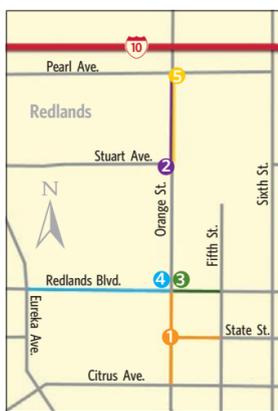
Baker said All-American Asphalt was notified of the problem immediately and will need to replace all the brick pavers, at no cost to the city, installed in the intersections on Orange Street at Pearl Avenue, Stuart Avenue, Shoppers Lane, Redlands Boulevard and State Street.

But the road closures to allow for the corrective work have some local businesses concerned it will affect sales in an already struggling economic environment.

PAVEMENT A4

Fixing Orange Street

The city has met with contractors who performed resurfacing work on Orange Street last summer, and work to correct deficiencies in the brick-paved intersections along the street is set to begin in two weeks.



Google Earth; staff graphic

■ **PHASE 1:** Intersection of Orange Street and State Street. Orange Street will be closed between Citrus Avenue and Redlands Boulevard, and State Street will be closed from Orange to Fifth Street.

■ **PHASE 2:** Northbound intersections of Shoppers Lane, Stuart Avenue and Pearl Avenue. Northbound lanes of Orange Street will be closed. One lane of traffic in each direction will be provided in the southbound lanes of Orange Street.

■ **PHASE 3:** Northbound intersection of Orange Street at Redlands Boulevard. Northbound lanes of Orange Street will be closed, as well as Redlands Boulevard, between Orange Street and Fifth Street. One lane of traffic in each direction will be provided in the southbound lanes of Orange Street.

■ **PHASE 4:** Southbound intersection of Orange Street at Redlands Boulevard. Southbound lanes of Orange Street will be closed, as well as Redlands Boulevard between Orange Street and Eureka Street. One lane of traffic in each direction will be provided in the northbound lanes of Orange Street.

■ **PHASE 5:** Southbound intersections of Shoppers Lane, Stuart Avenue and Pearl Avenue. Southbound lanes of Orange Street will be closed. One lane of traffic in each direction will be provided in the northbound lanes of Orange Street.

Husing shares state of region

Economist offers criticisms, ideas

By ANDREW EDWARDS Staff Writer

ONTARIO — John Husing, who has for years taken on the role of the Inland Empire's unofficial economic spokesman, mixed strong criticisms of the region's status quo with a call Thursday for the area's private- and public-sector leaders to come together to reverse the region's economic slide.

"We are in the bull's-eye of the mortgage crisis, and it is going to take us a long way to work out of that," said Husing, who framed his remarks as "the most complicated speech I've ever given to a meeting like this."

While delivering his "State of the Region" speech, Husing offered myriad criticisms and proposals on subjects ranging from education, the effects of environmental regulation on blue-collar jobs, energy policy and the imperative to bring high-paying employers to the region.

Husing spoke to an audience of hundreds of business managers, politicians and nonprofit administrators at the Double-Tree Hotel Ontario.

The economist said his speech is the product of more than 120 interviews with business and civic leaders in San Bernardino and Riverside counties.

Those conversations led Husing to conclude the field of education, particularly the Inland Empire's relative dearth of degree-holding adults, is the No. 1 source of problems the region's business leaders need to solve in order for the people of the Inland Empire to control their economic destinies.

HUSING A4

Simulation shows dangers

Citrus Valley students see 'Every 15 Minutes' program

By JOY JUEDES Staff Writer

REDLANDS — The Grim Reaper came Thursday for Nicole and Courtney Duggan at Citrus Valley High School.

Nicole and Courtney were among the Citrus Valley students who helped stage a fatal car collision at the school to raise awareness of the dangers of driving while impaired and while texting.

This was the first time the simulation, known as "Every 15 Minutes," has been done in Redlands. It was funded by a \$10,000 grant from the

A TOUGH LESSON

WANT MORE? See more photos from the Every 15 Minutes program held at Citrus Valley High School on **Page A8**.

California Highway Patrol office of traffic safety, organizers said.

"It was intense," said Nicole Duggan, 18, a junior at Citrus Valley, who was covered in fake blood for the simulation. "It was dead silent and I was like, 'I can't move because I'm supposed to be dead.' When they held me backwards I tried not blink."

Coordinator Tracy Dorsey said it took a year

CRASH A4



Redlands firefighters give medical aid to student Courtney Duggan during the Every 15 Minutes mock car accident at Citrus Valley High School on Thursday in Redlands. Students will attend a mock memorial service today for the two victims of the demonstration.

ERIC TOM Staff Photographer

AROUND REDLANDS

Coffee with the Council

The next Coffee with the Council is 8 to 10 a.m. Saturday at Augie's Coffee House, 115 N. Fifth St.

Coffee with the Council is a series of informal community meetings with two City Council members, held the third Saturday of the month and rotating among three restaurants, Augie's Coffee House, Stell Coffee & Tea Company and Redlands Family Restaurant.

Council members rotate attendance with two at each meeting.

Residents are invited to ask questions and share concerns with council members at the meetings.

Great American Y Circus closes this weekend

This is the final weekend of the 71st Great American Y Circus.

Performances are 7 p.m. today, 5 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday in the Roy Coble Gym at the Redlands Family YMCA, 500 E. Citrus Ave.

This year's theme is "Lands of Enchantment." Acts include unicycling, handbalancing, tumbling, pyramid building, teeterboard, juggling, aerial maneuvers and more.

Tickets are \$14 for adults and \$9 for youth.

Information: 909-798-9622, ext. 360; ymcaeastvalley.org/redlands/circus.html

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Art by Marissa Granados, 7. Mrs. Karen Walsh's second-grade class, Franklin Elementary School.

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