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**SAGE HILL SCHOOL** IN Southern California used Alaskan Yellow Cedar for its arbored walkways. Select appearance yellow cedar ( which is a knotty appearance grade) from Bear Creek Lumber. You can see the exterior portions were not stained or painted, and weathered to a natural light grey. The interior portions are still vibrantly yellow.

More pictures inside on page 2.



**About Sage Hill School:** [www.sagehillschool.org](http://www.sagehillschool.org)  
Sage Hill School provides a unique high school experience, and for that reason students who come to Sage Hill School are here primarily because they recognize that they have something to add to our community as well as much to gain from it. As result, members of the Sage Hill School community feel a genuine sense of belonging. With class sizes averaging around 15 students, Sage Hill fosters an environment of interaction, creativity, diversity of thought, and critical thinking.

Pictures by Sage Bannick 2006

More about **SAGE HILL SCHOOL** IN Newport CA:

Students are drawn to **Sage Hill School** for the numerous opportunities to participate and develop.

**Sage Hill** students have the opportunity to discover and explore areas they are passionate about outside of the classroom – athletics, fine arts, performing arts, clubs, student government and leadership, or community service. Each student is encouraged to try new ventures and discover their individuality and talents ; students may write a play that is performed by classmates, try out for a sport in which they may have only a small amount of experience, participate on the mock trial team, or create a non-profit charitable foundation. Learning at Sage Hill School may also take place in the community. The integrated Service Learning program enables every student to perform off-campus service projects related to their academic coursework during eight school days throughout the year.

**Sage Hill** students also look toward the future.

Students at **Sage Hill** experience a personal, and thorough college counseling process. The ninth and tenth grades at Sage Hill focus on academic achievement and engagement, both of which will later support college planning. During the eleventh grade, our experienced college counselors work closely and individually with each student to know and understand each and every one. The goal of college counseling at Sage Hill is not simply for our students to be admitted to the college of their choice, but to make an informed choice.



Pardners Minimarket in Winthrop (pictured above), WA burned to the ground last winter after an accident in the kitchen, but was rebuilt this spring, using Bear Creek Lumber cedar shingle siding and roofing.

Alaska yellow cedar weathered color



## **SAGE HILL SCHOOL PROJECT**

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### **House paint continued**

- Humidity in the house was too high during the heating season.

A high level of humidity inside the house is probably the cause if paint failure occurs on the outside walls of the bathroom or kitchen, and it can be even more pronounced on the outside of an upper floor. In multistory buildings, there is a chimney effect. Warm moist air is trying to vent upstairs, and eventually this moisture travels out through the siding. Paint failure may be more noticeable near electrical outlets or other breaks in the vapor barrier. Drier air enters the house through cracks on the main level; therefore, paint failure caused by high humidity is usually not a problem

# Industry News

## WHY HOUSE PAINT FAILS

from the Forest Service Forest Products Laboratory United States Department of Agriculture

House paint can fail prematurely—the following identifies some reasons and remedies.

- Wood was wet when it was painted.

If only the surface of the wood is wet, then only 1 sunny day is usually needed for drying prior to painting. If the wood is saturated, several sunny or windy days are necessary for drying prior to painting.

- Unfinished siding was exposed to several weeks of sunlight before painting.

Sunlight degrades the unfinished wood surface, thus it will never hold paint as well as fresh wood.

If the unfinished wood was exposed more than 3 to 4 weeks, lightly sand or power wash the surface to remove the thin layer of degraded wood before applying paint.

- Temperature was too cold when the wood was painted.

Oil-based paints should be applied when the temperature is at least 40 F; for latex paints, the temperature should be at least 50 F. Conditions should remain above these temperatures for 24 hours after painting. When pre-treating the wood with a paintable water-repellent preservative (a recommended practice), best results are achieved if it is applied when temperatures are greater than 70 F.

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The nation's once-booming housing market slumped even further this spring, with sales declining in 28 states, led by big drops in the formerly red-hot areas of Arizona, Florida and California.

Sales of existing homes fell nationwide to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 6.693 million units in the April-June quarter, down by 7.5 percent from the record rate of 7.193 million units in the spring of 2005, the National Association of Realtors reported Tuesday.

Housing starts came in at an annual pace of 1.795 million, according to a Census Bureau report. This was down from the 1.84 rate in June, which was also revised lower. It is also less than the forecast of 1.81 million of economists surveyed by Briefing.com.

Building permits, seen as a measure of builder confidence, fell to an annual rate of 1.747 million down from a 1.869 million pace. Economists had forecast a decline to 1.84 million.

The declines are even more substantial from year-earlier levels, with housing starts down 13 percent from a year earlier and permits off nearly 21 percent. Permits hit a record high in September 2005, while starts reached a seasonally-adjusted record in January of this year.

The sector has already trimmed nearly 25,000 jobs since January, according to Labor Department figures, and the slower housing starts and permits suggest even more slowing is ahead.

The Housing starts report is just the latest sign that the white hot real estate market of 2005 may already be in a recession. The current slump in residential construction is unlike any seen in 40 years, with a glut of new homes on the market causing the slowdown rather than the typical reasons for a slump - a rise in interest rates or downturn in employment.



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