WOODWORKERS’ PARADISE LOST

After 110 years, local fixture Southern Lumber is closing its doors

By Nicholas Weiler

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KARL MONDON/STAFF (ABOVE); COURTESY OF SOUTHERN LUMBER (BELOW)

Oliver Bishop, 17, is in the process of transitioning from boy to girl. "You know you’re a guy," he said. "But everybody doesn’t see it that way.

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More kids questioning their gender

Doctors, therapists see surge in teens, parents seeking advice

By Matthew Artz

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whose parents gendered and raised him as a boy and who had always identified with boys and men.

"We have lifted the lid of the adolescent mental health black box," Doreen Baum, of Gender Spectrum, told the Chronicle. "It is now possible for trans and gender non-conforming kids to be more than just the stereotypes we have always imagined, but the truth, which is the reality of who they are and who they want to be.

Her colleagues, Shane Richards, executive director of the UCSF Child and Adolescent Gender Center, and Lani McClelland, of the Transgender Law Center, were among the many new families in the city who welcomed Bishop.

A couple of months before he was ready to make the life-altering choice that day, Bishop had known for some time that he was a boy. At first, Bishop's parents were confused. They thought he might be overreacting to his coming out at school, he said. Now, though, they are sure. "I'm so glad it's finally done," Mother Ancille Esnault, one of Bischoff's closest friends, told the Chronicle.

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of every 10 cars on the road, have defective air bags that can fail to deploy in a frontal collision and shatter into dangerous fragments.

Five deadly and near-fatal 100-year-old accidents have already been linked to the air bags, including an April fatality in Farmington, Utah, a city outside Salt Lake City.

Brannt, who credits an early introduction to sailing with his love of sailing, recalls that he got the recall notice from Ford last year about his car, the Escape.

Brannt, who said he was not "happy about" the recall, said his experience "is typical of a gen-

arate stems from the fact that the airbags are manufactured at one of a number of different plants, with different manufacturing processes. The result is that the airbags may not be 100 percent effective in the event of a collision, which is why the government is urging people to get their airbags checked.

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