

# Scott ready to take design business global

Nine years ago Shannon Scott was moving up through the ranks at a design firm, when the company experienced a downturn and she was laid off. Three weeks pregnant with her son, she said she viewed this as an opportunity to venture out on her own and start her own business.

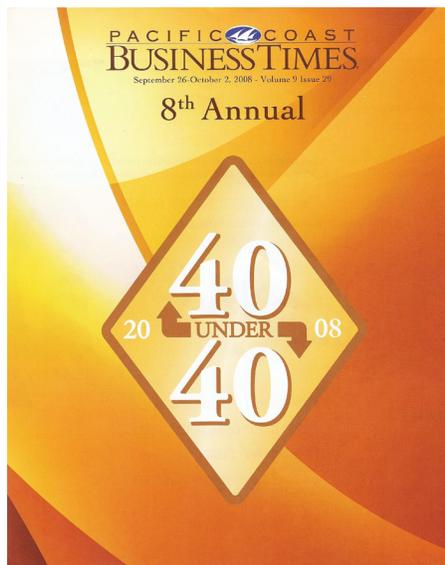
She managed her business, Shannon Scott Design, for the first four years, completing designs for several small hospitality projects and a wide variety of homes on the Central Coast. Thanks to some newspaper articles, Scott, 36, was sought after by both the Montecito Inn and the University Club of Santa Barbara.

She hired a part-time accountant and two full-time project managers. Around the same time, Scott also began work on a large addition to a Montecito estate. In 2005, the estate owner was so impressed with her work that he hired Scott for full design services for a 10,000-square-foot castle he was building in Newfoundland, Canada. The final installation occurred earlier this year.

Having completed the Newfoundland castle, seven tri-county wine tasting rooms,



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as well as several luxury hospitality and residential projects, Scott now plans to complete on both the national and international level.

During the past year, Scott made a commitment to “green” design, which is helping her clients become more environmentally friendly, and assisting furniture vendors with sustainable solutions.

She is always looking for ways to give back. For example, earlier this month, she brought Emmy Award winning recording artist Chris Sphieris from Sedona to Los Olivos for a series of concerts and art exhibitions where a portion of all proceeds went to the Santa Ynez Valley Humane Society.

Scott received a record 40 nominations for her 40 Under 40 Award.

## **What was your first job?**

Telemarketer

## **What are the top three songs on your iPod?**

“Into the Indigo” by Chris Sphieris, “Angel” by Sara McLachlan and “Tragedy” by Brandi Carlisle.

## **Who is your role model?**

My mom and my step dad.