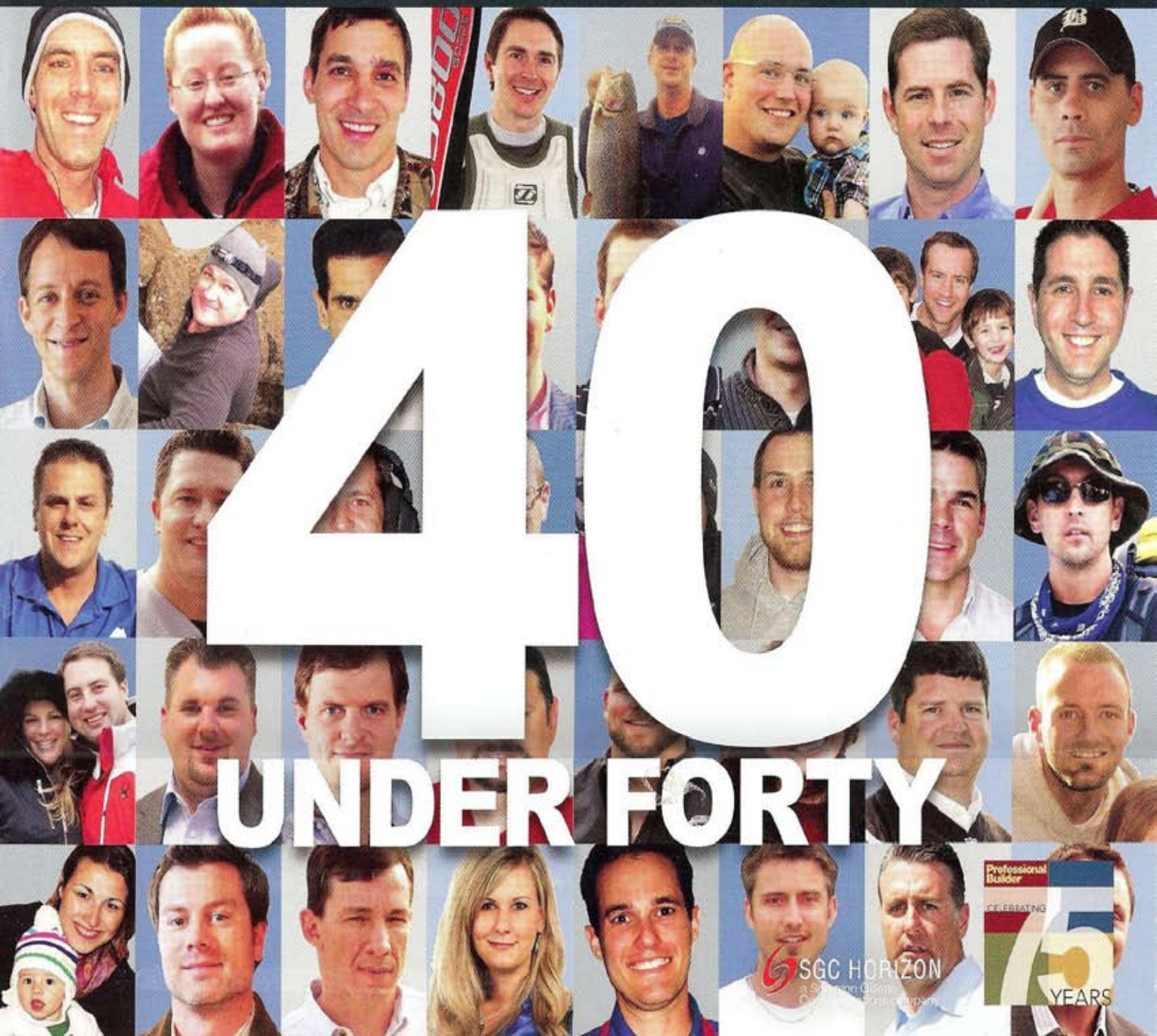


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A former college running back turned green builder, a licensed psychologist who is helping New Orleans rebuild and modernize after Katrina, and a Lean-process guru who is leading one of the nation's fastest-growing home-building companies — these accomplished professionals are among *Professional Builder's* inaugural 40 Under 40 class. The 40 individuals featured on the following pages represent some of the brightest stars in the home-building industry — and they're under the age of 40. We proudly present the home-building industry's next generation of leadership.

By David Barista, *Editor-in-Chief*





Mark Tangen, 37

DIVISION PRESIDENT, RAUSCH COLEMAN HOMES, GRANDVIEW, MO.

EDUCATION

BS, Housing and Urban Development, University of Minnesota; Certificate of Business Management, Drake University

PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS

Certified Green Professional

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Directs and oversees all division management functions for major regional builder (ranked

No. 77 on *Professional Builder's* 2011 Housing Giants list)

Former VP of operations and production manager with Rottlund Homes where he was named Superintendent of the Year three times and increased market share from 4 percent to 17 percent during his tenure

OFF THE CLOCK

Hobbies include golf, pheasant and duck hunting, and concerts

WWII enthusiast who can't get enough of "Saving Private Ryan"
Fave food: Seafood, particularly shrimp and scallops

SECRET LIFE

Former starting tight end for the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers (1999-2001); named to the Academic All-Big Ten team
Can do the worm break-dance move, despite his 6-foot, 8-inch frame



Matthew Hufft, 34

FOUNDER, PRESIDENT, CREATIVE DIRECTOR, HUFFT PROJECTS, MAKE STUDIOS, EDWIN BLUE, KANSAS CITY, MO.

EDUCATION

BArch, University of Kansas; MArch, Columbia University

PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS

AIA, NCARB, LEED AP

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Founded Hufft Projects (with wife Jesse as business partner) in 2005 at age 29; 11-person firm focuses on residential and commercial

projects with a modern and sustainable bent
Founded eight-person MAKE Studios in 2008 to facilitate custom fabrication for projects

Started Edwin Blue in 2009, a firm that designs and sells high-end indoor and outdoor furniture
Previous experience: RoTo Architects; Tigerman McCurry Architects; Bernard Tschumi Architects

EXTRACURRICULAR

Earned Skidmore, Owings, and Merrill Traveling Fellowship Award while attending Univ. of Kansas

Member, Urban Core Group of Kansas City
Taught architecture at Pratt Institute

OFF THE CLOCK

Relaxes by chopping wood
Fave read: "Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance"

SECRET LIFE

Loves his slippers, they're on the minute he gets home



Michael Fratantoni, 39

PRESIDENT, CO-OWNER, DESERT SKY DEVELOPMENT, SCOTTSDALE, ARIZ.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Co-founded custom home-building and commercial construction firm at age 19 with his brother (was youngest state-licensed contractor at the time)

Launched luxury cabin construction division in 2008

Named top-10 custom builder three years running by *Ranking Arizona* magazine

Named two-time Custom Homebuilder of the Year by local publication

EXTRACURRICULAR

Member, Home Builders Association of Central Arizona and Scottsdale Area Association of Realtors

Participant, Scottsdale Green Building Program

OFF THE CLOCK

Getaway spot: La Jolla or Coronado Island, Calif.

Is a fantasy baseball fanatic ("It's a great way to stay connected with old friends")

Hobbies include mountain biking, Arizona Diamondbacks games, and "desert picnics" with the family

Fave food: mother's authentic Italian cooking
Coaches youth baseball

SECRET LIFE

Was scouted by the Chicago Cubs as a high-school baseball player
Grandfather was building supervisor for road construction in Sicily in the 1930s



Michael Waldron, 35

OWNER, PRESIDENT, WALDRON BUILDERS AND TITAN MECHANICAL CONTRACTING, SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y.

EDUCATION

Sports Medicine, West Virginia University

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Launched custom home-building firm at age 32

Founded mechanical contracting firm (HVAC, electrical, plumbing) at age 23

Multiple first-place awards in Parade of Homes and Showcase of Homes competitions, including honors for workmanship, interior decorating, and master bedroom suite (2009, 2010)

All homes are 100-percent Energy Star-rated

EXTRACURRICULAR

Board member, Capital Region Builders and Remodelers Association

Member, Saratoga Builders Association

OFF THE CLOCK

Hobbies include football, snowmobiling, and watching his daughters play sports

All-time flick: "Gladiator"

Fave dish: wife's pork tenderloin
Getaway spot: Disney with the family
On the nightstand: technical manuals ("I know, boring, right? I like to stay on top of the mechanical side of the business.")

SECRET LIFE

Played professional arena football after college
Father is a retired builder and firefighter who received the Maltese Cross for rescuing a child from a burning building



Monica Wheaton, 36

CEO, BUILDER PARTNERSHIPS, LITTLETON, COLO.

EDUCATION

BS, Psychology, Colorado State University; MIM, Thunderbird School of Global Management; MBA, University of Colorado

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Helped create and launch builder-manufacturer networking and partnership group

Grew organization from 30 builder and five manufacturer members in 2006 to more than 500 builders and over 75 manufacturers and

service providers in 2011

Managed the development of transactional Web site and database that serve as hub for organization

Organizes and hosts more than 40 educational webinars annually

OFF THE CLOCK

Hobbies include running (completed seven marathons, including Boston), traveling, and new adventures, such as hot-air ballooning

and paragliding

On the nightstand: "Water for Elephants" and "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo"

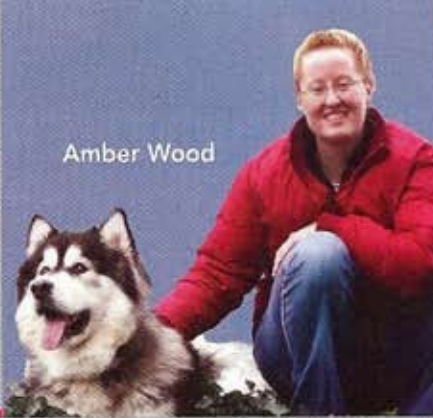
Fave food: sushi

SECRET LIFE

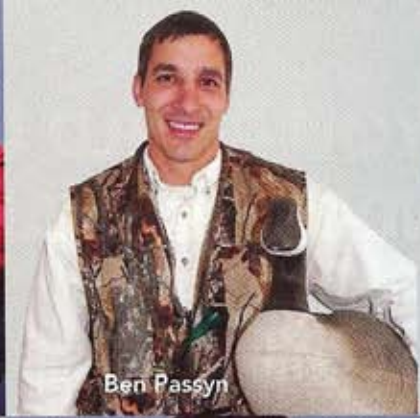
Related to a pirate, Renato Beluche, who was instrumental in defeating the English at the Battle of New Orleans
Lived in Prishtina, Kosovo for three years while working on a USAID project



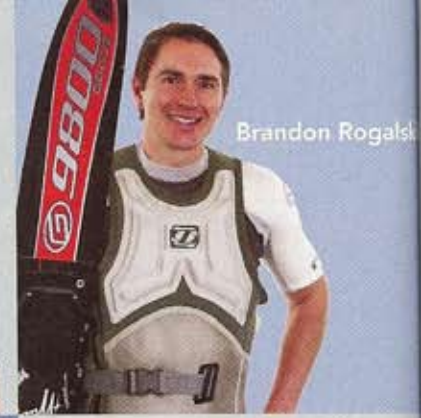
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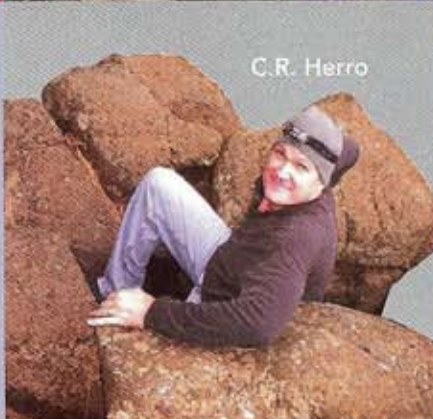


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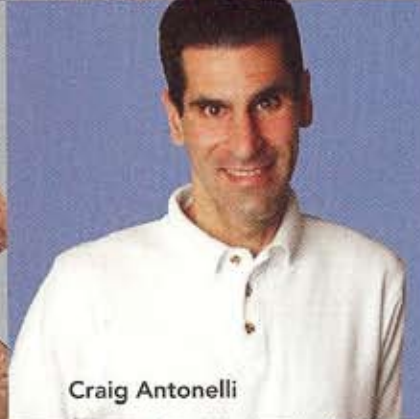
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Craig Antonelli

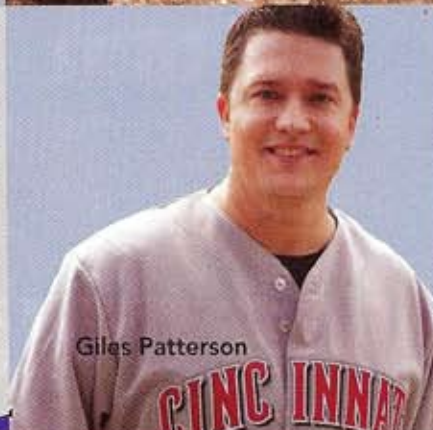


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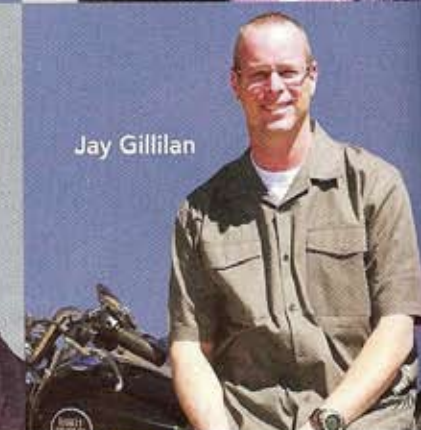
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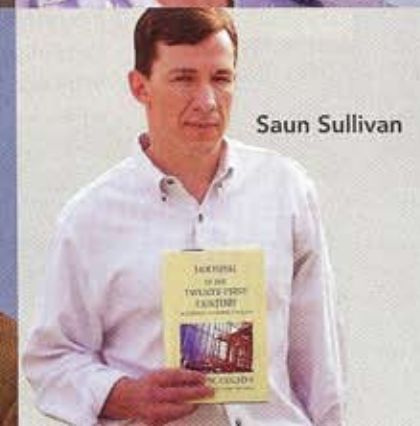
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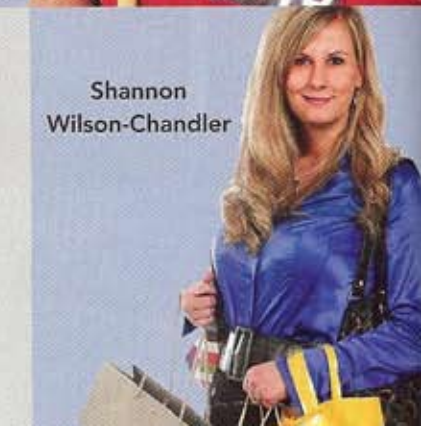
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