

## \$1M High Note: Viterbis Sponsor Lectures, Season of Opera



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San Diego Opera received a \$1 million gift from **Erna and Andrew Viterbi**. The first \$500,000 will be used to underwrite a lecture series in conjunction with "Nabucco," the second opera in the 2010 season, as well as the production of this opera. The lectures will be held at Lead Partner venues around the community, which include the **San Diego Natural History Museum, Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, Congregation Beth Israel** and the **San Diego Museum of Art**. The second half of the gift is designated to the 2011 International Season where the Viterbi family will be honored as the Season Sponsor ... The **Achievement Rewards for College Scientists**, or **ARCS Foundation**, honored its 2009-10 Scholars at the Irwin M. Jacobs Qualcomm Hall on Nov. 8. The **ARCS Scholar Recognition** event awarded \$317,500 to Outstanding Scholars at **San Diego State University, The Scripps**

**Research Institute, UC San Diego** and the **University of San Diego**. Corporations, foundations and individuals contribute annually to this scholar support ... The **Parkinson's Disease Association of San Diego** raised \$95,000 at its Spirit of Life Award Dinner, held Oct. 25 at the **Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines**. In honor of the association's 20 years of service, the evening was dedicated to caregivers, all past Spirit of Life honorees and corporate sponsors ... The **Escondido Charitable Foundation**, an affiliate of **The San Diego Foundation**, awarded \$61,000 to four nonprofits for their work in the areas of math and science education. Those receiving the grants were **Bernardo Elementary School, Escondido Union High School District, Escondido Education Foundation** and **Grace Lutheran Church and School**. The **Carlsbad Charitable Foundation** awarded \$50,000 to three organizations that serve Carlsbad's senior citizens. **San Diego Hospice** and **The Institute for Palliative Medicine, Interfaith Community Services** and **North County Food Bank** were presented these awards at the **Tri-City Wellness Center** on Oct. 6. This year's funding

was matched by the **Gary and Mary West Foundation**, thereby doubling the amount that each organization received ... On Nov. 21, **Mission Federal Credit Union** began its "Mission 4Monarch" to assist students at **Monarch School**. The San Diego community is invited to donate cash gift cards from **Ralphs, Payless Shoes, Target** or **Visa**. The program will run through Dec. 17 and the gift cards will be presented to the Monarch students and their families before the holiday ... The **Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice** at the **University of San Diego** was named to **Project Concern International's** 2009 Honor Roll in recognition of the Institute's work with women in Africa, particularly through the **Women PeaceMakers Program** ... **Cricket Communications Inc.** hosted a golf tournament Nov. 10 to raise funds for families dealing with cancer at **Rady Children's Hospital**. The event raised \$125,000. Sponsors included **Superior, Next G!, Qualcomm Inc., Kyocera Corp.** and **Performance Technologies Inc.** ... The 11th Annual **Casa de Amparo Crystal Ball Gala** was held Nov. 7 at **Fairbanks Ranch Country Club**. The gala raised \$500,000

to support programs and services to treat and prevent child abuse and neglect in San Diego County. **ProFlowers** was title partner and **Jeffrey Strauss** of **Pamplemousse Grille** prepared the dinner ... **Grossmont Hospital Foundation's** annual gala was held Nov. 7 at the **Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina**. The event raised \$283,000, which will support the hospital's Cardiac and Vascular Center. **Grossmont Hospital** medical staff and the **Glenn Napierskie** family were among the major sponsors ... **Ernest Rady**, chairman of **Insurance Company of the West**, was named the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of The Year in the Financial Services category. Rady was honored for a long and successful career, including launching and growing the San Diego-based Insurance Company of the West. Today it is part of privately held **ICW Group** ... **TCR Services** partnered with **Sony** to donate 30 printers and toner cartridges to the **San Diego Unified School District** due to its current budget crisis.

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