The military vehemently opposed the November 2006 advisory ballot asking if city officials should pursue take-over of the Marine Corps Air Station Miramar as a replacement for Lindbergh Field. And top brass was greatly relieved when voters shot down the measure by a wide margin. Well, it’s bankroll time. Major Gen. Michael Lehner, who heads operations in the Southwest, told our Reo Car that the Marines would be spending $4.9 billion on regional military construction over the next three years. Given the economic turmoil, it’s a bit of good news. “San Diego supported the Marines, and now they’re cashing the check,” says Lehner … Way to go, Oz! Oscar “Oz” Sanchez, who works at local defense contractor Epsilon Systems Solutions and who was recently featured in the Business Journal, is now officially the “World’s Fastest Man on a Handcycle,” according to a company news release. Sanchez competed in the Beijing 2008 Paralympics and won a gold medal in the men’s individual handcycling time trial Sept. 12. Two days later, he took the bronze in the men’s individual handcycling road race, despite losing a chain during the final lap … Well, here’s something to bark about. The trust of Marcella B. Coolidge, daughter of artist and cartoonist C.M. Coolidge who painted those funny dogs seated around a poker table, has left $500,000 to UC San Diego to support college-level classes for students 50 and over. Coolidge, a former member of the Other Lifelong Learning Institute, died in San Diego on Nov. 27, 2007, at age 97. Her father, best known for his portraits of canines in human-like situations, also founded a bank, newspaper and drugstores. His 16 “Poker Dog” paintings were commissioned to engage customers with “remembrance advertising” for an ad agency, says a UCSD handout … Longtime Technion-Israel Institute of Technology supporter and Qualcomm co-founder Andrew J. Viterbi was one of eight awarded a 2007 National Medal of Science — our nation’s top honor for science and technology — at the White House on Sept. 29. Viterbi developed the Viterbi Algorithm, a mathematical formula devised to eliminate cell phone interference, which in turn has helped speed adoption of those ubiquitous wireless devices … San Diego Opera launches a series of casual dinner programs to explain its offerings in the 2009 season. The first program, set for Oct. 22 at Churchill's Pub & Grille in San Marcos, will focus on "Peter Grimes," an opera about a fisherman facing the mob mentality of a small English village. The second, set for Nov. 5, at La Gran Tapa in downtown San Diego, will focus on that famous windmill tilter "Don Quixote." Ian Gardner, CEO of Helix Wind, will explain how his company has been inspired by the famous Cervantes story in which Quixote attacks windmills because he thinks they are giants. Details and reservations at sdopera.com ... Oops. My bad. I mentioned here last week that U.S. Rep. Bob Filner was one of four House members from San Diego giving a thumbs down on first vote for the bailout bill. He is, of course, a Dem! And I'm the donkey! Tune in to Mark Larson’s Friday morning shows on San Diego 1790 AM to catch Tom York’s weekly business update.
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San Diego attractions

Balboa Park - Oaly rollercoasters and casual gay volleyball groups play to the park (Parking Sixth Avenue) on Saturday. It's a mile hike to the San Diego Zoo plus 15 world-class museums, art galleries, and a mile-long landscaped esplanade garden, balboapark.org

Some of the highlights include:

REYNARD F. PLATT SCIENCE CENTER: The Reynard F. Platt Science Center (on the First Avenue) offers two blocks south of the San Diego Zoo on Park Blvd. The First is a non-profit organization dedicated to furthering the public's understanding and enjoyment of science and technology. 619.236.1226, reynard.org

SAN DIEGO MUSEUM OF ART: The San Diego Museum of Art is the region's primary resource for exhibitions and collections of fine art for more than 60 years. Located in the heart of Balboa Park, our galleries offer opportunities for learning, reflection, and connection with culture from around the world. 619.238.7941, ahm.org

MIRAGE NATIONAL MUSEUM: A non-profit, public foundation dedicated to furthering the understanding of art of all cultures of the world. Through the universal language of line, form and color, Mirage speaks directly of the similarities and distinctions of individuals and cultures.619.230.9634; mirage.org

SAN DIEGO MUSEUM OF MAN: The San Diego Museum of Man is an educational, non-profit corporation founded in 1915 to collect and preserve for posterity the life and history of humankind. 619.236.3600; mosman.org

MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS: The mission of the Museum of Photographic Arts is to inspire, educate, and engage the broadest possible audience through the presentations, collection, and preservation of photographic film and video. 619.238.7950; mopa.org

SAN DIEGO HARBOR: Open every day of the year, including holidays, the world famous San Diego Zoo is located on Zoo Drive in Balboa Park, just north of downtown San Diego along Park Boulevard. From the Fish Pier Magazine to shows such as The Littlest Legends and Lunch, it's something for everyone. 619.234.3130; sandiegozoo.org

BELMONT PARK: In Mission Beach, Belmont Park is the heart and soul of Southern California's most famous amusement park. With more than 120 thrilling rides and attractions, this classic seaside wonderland is the ultimate destination for families and thrill seekers alike, with some of the best views in San Diego. 619.281.8822; belmontparkco.com

BLACK'S BEACH north-east to the main gay beach is in the area, La Jolla, just north of San Diego. Take the I 5cutoff at 5), head west too Coronado, and turn right at the golden gate sign. Two cautions here: the path from parking lot to beach is very steep and rather difficult to navigate without sure footing and some stamina. And the police sometimes come down the boardwalk Shawing that occurs in the bushier area above the beach.

CARMELLA NATIONAL MONUMENT: 11th Street to Jean Rodriguez Gallardo's exploration of the region in 1862- 1863 Gabriela Memorial (619.577.5495) - opgala.org

DIVERSIONARY THEATRE:Which specializes in gay-themed, is one of the oldest LGTB theaters in the country. 619.454. Park Blvd, Suite 101; 619.230.0097; diwensionary.org

KNIGHTS ISLAND: Lets get soaring with Sky. Glide, relax, private and public, car or check website for hours of operation and directions: 714.220.5200, knibm.com

JULIUS: Travel to the premier mountain gateway, just an hour south of San Diego in the beautiful cucumber mountain and take a dip in the hot tub, just walk away from the hectic city of life or notice that block bane, you can do it! in the discovery of Julian. Julian Chamber of commerce, 760.785.1576, julianca.com

LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE: A creative haven for the national and international audiences in the American theatre and has won more than 300 Theatre awards, including the 1993 Tony Award as America's Outstanding Regional Theatre. 858.550.1010, www.lajollaplayhouse.com

MISSION BAY PARK: is a abundant area for walking/jogging and 12 miles of beaches. Enjoy the quintessential San Diego experience north of the bay with a stroll along the near downtown neighborhood (utmatsin Mission Beach and Pacific Beach), a magnet for families, cyclists and runners, too. 619.295.7222; missionbaypark.org

MUSEUM OF CONTTEMPORARY ART SAN DIEGO: 700 Prospect St, La Jolla; 619.554.3541; mcasd.org

NORTH COAST REP: focus a award-winning seven site, main stage season comprised of classical, contemporary and musical works. North Coast Rep conducts a new musical theater, presenting well-written, inspiring and meaningful plays and poetry with non-profit organizations and arts to present new productions throughout the season. For ticket and show information please call 619.454.1900 or go to www.northcoastrep.org

NORTH PARK THEATRE: just recently returned to hospitality to his historic greatness, always something fun going on stage, check out the listings, purchase tickets by phone or online, 619.234.3830, northparktheatre.com

OLD GLOVE: Toasts Shakespearean classics and contemporary plays and musicals on three stages. Balboa Park, 15th St. 619.234.0726. theoldglove.org

SAN DIEGO BOAT FERRY: The ferry shuttles between the Broadway Pier (San Diego) and the Ferry Landing Maintenance Complex (Coronado) daily, hourly 9am to 6pm, stop by 5pm in Coronado, and drink while enjoying the view of the harbor, play a game of farkl, or just enjoy the view of the ocean. 619.234.0880; sandiegoferries.com

SAN DIEGO MARITIME MUSEUM: for harbor tours or whale watching 619.234.4111 or 800.44.Cruise, adoh.com

SAN DIEGO OPERA: Southern California's largest established Opera Company, presenting lavish world-class productions. Carl Thoren, 619.533.7000, opera.org

SAN DIEGO ARTS & SCIENCE: a nonprofit organization that sponsors programs to increase community access to the performing arts. 619.234.3130; sandiegoperformers.com

SEAWORLD: Fan, educational, rides, aquatic shows, and a depiction interactive program. Please get updated or completely updated SeaWorld (800.227.4683); seaworld.com

SIXTH AT PERE MARSE: It is a small & experimental venue that includes some gay shows in its mar. 3704 Sixth Ave, 619.699.2010, atperemarine.com

TUIJMAHA: a spectacular view of the city from the top of the Tijuana River, for an adventure take a Tijuana boat. PLANET S is a nightlife gay bar in the Bayshore Village. Area, pub call, bars, night club featuring works of local gay artists, available of Avenida Revolucion between 6th & 12th streets.

LOS EQUERIES is a large disco and alter bar for the 弊ers (and very similar but not too similar with the American boys. 7th Street just east of Avenida Revolucion. MIKE'S DISCO is a longtime favorite of its gay nightlife and a good place to dance to Spanish and English range songs; well known an excellent place to see a drag show; Eastside of Avenida Revolucion near 4th street.

TERRAZA is a disco bar mostly for locals; north side of downtown just west of Avenida Revolucion, very close to Jellby's disco.

BOSA: a disco that attracts lots of young, but less well -do Democrats who like disco; on the eastside of 5th Street just south of Avenida Revolucion, very close to Jellby's disco.

CASINO GAMING

BARONA CASINO & RESORT: 1000 Winder Canyon Road, Escondido, 858.325.2255; barona.com

CASINO PALM: 777 Pacifica Reservation Road, Pauma, 858.677.3982; casinopalms.com

GOLDEN ACORN CASINO: 1800 Golden Acorn Way, Campo, 619.698.0004; goldenacorn.com

RAHAB'S RIVIERA CASINO & RESORT 777 Harrah's Rincon Way, Valley Center, 858.777.2457

PALA CASINO 11544 Pala Highway, Pala, 760.444.7526; palaonline.com

SUNYU CASINO 5455 El Cajon Blvd, El Cajon; 619.210.3285; sunyucasino.com

VALLEY VIEW CASINO 16300 Reseda Boulevard, 888.769.7777

VEGAS CASINO & OUTLET STORES 5000 Wilkes Road, Alpine, 858.947.0537

TURFLEY PINES STATE RESERVE: is home to the rare and beautiful Torrey Pines that are found only at this reserve and on the island of Coronado. Take a drive on the very beautiful trail that walks through the reserve. 16500 G. A. Torrey Pines Rd, La Jolla, 858.755.2000; reserve.org

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