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# SD ON THE QT

Almost factual news

## Everybody Loves a Parade

Scenes from the 2010 Big Bay Balloon Parade



San Diego Sex Workers' Advocacy Group (SD-SWAG) mascot Betty Boop leans forward and puckers up.



Parade grand marshal (and NBA great) Bill Walton tries his best to pretend that bowling, pool, and checkers belong on the same float as football and basketball.



The Bridgepoint Education Dream Float: "Dreaming of a quality, affordable education? Keep dreaming!"



City officials present Timmy Tentacle, the new mascot for San Diego's city government.

"With his eight arms and hundreds of suction cups, Timmy always finds a way to grab hold, squeeze, and suck!"



San Diego Civil Employees' Union mascot Bob the Union Builder gazes imploringly up at the clock, waiting for that 5 o'clock bell.



Leonardo the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle, new mascot for the soon-to-be-privately owned Miramar Landfill, puts a hand to his nose to fight off the stink. "I may have been created by radioactive sewer ooze, but this is ridiculous!"



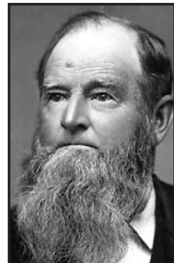
Really? San Diego County Credit Union? A financial institution today taking the theme of a ship "sailing the high seas"? Sometimes the jokes about terrifying plunges and the constant threat of being completely swamped just write themselves.

## WHO PLAYS WHO

## MALL DUDES EDITION



In *First Blood*, **Brian Dennehy** played a sheriff who aimed to keep his town boring.



**Alonzo Horton** (Horton Plaza) bought what eventually became downtown San Diego.



Out on the road with Stan Laurel, **Oliver Hardy** was forever being gotten into another fine mess.



**Roscoe "Pappy" Hazard** (Hazard Center) paved a mess of fine roads.



In 1492: *Conquest of Paradise*, **Gerard Depardieu** played an explorer who comes to the Americas.



In 1749, Fra **Junipero Serra** (built the mission that gives Mission Valley Center its name) came to the Americas.



In the parade's only snafu, Shamu the killer inflatable whale briefly pinned a volunteer to the pavement.

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