

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

August 14, 2013

A sad attack

Re: "Power play" (Our Opinion, Aug. 13).

Your figures for Victor Valley College teacher's salaries are completely erroneous and serve as a sad attack on a group of folks who are working diligently to both effectively educate our students and to get the college off probation. The most recent schedule (2009-10) has not been increased in four years, other than possible step/class moves for a few folks. The starting point of \$49,962 is a far cry from your \$174,000 figure and the top number of the doctorate column is \$104,821.

I am the senior member of the VVC faculty, having served here for 38 years. I am not a CTA member, though I am required by the state's closed shop nonsense to pay dues, and I do not believe that unions have any place in education. However, I do believe that discussions as serious as the problems of VVC in particular and education in general need to turn on the truth. You have severely distorted the truth in this instance and I call upon you to please set the record straight as soon as possible, as clearly as possible.

Your own veracity hangs in the balance along with those of us you have wrongly accused of gouging the taxpayers. I don't know where you got your figures, but it would be helpful to everyone if you would reveal that source in your corrections. That source should not be allowed to continue to spread false, even libelous information.

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