

To the Editor,

THE 8000 POUND GORILLA

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Given that the jobs they are supposed to be advancing involve knowledge and intelligence, it amazes me how vacuous the teachers unions' TV commercials are of those elements. Their most recent commercial involves a representation of a fat cat millionaire in his plush office lecturing a couple of adorable children on their need to sacrifice (a word they may not be able to spell until they reach college) so that he can have a tax break.

What the commercial failed to show was the eight hundred pound gorilla that is always in the room, glaring at anyone who dares to make eye contact with him. The teachers unions cannot not use facts to promote themselves because the truth is so damaging. They instead use the emotions their propaganda brings out of their intended victims. They trot out the little darlings with the big eyes or the grandmotherly teachers we all love and suggest we will be harming them if we don't continue to satisfy their insatiable appetite. The unions no longer care about real education. Their goal is the advancement of their bloated dysfunctional system. They are motivated by power and greed which is behind the collapse of many state economies.

The taxing of the rich has nothing to do with the funding of education. It is just that the rich constitute an extremely small minority of the voting public and it has always been easy to turn a majority against them. Shame on our educators who participate in such a fraud.

Our schools are paid for through our property taxes. We all pay those taxes, not just the rich. Our property taxes are based on the value of our property. Why haven't we seen a drop in our property taxes commensurate to the drop in our property values? The disproportionate school tax portion of our monthly mortgage/rent payment is the reason many people cannot make those payments and are facing foreclosure. Yet the gorilla still yells for more, but now he's about eight thousand pounds. Just remember – the bigger they are, the harder they fall.

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