

**MINDLESS HATRED**

Cutesy-poo Eric Miller (“RIP, Moses,” *EW Letters* 5/8/08) enjoyed writing “Will someone please go get the gun out of Charlton Heston’s hands now?” reminding me that the widow Heston is still mourning for those used-to-be warm hands attached to a man who left a legacy of achievements as a decorated war veteran (WWII, B-12 pilot) and was also the receiver of both national and international awards.

I am left to wonder at the life of the crass Miller and what it is that he has achieved even in a parallel age-related comparison.

Perhaps he is part of the local “Million Moms March” (they are not, and have never been a million moms) gun Nazi anti-rights bunch — that would explain the thoughtless hate that made it into print.

*Dan Moore  
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**BAD DECISION**

Having been a SMART volunteer for many years, I know how vital the school coordinators are to the success of the program. They work doggedly for little more than minimum wage because they know how important it is for children to become proficient in reading. The recent decision by SMART to transition the coordinators’ positions from paid to volunteer is a slap in the face to those individuals, and will leave them with little choice but to seek employment elsewhere.

The decision would at least be

understandable if SMART were severely strapped for funds, but that is not the case. As of June 30, 2007, SMART has net assets of \$4 million and spent more than \$750,000 on fundraising in one year alone. Although SMART’s chief financial officer would not disclose the salary and benefits of the newly hired executive director, the latest figures available to the public seem to indicate that SMART’s top four positions average over \$70,000 in salary and benefits, whereas the average school coordinator makes less than \$4,000 and receives no benefits.

According to the SMART newsletter, it takes \$300 to fund one child. With coordinator receiving a fraction of the, book costs being one-tenth of it, and readers being volunteers, just how is the bulk of that \$300 being spent?

The policy makers of SMART are kidding themselves if they think their program will not be dramatically affected when experienced coordinators are replaced by novice volunteers.

They would be wise to reverse their decision.

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