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Subject: Progress on your questions
HI, Ember,

I'll write later today about answers to your legislative questions that I've tracked down at the History Center. For the moment, I wanted to give you an update of where I am with some of your other questions:

(1) Betsy Rice. I'm afraid I've reached a dead end, after checking with multiple sources for her date of death. I don't think I should spend any more time on this. Here is what I know, which you may be able to work into the story:

According to Joanne Zoff at the Senate Counsel office, Betsy died in the early '90s--perhaps as early as '91 or '92. She couldn't find any actual records, so she was relying on her memory. Betsy live in St. Paul, but she took a leave from her Senate Counsel job at some point in the early '90s to join VISTA. She was sent to New Mexico. Shortly after she went there, she suffered a heart attack and died--all very suddenly. Ted says her service was at Macalester's Weyerhauser Chapel, but the Chapel folks don't have records going back that far.

I won't bore you with all the places I've searched, but the real dead end is that New Mexico vital statistics would take four to six weeks to do a search and they'd only do that if we could provide evidence of a legal, tangible interest in the record. Case closed, I'd say.

(2) Tom Nelson is out for the week, but will return on Monday. Ted gave a fairly complete list of jobs Tom has had (in Ted's memory) in his June 8 e-mail. I trust Ted, but I'd feel more comfortable if we could verify that with Tom. I've left a message for him to get back to me, hopefully Monday.

(3) I'm looking for confirmation from Eric Premack on the date that Gov. Wilson signed the charter school bill into law. Ted said in his e-mail that he has a Sept. 22, 1992, newspaper clipping saying the bill was signed by the gov. "yesterday," which would be Sept. 21, 1992. I've e-mailed Eric previously and just left him an e-mail message. If I don't hear back from him today, I'd guess we should go by Ted's date.

I've made copies of various committee minutes, etc., from '89 and '90 and one from '91. Jon & I are going to a play downtown tonight and I'd like to drop those off for you before the play, around 7 p.m. I'll call you on your cell to confirm that we've done that.

That's all for now, but will have more later in the day.

Dana