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Wisconsin

Tuesday, November 8

Milwaukee - Public schools could choose to enroll all boys or all girls and co-ed schools could offer same-gender classrooms, under a bill passed by the Assembly. Rep. Scott Jensen, who introduced the bill, said he wants to help schools create the most effective learning environment. The measure needs the Senate's approval and the governor's signature to become law.

Monday, November 7

Menomonie - The Dunn County Register of Deeds office has determined that an additional seven marriages conducted by a now-deceased priest during the 1970s were never officially recorded, bringing the total to 40. Lynn Ruth, the deputy register of deeds, said the office's phones rang off the hook after a recent report on the matter. The certificates are from marriages at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Elk Mound when the Rev. Thomas Crowley served there.

Friday, November 4

Eau Claire - The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire is reviewing a directive that banned resident assistants from holding Bible study in their dorms. Last July, a university official sent a letter saying if resident assistants did that, students might not find them approachable. The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education protested.

Thursday, November 3

Madison - A Muslim woman forced to remove her religious headscarf while visiting a state prison can't sue for damages in federal court, a judge ruled. The judge said the state can't be held liable for damages sought by private citizens in federal court. Cynthia Rhouni claimed her constitutional right to practice religion was violated.

Wednesday, November 2

Madison - The Senate passed a bill to consolidate the state's Ethics and Elections boards into one body that could investigate public officials. A recent poll showed that 88% of Wisconsin residents surveyed think lawmakers care only about themselves and special-interest groups.

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