 Arrest try turns into free-for-all

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It took two police officers and some fall-limbed window-climbing to take a allegedly drugged 16-year-old to a police station after he locked himself in a car and later rammed several occupied cars with the intention of stealing.

Arrest was John B. Cramner, who is being held at Dane County Jail on charges of theft and assault in connection with the incident.

The incident started when Cramner, who was stopped by police because of suspicious activity, ran away and tried to escape by jumping out the window of a parked car.

Cramner was then arrested and taken to the police station, where he was later released without charges.

The incident is currently under investigation.

Area Jewish leaders decry Israeli cruelty

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Area Jewish leaders have decried the recent violence in Israel, saying that the situation is unacceptable.

"We are appalled by the recent violence in Israel," said Rabbi Dr. Mark Hurwitz. "It is unacceptable and we condemn it in the strongest possible terms.

"We must stand with our Jewish brothers and sisters in Israel and pray for peace and safety for all.

"We call on the Israeli government to do everything in its power to stop the violence and ensure the safety of all Israelis."
School segregation plan highlights

Schools

A May deadline for Superintendent James Travis to develop a plan to support minority student achievement.

"We'll be giving data. We want the plan (is) going to be a junk file. It's going to go to the Madison Board of Education.

"If you want to hold me accountable for it, I want you to focus on the commitment to it," Travis said.

Travis said he will form a special committee of 15 to 20 people, including parents, students, teachers and business leaders, to develop the plan.

The district also wants to provide more community involvement, including more parent participation.

The board reached its final decision on Travis' plan in May and submitted it to the

South Madison Neighborhood Center and the Madison After School Program for more community involvement.

The group also recommended increased parental involvement, including increasing teacher-student ratios and improving parent-teacher communication.

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4-year-old kindergarten backed

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The Madison school district was facing a decision on for 4-year-olds to two additional schools, to help achieve the board's goal of a more integrated student body at least 25 percent to 25 percent, with a school board committee.

The school board's Special Committee to address the issue of 4-year-old kindergarten was scheduled to meet Tuesday to discuss the issue with the Board of Education and the city of Madison County Parent Council for the Schools in the area.

The plan would open two 4-year- old centers at South Madison High School and an additional center at the Lowrey Elementary School.

The panel also approved opening a new 4-year-old center at Lowell Elementary School.

Four schools across the state are in the district's desegregation plan — 100 day-old centers.

Citing a light budget, school officials reduced the recommended number of courses for 4-year-old kindergartens,.

Rick Berg

School board wrestles with pants repair

By DAVID CALLENDER

Capital Times Waukesha

School board member Rick Berg says he won't do any special treatment for a fellow student who fell and was injured.

"We'll be gathering data. We said from the beginning of this that we would have to keep an open mind. We will have to keep a careful eye on the children who are injured," Berg said.

A new plan would allow the board to consider and approve plans for school desegregation.

The board's decision was made after the board heard from the president of the State Parent Council, arguing for a "very good retirement package," the program which would provide pensions for 16,000 Madison teachers.

The board also voted to keep the school's desegregation plan — especially in getting parents involved in the program, "said Berg.

Women's School classes for spring start Feb. 22

The Madison school district's classes will be offered at the Women's School, 200 East Mound St., beginning Feb. 22.

Courses will be offered on a variety of topics for women who want to learn more about their lives or the world around them.

For more information on spring sessions or the support group, call the center, 380-8890.