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<1525/e>	her outburst. Sams showed little emotion as she was led away by court ushers.
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	and a new drain was needed. He said members had questioned the cost of the scheme but alternatives involved problems which could increase costs. Mr Carswell said: 'We can not see any more economic way of dealing with the serious problem.' Funds boost for research A RESEARCH unit at the North East Wales Institute of Higher Education in Wrexham has been given a £130,000 boost by a funding body. The award to NEWI's Multi-disciplinary Research and Innovation Centre is part of £2m earmarked for high quality research in Wales. The extra funds will be used to appoint a professor of advanced material at the centre which has gained international

acclaim for its applied research. Road toll FIVE people were killed, 44 seriously injured and 296 were slightly hurt in road accidents in North Wales last month. 'No' to houses A WELSH Office inspector has dismissed an appeal by D E and J H Hughes against a decision by Arfon Borough Council to refuse planning permission for a terrace of houses at Dolldafydd yard, Bethesda. Taxi shuffle PLANNERS are looking to reorganise the taxi-rank system in Bangor city centre. New facilities, close to the Register Office, would replace the existing rank in Garth Road. Hockey date AN under 14's hockey international for boys between Wales and Ireland will be staged on the new synthetic pitch at Ysgol Dyffryn Ogwen, Bethesda, on July 11. Super-cafe Planning consent is being sought for a cafeteria for customers at Leo's Superstore in Marsh Road, Rhyl. Splashing out A HYDROSLIDE costing £190,000 may soon be built at Bangor swimming pool. One slide will be 66 metres long and the other 42 metres. Flat refusal PLANS to convert a house in Palace Avenue, Rhyl, into separate flats have been turned down by a Welsh Office inspector. Owner Les Hughes had earlier appealed against Rhuddlan Borough Council's refusal to allow the development. Bosnia pen-pals appeal THE mother of a North Wales soldier serving in Bosnia has appealed for pen-pals for him and his colleagues. Barbara Andrews of Rhyl said her son Mark and his friends were desperate for letters as there was so little for them to do in their spare time. Mark, 27, who is married with two children, has been a soldier for nine years and has served with the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. Anyone interested should write to: Penfriends, c/o 24592635 Cpl M W Andrews, Vitez Garage, 1PWO LAD REME, OP Grapple, BFPO 547. Carers in cash protest trip CARERS fighting new £25a-week charges for mentally handicapped people to attend day centres are to take their campaign to Westminster. Warrington South MP Mike Hall has promised to organise a lobby for the newly-formed