

## 17-year wait over for sex abuse report

A REPORT into a child abuse scandal was finally published yesterday – 17 years after it was written. The Jillings Report details 'extensive' abuse of children in council care homes in north Wales in the 1970s and 1980s. It was written in 1996, but shelved by the former Clwyd County Council because insurers feared compensation claims. The heavily edited report highlights concerns that the authorities did 'too little, too late' in response to the allegations, centred on the Bryn Estyn home in Wrexham. Sex abuse claims first emerged in 1991, leading to the conviction of seven former care workers. But the report by John Jillings, an ex-director of social services in Derbyshire, says former serving police officers may have been named as perpetrators. The lives of many victims had been 'severely disrupted' and 'at least 12 young people are dead,' he wrote. Police interviewed 3,755 witnesses and identified 24 victims, the report revealed.

## Deidre letter has Sun staff in tears

THE SUN'S agony aunt reduced colleagues to tears when she read a letter from the wife of an arrested newspaper executive to Rupert Murdoch. Deidre Sanders caused former managing editor Graham Dudman to become emotional when she told how 'some of the kids who watched their dads dragged away are still in counselling', in a recording obtained by investigative website Exaro. Mr Murdoch thanked her and said: 'I'll go and shove it down the throat of the company lawyers.' News Corp said he showed 'empathy'.

## Star journalist on payments charge

A DAILY Star journalist has become the first non News International employee to be charged over allegedly making corrupt payments to officials. Tom Savage, deputy news editor on the Star's Sunday edition, is accused of paying a guard from Woodhill prison in Milton Keynes for information on an inmate. Prison officer Scott Chapman and his ex-partner Lynn Gaffney are facing allegations they received thousands of pounds from several newspapers. They will all appear before Westminster magistrates on July 18.

# 'Sexist' Boris says women go to university to bag a man

by JOHN HIGGINSON

BORIS JOHNSON has been accused of 'appalling sexism' after saying a rise in the number of women going to university in Malaysia is because they are trying to find a husband.

The mayor of London made the quip when he appeared alongside Malaysian prime minister Najib Razak at the launch of the World Islamic Economic Forum at City Hall.

Mr Razak was saying he was proud women accounted for 68 per cent of his country's university intake but Mr Johnson interrupted him to say they were going only because they 'have got to find men to marry'.

The remark was greeted with uncomfortable laughter as sexist remarks were recently banned in Malaysia's parliament.

Labour assembly member Murad Qureshi said: 'This comment is sexist and



Row: Mr Johnson

disgraceful. He is doing down half the population but most of all those women who worked hard to get into university.'

Green Party assembly member Darren Johnson told Metro: 'Time after time his bumbling toff persona masks deeply reactionary views.'

'The casual sexism is utterly appalling.' Labour group leader Len Duvall said the mayor's comments were 'beyond offensive' and 'unacceptable'.

Last year, Mr Johnson was accused of being offensive towards female London Assembly members. Labour chairwoman Jennette Arnold said he treated them in a 'disrespectful, patronising way'.

Mr Johnson said his comments, made on Wednesday, were 'misconstrued'.



Cover-up: Lilley – now wearing shorts – is dragged off PICTURES: AP/GETTY/PA

## Trafficker dragged naked from his lair

AFTER 13 years on the run, one of Britain's most-wanted criminals was dragged naked from a panic room in his Spanish villa yesterday to finally face justice.

Convicted drug trafficker Mark Lilley skipped bail during his trial in 2000 and had evaded police by flitting from town to town using various aliases.

However, his freedom was brought to an abrupt end as 40 Spanish officers used a battering ram to enter the property near

Malaga before finding the 41-year-old in the room, hidden behind a wardrobe.

Dave Allen, of the Serious Organised Crime Agency, which helped run the raid, said: 'Lilley was a dangerous man with access to firearms. Now he's behind bars where he belongs and extradition proceedings are under way.'

Lilley, of Warrington in Cheshire, was jailed in his absence for 23 years for masterminding a large-scale drug operation, plus firearm offences.



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