

DYING: The unconscious girl, above left, sinks to the bottom of the 12ft pool. She lies motionless, above, on the swimming pool floor and is seconds away from death

# THE iLIFEGUARD



WARNING: How pictures trigger alarm on computer

## Computer eye saves drowning girl

By BRENDON WILLIAMS

**THIS is the dramatic moment a girl was saved from drowning in a swimming pool – by a computer.**

The unconscious 12-year-old was seconds from death after sinking 12ft to the bottom of the deep end.

But the £85,000 Poseidon computer – a hi-tech underwater safety camera – raised the alarm within three seconds when it spotted the girl not moving.

The computer paged a lifeguard telling her where the girl was. She dived in and pulled the youngster to safety – all in less than one minute.

The girl, on holiday in Bangor, North

Wales, was given mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and is home in Lancashire safe and well.

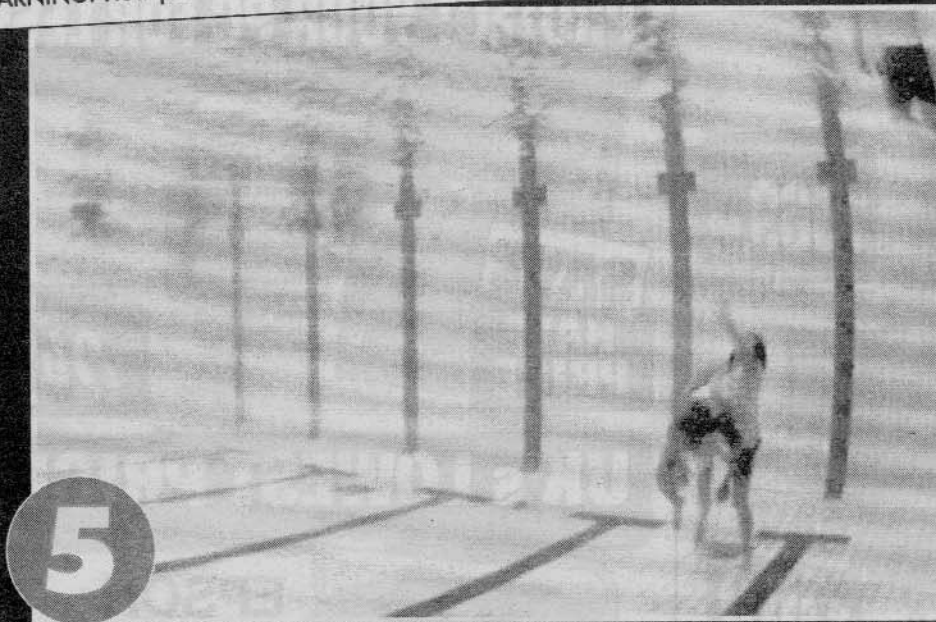
Brian Evans, from Gwynedd Council which runs the 33-metre pool, said: "The system spotted her quicker than the human eye. Any longer and her heart would have stopped."

The pool had the eight overhead and four underwater cameras fitted in 2003. It is the first time anyone has been saved in the UK by this computer.

*b.williams@mirror.co.uk*



DIVE: Lifeguard plunges into pool



RESCUE: Forty seconds after getting into trouble the girl is grabbed by the lifeguard, above left. She pulls her back to the surface where youngster is given the kiss of life