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<p>FLASHLIGHTS Keep working flashlights in all bedrooms to help people see to get out at night.</p>	<p>CALL FIRE DEPARTMENT When everyone's safely out, go to a neighbor's house and report the fire.</p>
<p>LOW-SAFETY ZONE Imagine the presence of smoke and practice crawling low.</p>	<p>YELL FIRE The first person who detects a fire should yell "Fire" to warn others to get out.</p>

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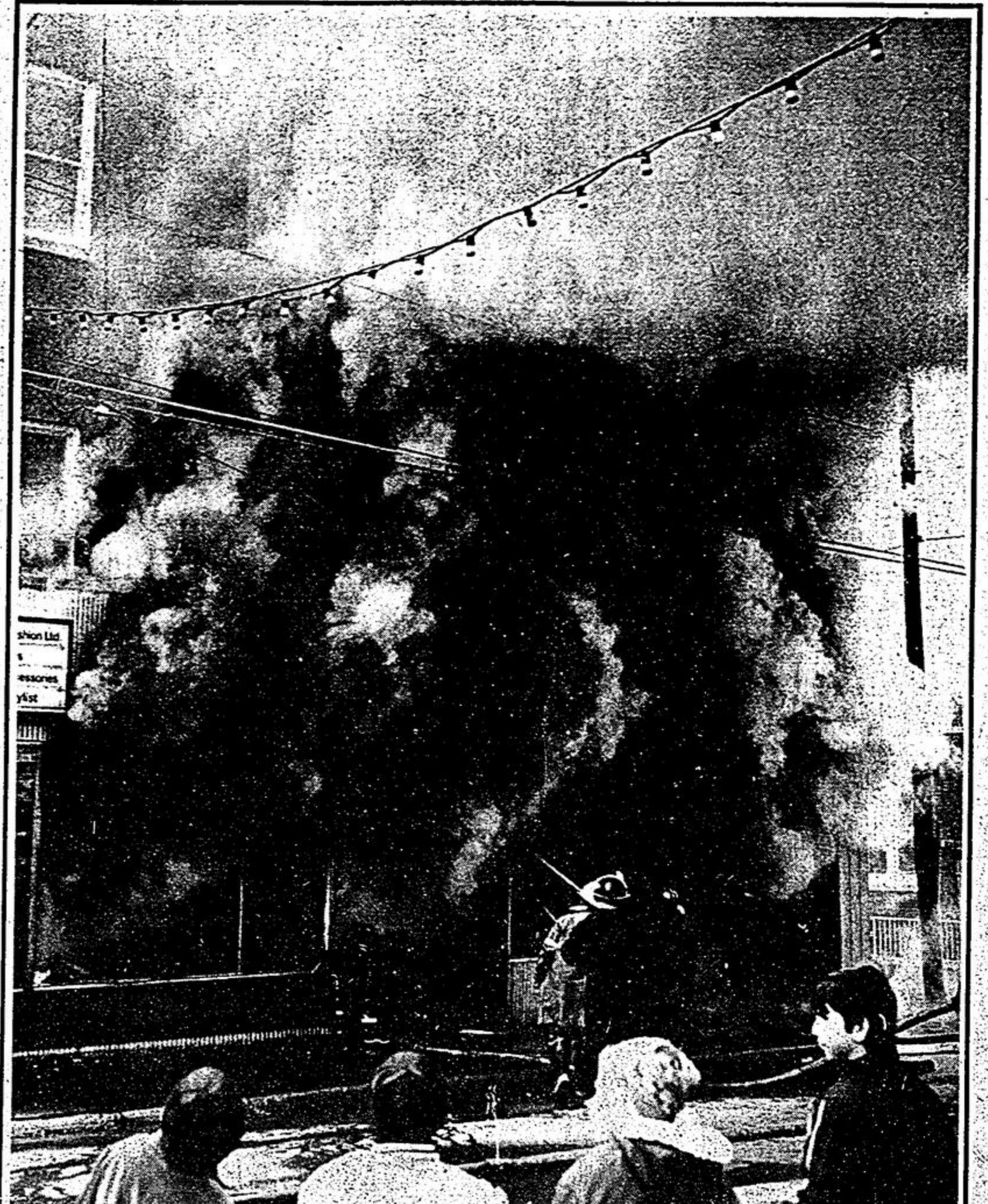
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—Ted Cadieux

Coroner's Inquest Loose bathing suit suspected in death

By Christine Koserski
A loose bathing suit may have caused the drowning death of an eight-year-old Locust Hill area boy, a coroner's jury believes.
It had been Shawn Lamoureux's first day at the Glenbrook Day Camp, McCowan Road, R.R. 2, Markham. He was discovered lying at the bottom of the pool.
When lifeguards brought him to the surface, Shawn's bathing suit was around his ankles and a string was tied around his waist.
Despite the efforts of camp staff to resuscitate the lad, he never recovered consciousness and was pronounced dead on arrival at York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill.
Witnesses agreed that July 16 was a sunny, warm day and that the water in the outdoor pool was clean. A drain at the bottom of the pool was clearly visible. There were about 35 in the pool that legally permitted 90 swimmers. Three lifeguards were on duty.
Ron Pike, 15, a junior counsellor, told jurors that Shawn was late for his afternoon swimming session because he was looking for a string in the change room.
Mr. Pike helped him find the string, "something like a shoelace," and Shawn used it to tie up his bathing suit.
Mr. Pike testified that the string was tied around the outside of Shawn's bathing suit instead of being threaded through the waistband when the boy went out to the pool.

CONDUCTED SIMPLE TESTS
In their morning swimming session, Shawn and some other children in his group underwent a simple test to determine their capability for swimming in the deep end.
The test, which was not mandatory, consisted of swimming six widths of "a competent front swim," according to Jane Heintz, 18, the Glenbrook Daycamp's senior lifeguard.
Jane testified that in the middle of his test, Shawn had to stop in order to pull up his bathing suit.
"It was a concern," she said. "I asked him if he had a better bathing suit. He said yes, but that he couldn't find it."
I told him he better find it and bring it the next day."
Shawn didn't pass the test and was told he could swim in the shallow and middle areas only. The shallow area was defined by a net. A buoy line was stretched across the pool between the middle area and the deep end.
"While one lifeguard tested a new group of children, the other two watched the swimmers."

NO IDENTIFICATION
However, there was no means of identifying which children had passed the test and which had not. Only the lifeguard who had actually tested the children knew who was allowed to swim in the deep end and use the diving board.
Mary Jane Stitt, the lawyer representing the Lamoureux family, asked the junior lifeguard, Bonnie Tarr, 17, if "there were any means of enforcing (the deep end rules) other than relying on the children to obey."
Bonnie replied there was not.
An eight-year old Toronto boy, also a camper, testified he saw Shawn get into the deep end of the pool and dive off the diving board. Another eight-year-old boy from Stouffville said he saw Shawn

"struggling" to get his bathing suit up while in the water.
Although the camp had not used an identification system in the 16 years it has been operating, a system was tried out during the two weeks previous to Shawn's arrival.
Children who passed the swimming test had an orange piece of yarn tied around their wrists.
However, the system was found to be "unsatisfactory" according to the camp's nurse, Lily Grove, because "there was some stretch" when the yarn became wet and often fell off.
Also, staff found that some children who passed their test gave their piece of yarn to those who didn't and then took the test again in order to receive a new piece.
"That was very dangerous," said Mrs. Grove. The system was discontinued when Mrs. Grove, Jane Heintz, and the program director, Linelle Drudge, decided the system wasn't working. "But we hadn't come up with anything we were comfortable with, so we didn't initiate anything else," said Mrs. Grove.
Since the accident, children who pass the swimming test have been given red hospital bands which cannot be removed or replaced without breaking. Campers wear the bands for the duration of their stay.

STAFF COMMENDED
The staff's resuscitation attempts were commended by Christopher Smith, an ambulance attendant called to the scene.
When Smith arrived, Jane (Heinz) was giving Shawn cardio pulmonary resuscitation while Mrs. Grove and Bonnie (Tarr) were providing artificial respiration.
Smith asked Jane to accompany him in the ambulance and continue CPR because "in my opinion, she had been doing a good job with the compressions and it's better to do two-man CPR," he told the court.
Smith also said that resuscitation attempts had to stop for a few seconds in order for the stretcher to pass through a narrow gate on the way from the pool to the ambulance.
But the delay had "no consequence on the final outcome," he stated.

PRESENT RECOMMENDATIONS
At the end of the two-day inquest, the jury recommended to the Ontario Ministry of Health that at least one member of a swimming pool staff in a camp environment possess a valid National Lifeguard Award issued by an accredited institution, that at least one member also possess an annually validated certificate of CPR and that Ontario camps implement a system or means of identification whereby all camp members wear a satisfactory visual device which will indicate their level of competence in swimming as determined by a recognized swimming test.
It was also recommended that Ontario camps implement a buddy chip board system, supervised by a staff member, which would facilitate easy awareness of the number of campers in a swimming pool enclosure at any one time.
And further, that Ontario camps provide sufficient access to swimming pools for emergency equipment and personnel to pass through unobstructed.
The jury also recommended that Ontario camp personnel be advised and regularly brought up to date on all camp rules and emergency procedures.