



San Diego firefighter Jay Lee sprayed down a burning house on Rue Chamberly in Scripps Ranch. **PHOTO BY K.C. ALFRED**





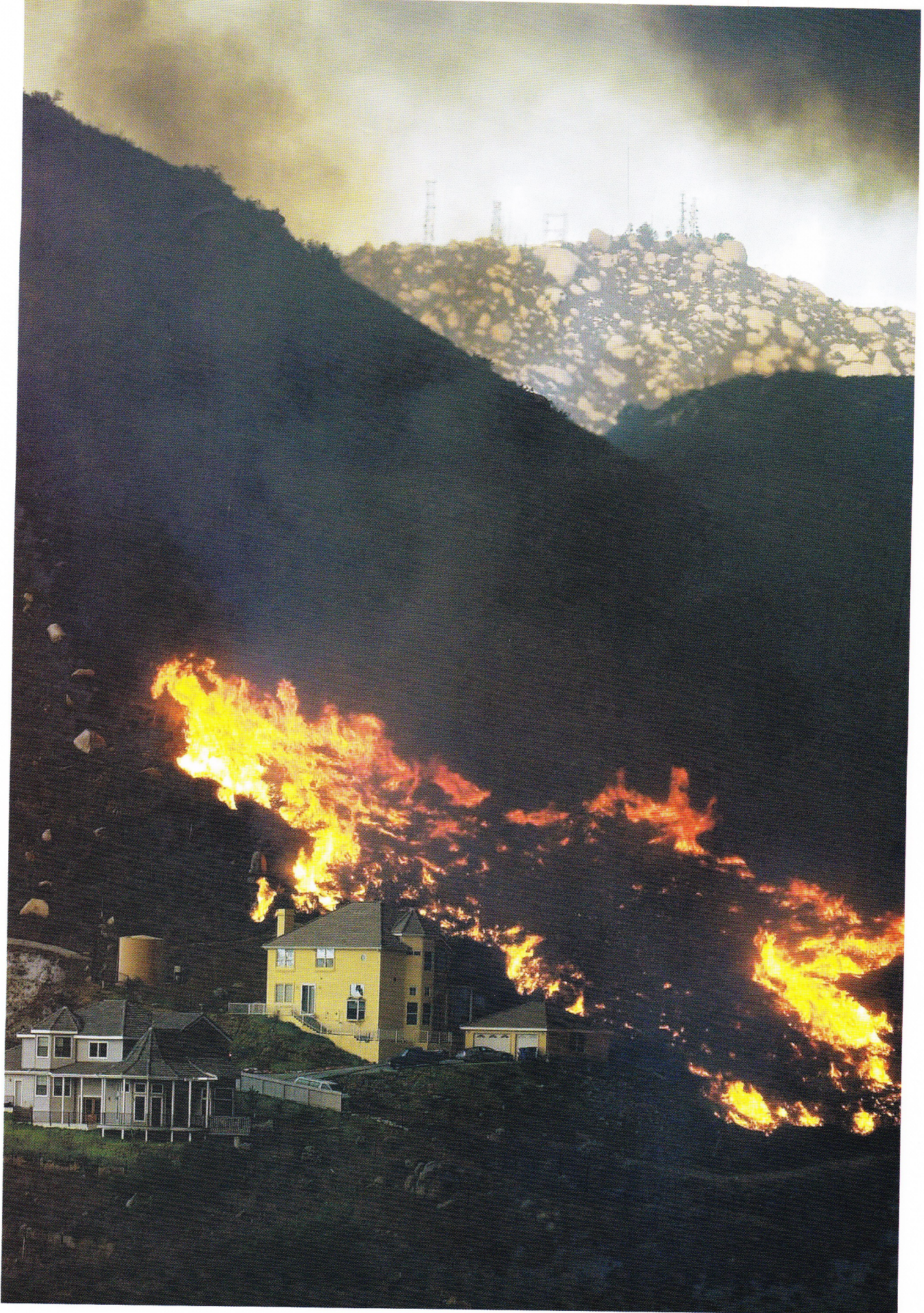
Despite their efforts, firefighters could not keep the flames from crossing state Route 52 at its junction with Interstate 15.  
**PHOTO BY JOHN GIBBINS**

A San Diego Police Department motorcycle officer stopped near a burning home on Caminito Calor in Scripps Ranch.  
**PHOTO BY SEAN M. HAFHEY**





San Diego firefighters ate meals-ready-to-eat beside the ruins of a home on Handrich Drive in Scripps Ranch.  
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The fire approached homes in a Poway neighborhood near Espola Road and Poway Road.

**PHOTO BY CHARLIE NEUMAN**



Motorists headed south on Espola Road as the fire burned on a ridge above Twin Peaks Road.  
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Amy Johnson watched anxiously as fire approached her family's home near Espola Road and Poway Road in Poway.

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A giant cloud of smoke filled the sky from the Paradise fire in Valley Center.

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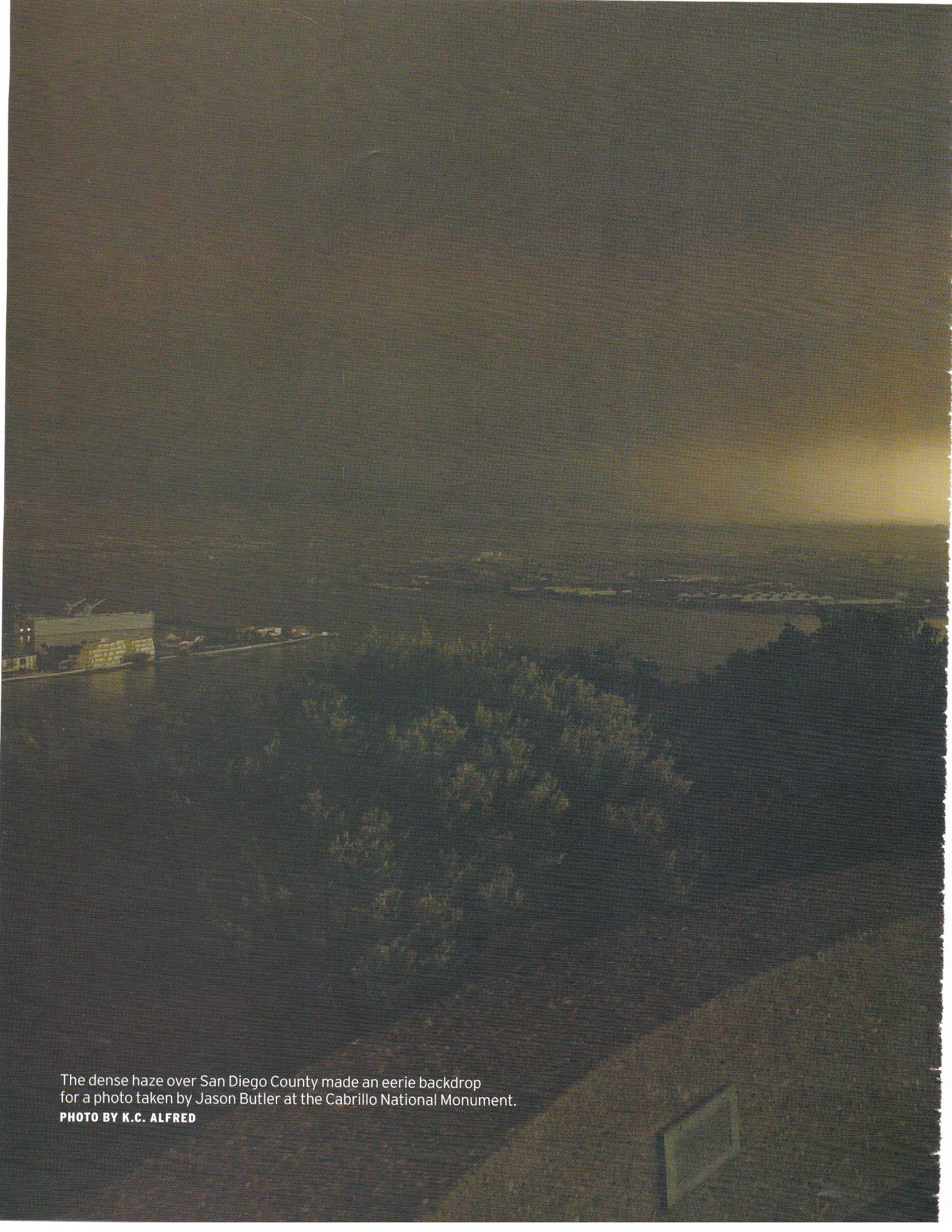


A resident bulldozed a fire break west of Medina Drive in Santee. **PHOTO BY JIM BAIRD**



Larry Moore worked to pour water on the home of a neighbor on Circa Valle Verde in Blossom Valley. **PHOTO BY DAN TREVAN**





The dense haze over San Diego County made an eerie backdrop for a photo taken by Jason Butler at the Cabrillo National Monument.

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Jennifer Tran and Huong Nguyen, both 17, watched a video in the evacuation center set up at Mira Mesa High School.

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Scripps Ranch resident Georgia Critchlow took her family and basset hound to the evacuation center at Mira Mesa High School.

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Gorvontae Mason, 4, sat on his mother's lap while nurse Joni Oak treated him for a respiratory problem at the evacuation area at Qualcomm Stadium.

**PHOTO BY  
CRISSY PASCUAL**



Evacuees formed lines for food and water at Qualcomm Stadium, where residents of Tierrasanta and Murphy Canyon were instructed to go.

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James and Solange Shohara were found burned to death in their car off Lake Vicente Drive. The body of their 32-year-old son, Randy, was found between the car and their home. Fourteen people died in the Cedar fire. Two died in the Paradise fire.

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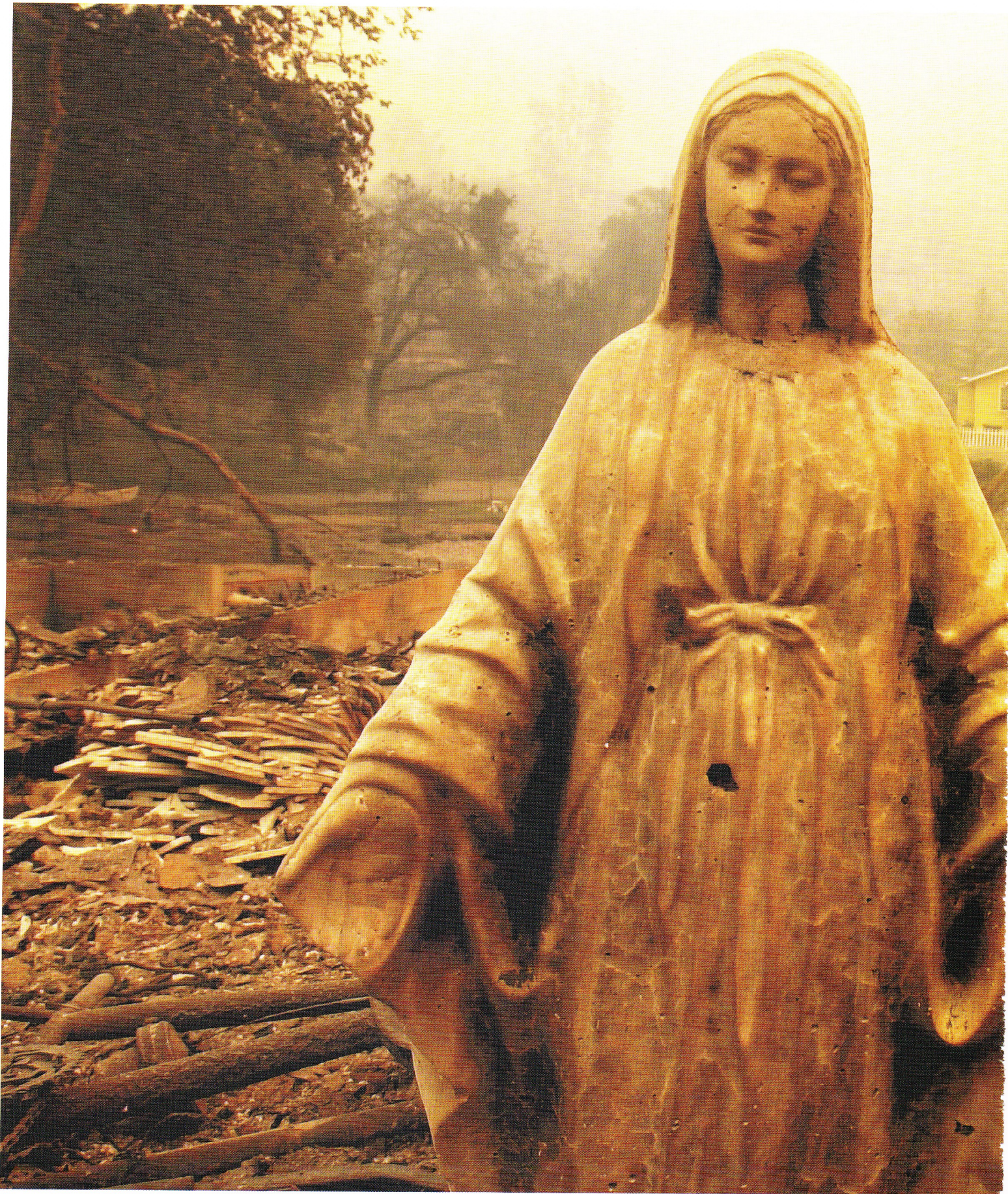


Robert Daly headed back to his burned home on Lake Vicente Drive after finding the bodies of his neighbors, the Shoharas, in a burned vehicle. Daly and his wife survived by jumping into their pool. **PHOTO BY NANCEE E. LEWIS**



# The second day

As the Cedar and Paradise fires continued their devastating assault on the second full day, residents got their first look at the extent of the destruction. Surveying the damage in San Diego County, Gov. Gray Davis described it as “beyond belief.” Smoke continued to fill the skies as neighbors comforted each other, families began to survey their losses and firefighters continued their battle.



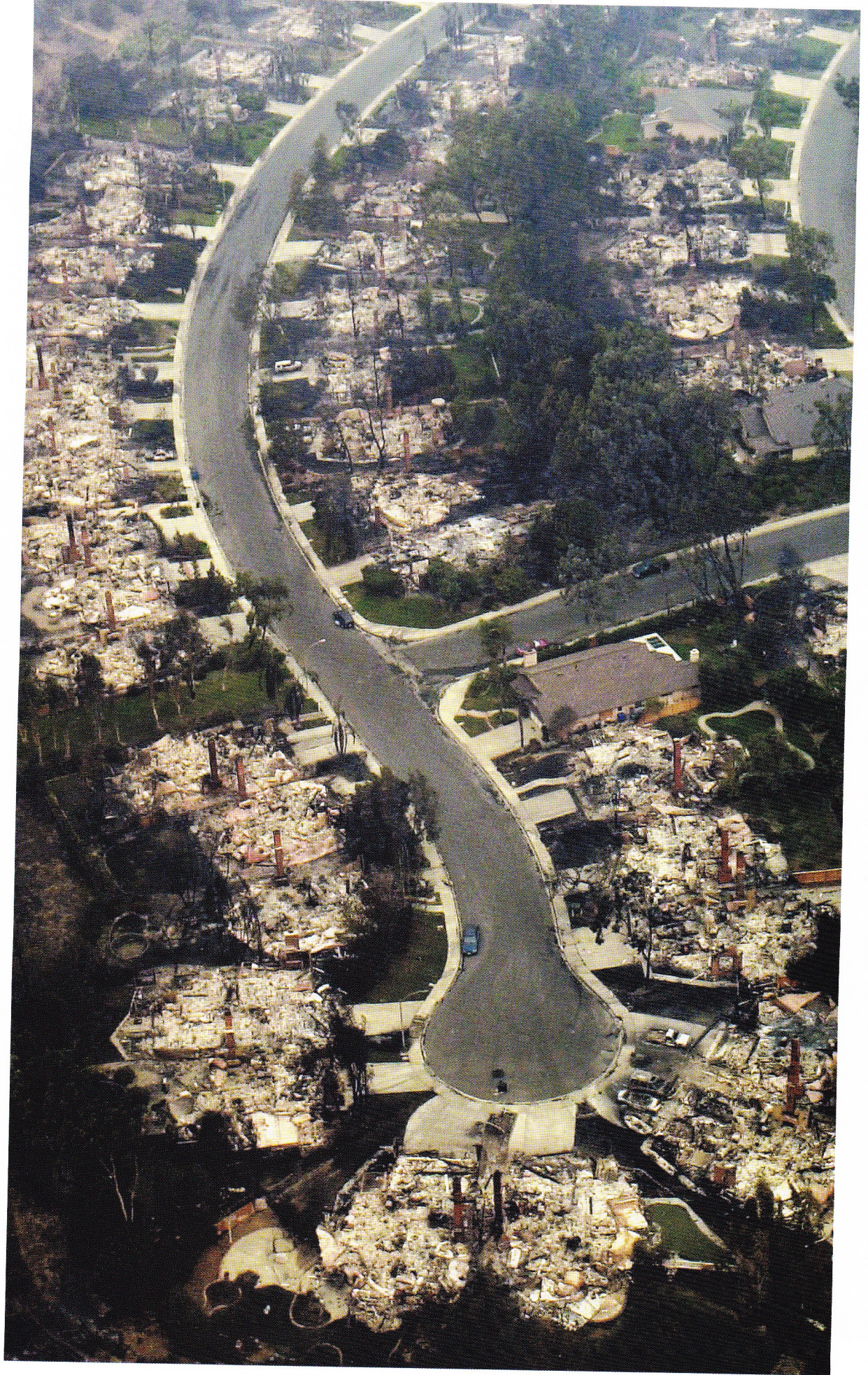
A statue of the Virgin Mary stood in front of a house destroyed on Harbison Canyon Road. **PHOTO BY K.C. ALFRED**

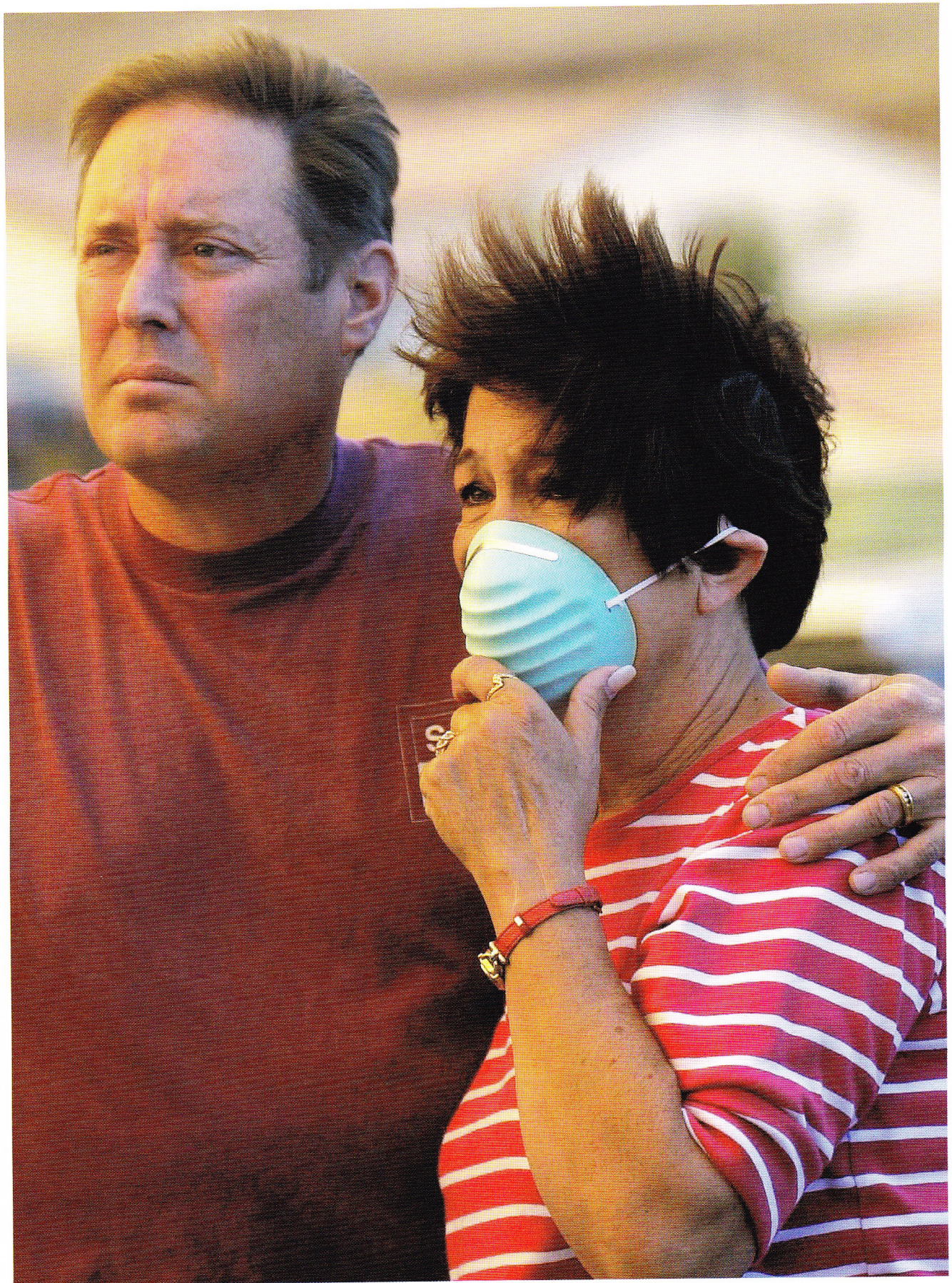




The Cedar fire raged through these streets in Scripps Ranch, leaving just three houses standing. Pinecastle Street on the left and Walnutdale Street on the right are connected by Meadowdale Lane.

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Roger and Lena Housgard, residents of San Diego Country Estates, watched flames across the street from their home, which was spared. **PHOTO BY JOHN GASTALDO**



Ornate remains smoldered on an expansive hilltop home south of Poway Road and Espola Road. **PHOTO BY JOHN GIBBINS**



A residential complex in Tierrasanta, near the intersection of Portobelo Drive and Camino Playa Cancun, was heavily damaged. **PHOTO BY JOHN GIBBINS**



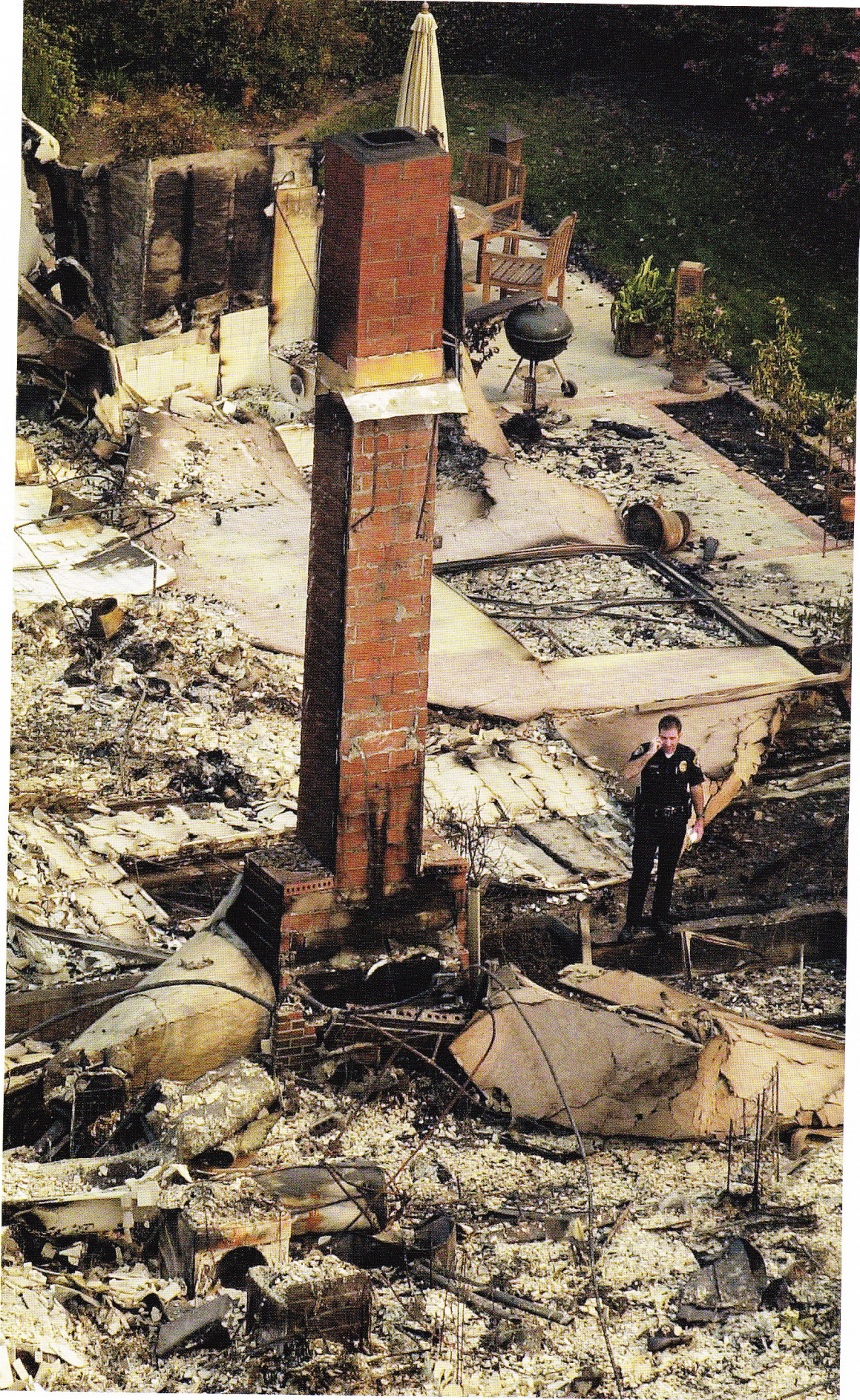
Traffic on northbound Interstate 15 headed into a wall of smoke and haze near Miramar Way.

**PHOTO BY HOWARD LIPIN**



Laura and Greg Olsen assessed what was left of their home on Kingspine Avenue. They escaped with most of their valuables, but Laura lost her wedding band. **PHOTO BY HOWARD LIPIN**





A police officer stood amid the ruins of a house on Pinecastle Street in Scripps Ranch.  
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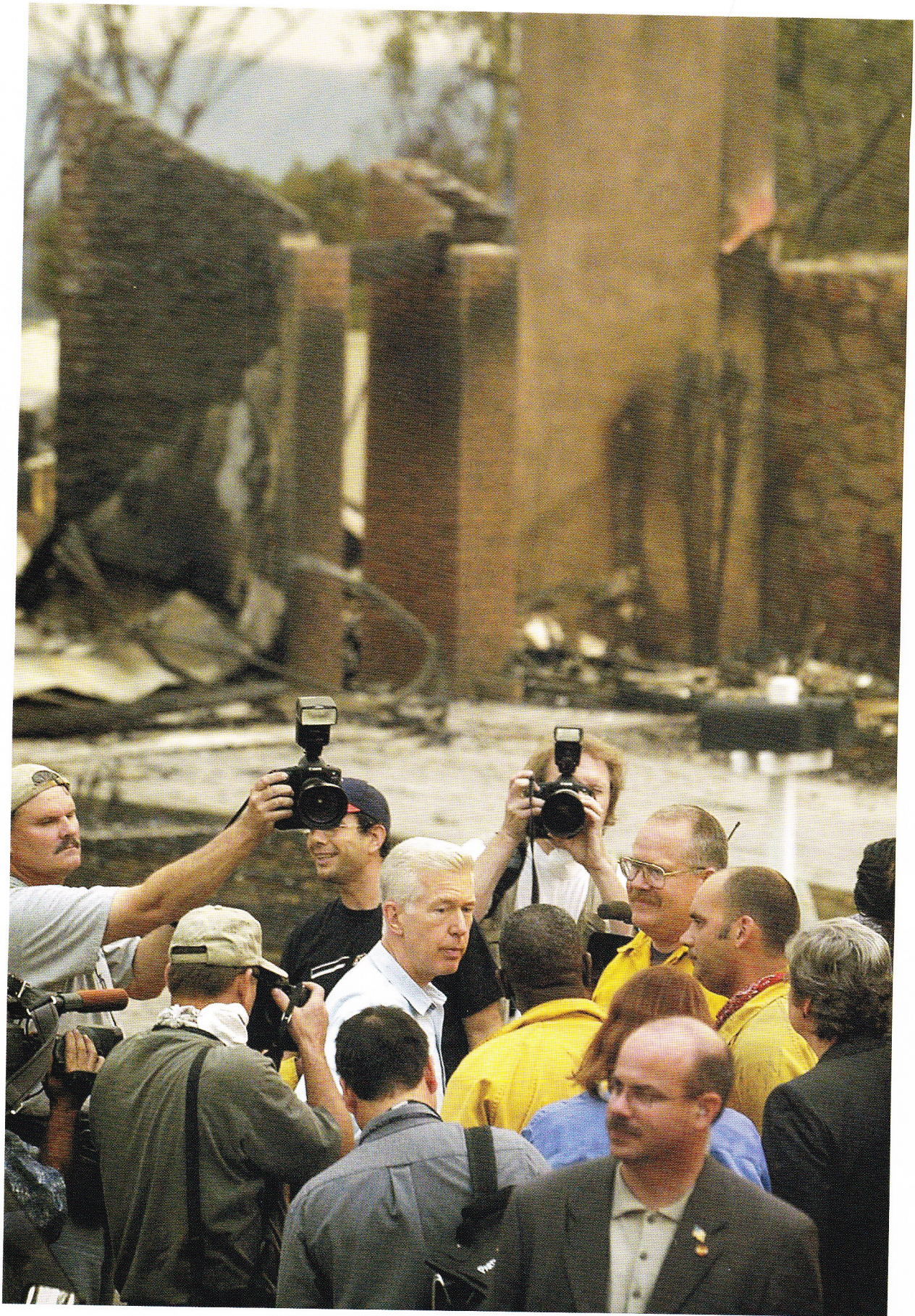
Scripps Ranch residents Tania Kacha and Steve Whiteside walked along an access road to check on their homes and found that both were saved from the fire.

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Two burned cars sat in the driveway of a home destroyed on Fairbrook Road in Scripps Ranch.

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Gov. Gray Davis thanked firefighters for their efforts after a press conference in front of homes destroyed by fire in Scripps Ranch. **PHOTO BY DAN TREVAN**