



Gabriela Myers, who lost her home in the fire, met Mayor Dick Murphy and Gov. Gray Davis as they arrived at the Mira Mesa High School evacuation center.

**PHOTO BY DAN TREVAN**



Jacqueline Corey, with her husband, Harold Corey, sleeping behind her on a cot, watched television coverage of the fire at the Mira Mesa High School evacuation center after spending Sunday night there. **PHOTO BY JIM BAIRD**



The Paradise fire burned across an empty field with no one around on Guejito Road near Lake Wohlford. **PHOTO BY CHARLIE NEUMAN**





Camp Pendleton Fire Department firefighter Bob Painter took a break while assigned to protect structures on Woods Valley Road in Valley Center.

**PHOTO BY CHARLIE NEUMAN**



Smoke billowed on the horizon as a devotee of the Self-Realization Fellowship Center in Hidden Valley prayed for safety. The center was spared and went on to serve meals and provide temporary shelter to its neighbors.

**PHOTO BY  
CHARLIE NEUMAN**



A lobster fisherman worked his traps off the coast of La Jolla, where ash mixed with sea foam.  
**PHOTO BY JOHN GIBBINS**





Brenda Torsak hosed down the remains of a home on Cerro Vista Way in Ramona while the house next door went up in flames. Both homes burned as the result of flying embers.

**PHOTO BY JOHN GASTALDO**





East Bay Regional Park District Fire Department Lt. Mike Sweany of Oakland watched the progress of the Cedar fire as other firefighters battled the blaze off Vista Ramona Road in Ramona.

**PHOTO BY JOHN GASTALDO**



A firefighter walked among the flames of a backfire he helped set along Proctor Valley Road east of Chula Vista and southwest of Indian Springs. **PHOTO BY EARNIE GRAFTON**





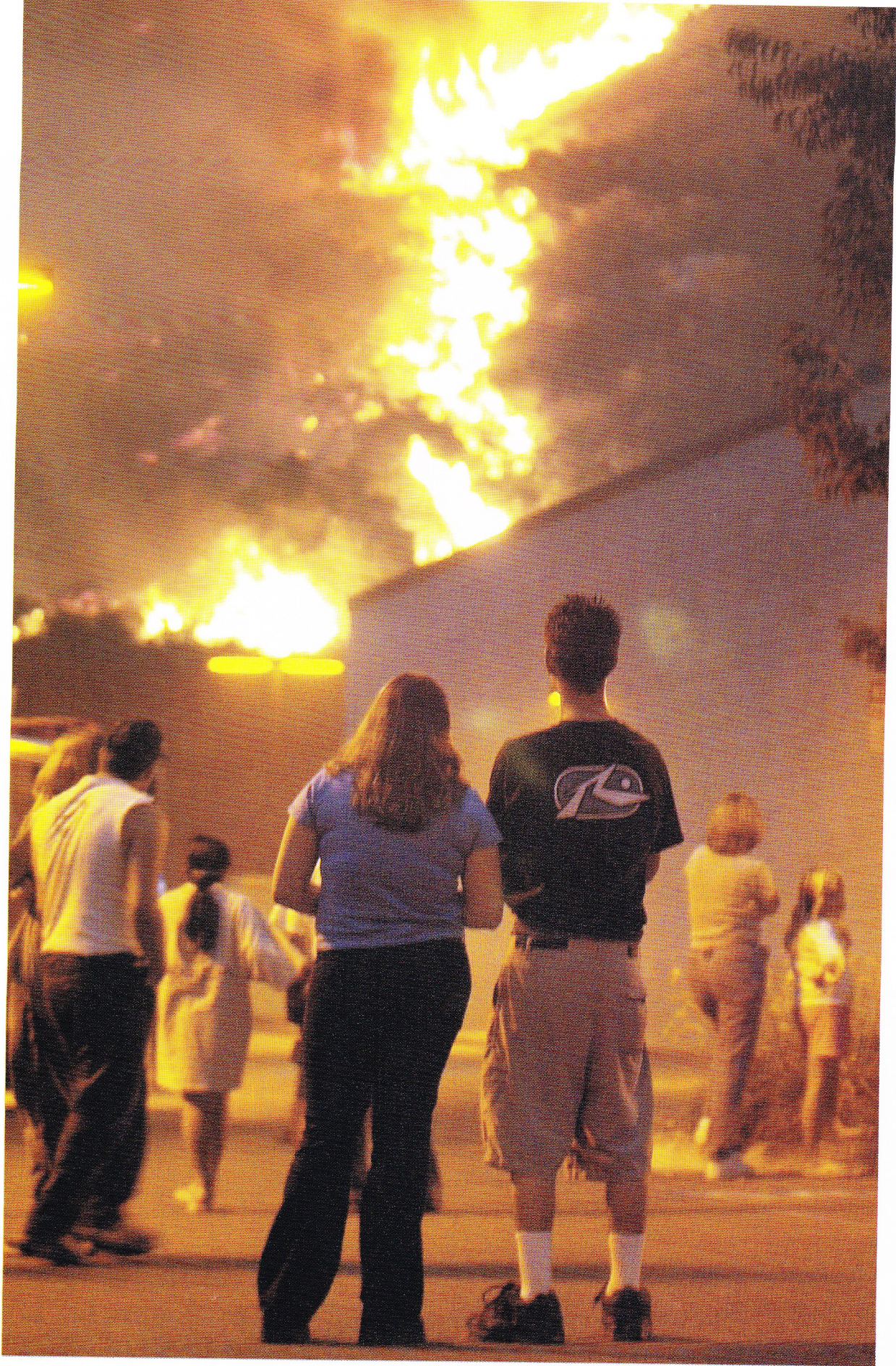
Judy Dupre (right) comforted her niece, Shandar Vela, after they arrived to find Dupre's Harbison Canyon home on Snowden Place destroyed. **PHOTO BY NANCEE E. LEWIS**



A burned-out shell was all that was left of a volunteer fire station after the Cedar fire hit Harbison Canyon.  
**PHOTO BY K.C. ALFRED**



A sports card collection lay burned in the rubble of a Tierrasanta home.  
**PHOTO BY NANCEE E. LEWIS**

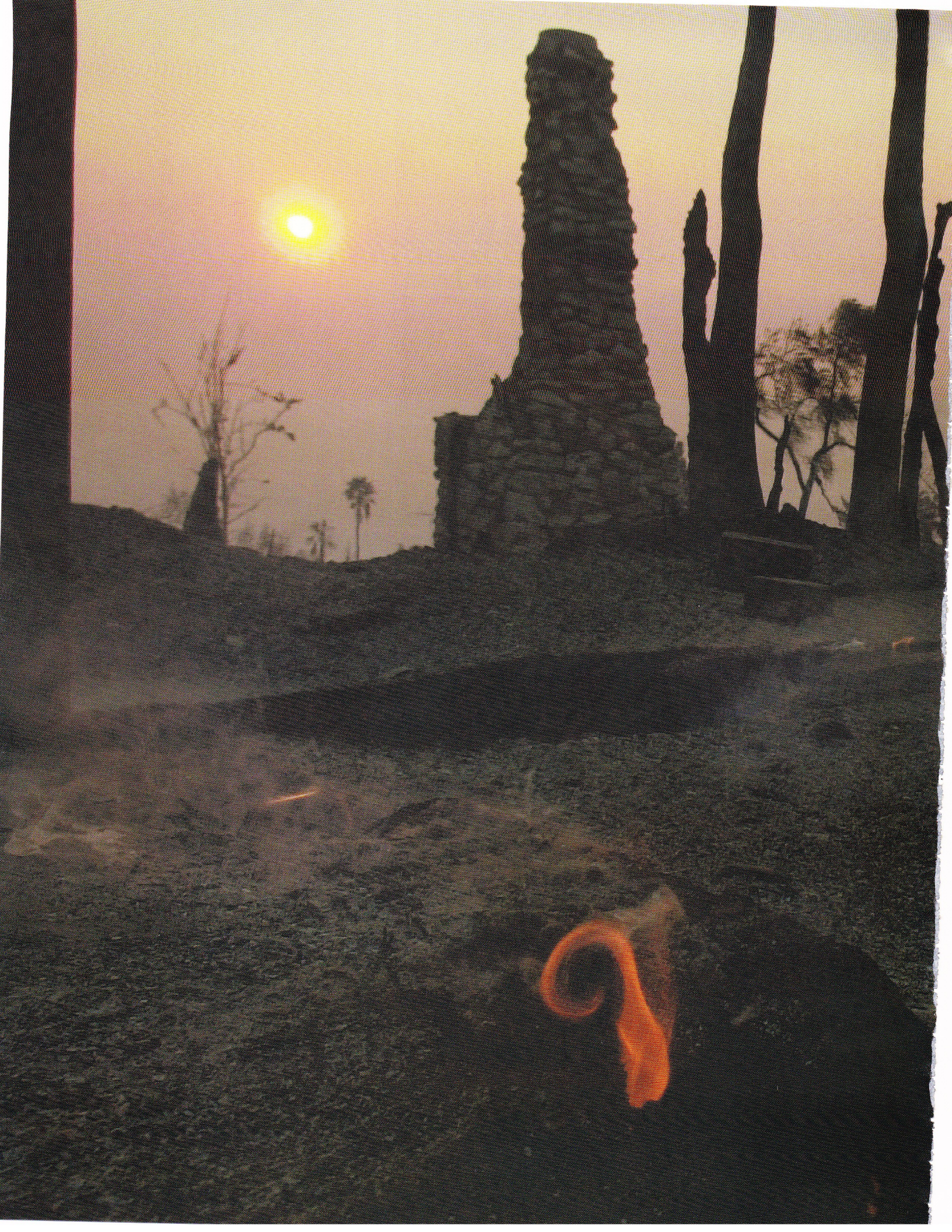


East County residents watched as fire burned a hillside behind Wal-Mart off Los Coches Road.  
**PHOTO BY K.C. ALFRED**

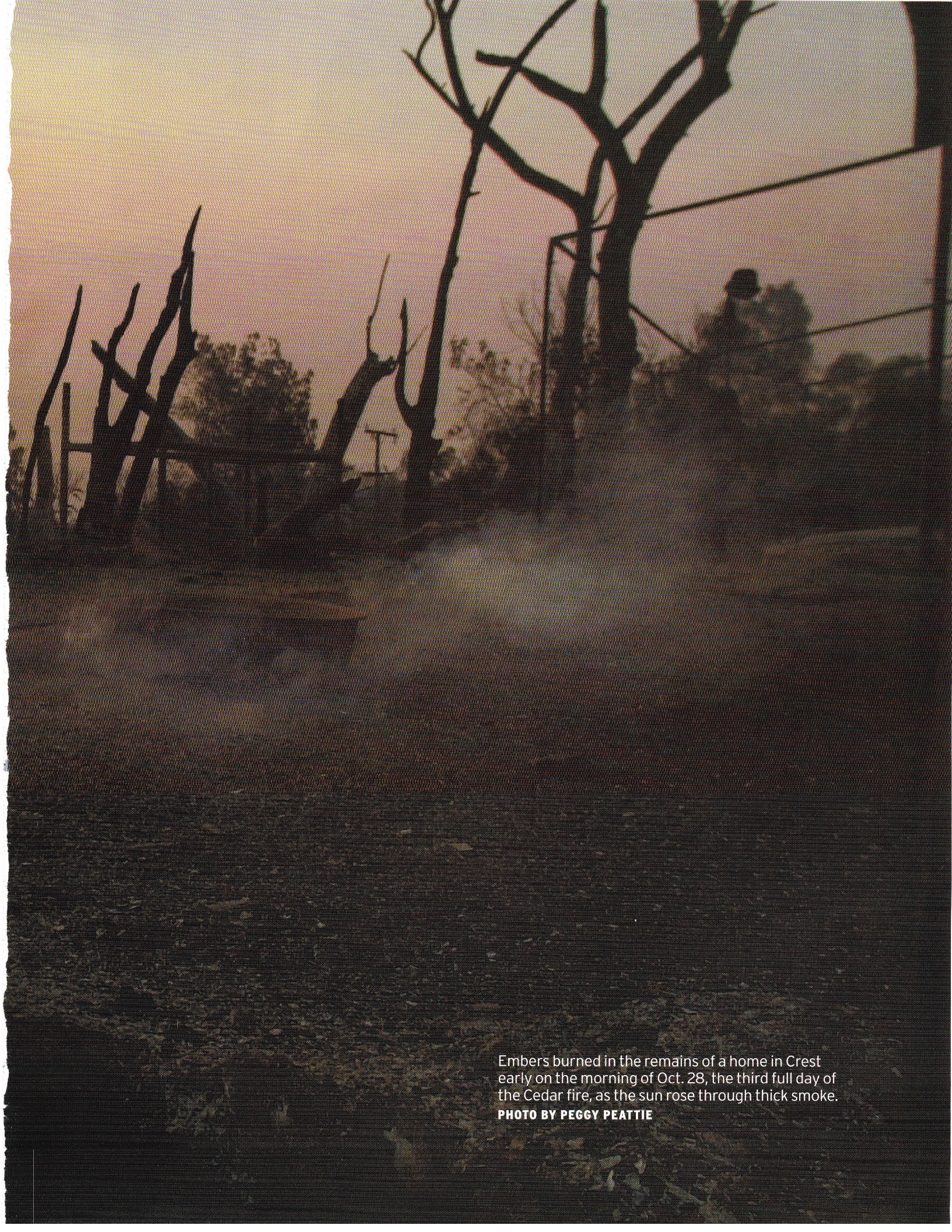


## The third day

The Cedar fire continued its advance, moving from Descanso and Cuyamaca toward Julian. Officials evacuated more residents, and firefighters battled unfavorable weather conditions. Smoke and ash continued to fill the air throughout the county, and more residents were allowed to return to the ruins of their homes. By nightfall, the Battle for Julian had become a real but symbolic front, as firefighters worked to keep the wildfires from entering the community's historic downtown.







Embers burned in the remains of a home in Crest early on the morning of Oct. 28, the third full day of the Cedar fire, as the sun rose through thick smoke.

**PHOTO BY PEGGY PEATTIE**



The front windows were blown out of the St. Louise de Marillac Roman Catholic Church in Crest, where the sanctuary and rectory were heavily damaged. **PHOTO BY PEGGY PEATTIE**



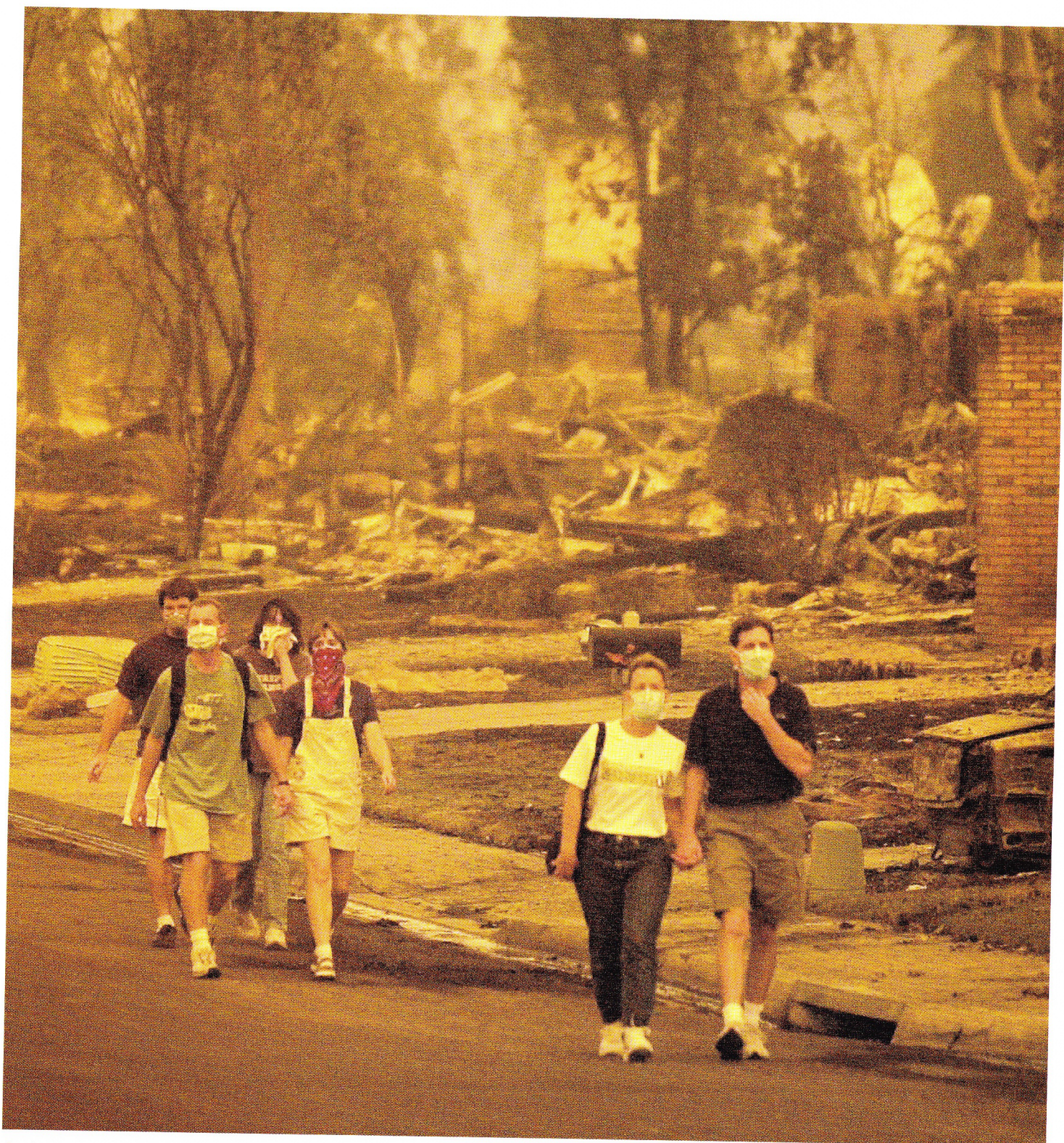
Larry Crespin comforted his nephew, Michael Hagemann, whose family lost everything when their Crest home burned in the fire. That included eight dirt bikes, six scooters, a vintage motorcycle, as well as new appliances.

**PHOTO BY PEGGY PEATTIE**

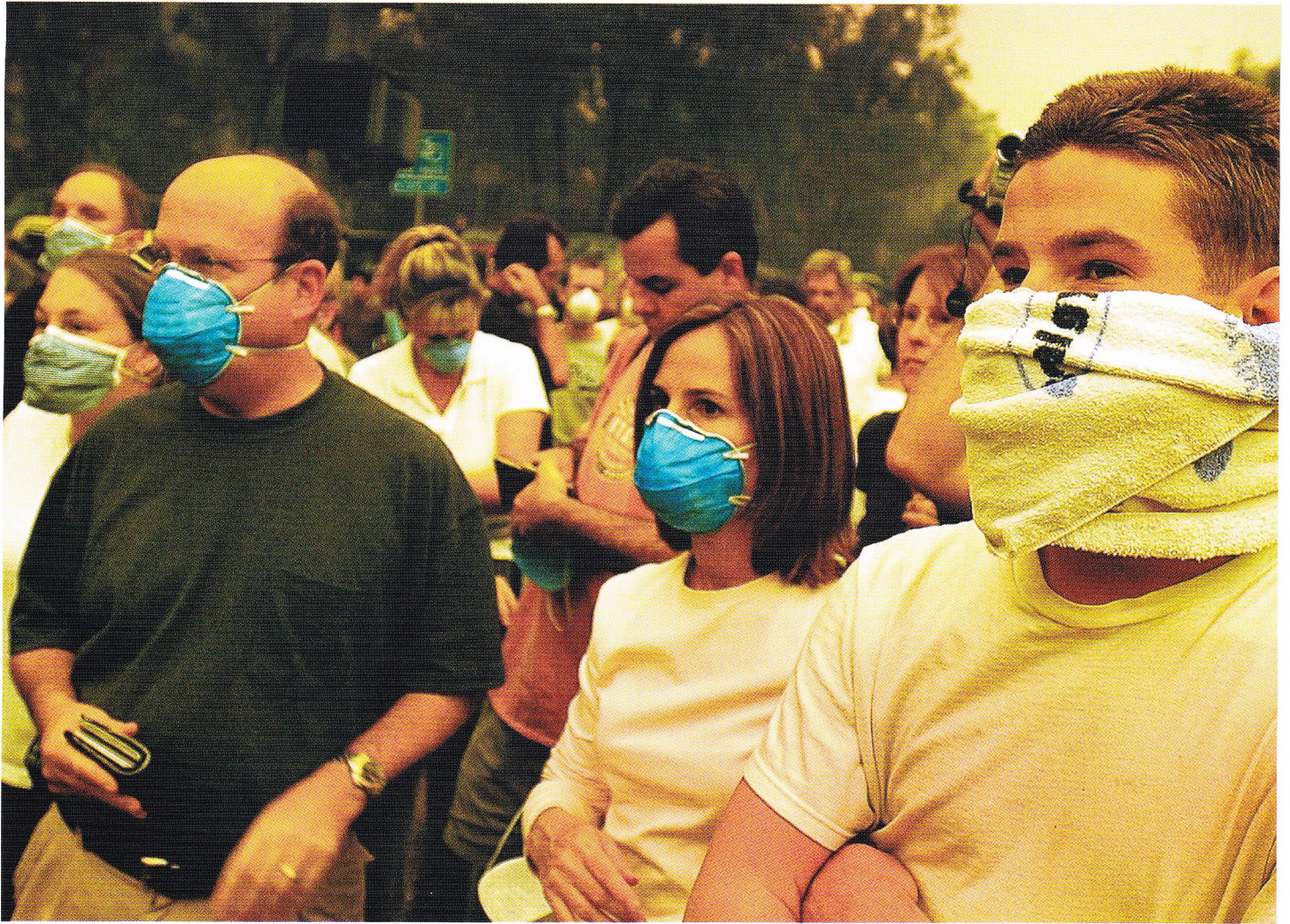


Jolene Crowley (right) and her neighbor, Holly Goulart, looked at the damage to the Crowley home just below Crest.

**PHOTO BY PEGGY PEATTIE**



Scripps Ranch residents, returning to their homes to see whether they survived, walked past burned homes along Fairbrook Road. **PHOTO BY HOWARD LIPIN**



Residents Jim Berns; his wife, Laurel Berns; and their son, Matt Breuer, waited at the corner of Avenida Magnifica and Pomerado Road with others to be allowed to return to their homes. **PHOTO BY HOWARD LIPIN**



Mike Shambach (second from right) whose home in the background was one of only two on Walnutdale Street to survive the fire, hugged his neighbor Dave Sandmark, as Donna Sandmark hugged her son, Kyle. The Sandmarks' home next door to the Shambachs was destroyed.

**PHOTO BY JOHN GIBBINS**



Kim Weinstein of Point Loma walked with her daughters, Jillian, 2, and Olivia, 6, along the Ocean Beach Pier wearing masks to protect themselves from the poor air quality.

**PHOTO BY DAN TREVAN**

An injured brush rabbit brought in by an East County resident who lost her home in the fire was treated by Project Wildlife.

**PHOTO BY JOHN GIBBINS**



Marjorie Saamons of Point Loma cleaned ash from her car windows with a hand broom.

**PHOTO BY DAN TREVAN**



The afternoon commute on Interstate 8 in Mission Valley was shrouded in ash-induced darkness. **PHOTO BY JIM BAIRD**





A firefighter's footsteps stirred up ash. **PHOTO BY NANCEE E. LEWIS**





Trees glowed after burning along Highway 79 north of Descanso. **PHOTO BY K.C. ALFRED**



A helicopter prepared to drop water on a home on Highway 79 near Descanso. Fire crews managed to beat back towering flames that threatened the area.

**PHOTO BY K.C. ALFRED**