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Blaze guts Claremont home

■ *People - and pets - escape fire without injury, however, entire contents of house destroyed.*

JOAN RANSBERRY
 Staff Reporter

A \$200,000 weekend blaze gutted a Claremont home, forcing a family to stay with friends and sending their pets to the hospital.

Mike Dunkley and his wife Ann were golfing on Saturday when a mid-afternoon telephone message was delivered — their house was on fire.

The 2,400-square-foot house on Livingston Street was fully engulfed when the Dunkley's 25-year-old son Christopher first became aware that he was in danger.

"My son was watching TV in the basement when the cable went out. He was met by flames on his way upstairs," said Dunkley, a veterinarian. Christopher, realizing that time had

already ran out, grabbed their dog Hermes and fled.

"My son tried to douse the flames with the garden hose. There was no luck. It didn't work. The fire department was called," said Dunkley.

A total of six emergency fire vehicles responded from fire departments in Pickering and Ajax.

An extra tanker truck arrived at the scene because firefighters ran out of water, said Dunkley.

Bystanders, including the family, figured their cats, Mingh and Monty, couldn't possibly survive such a fire.

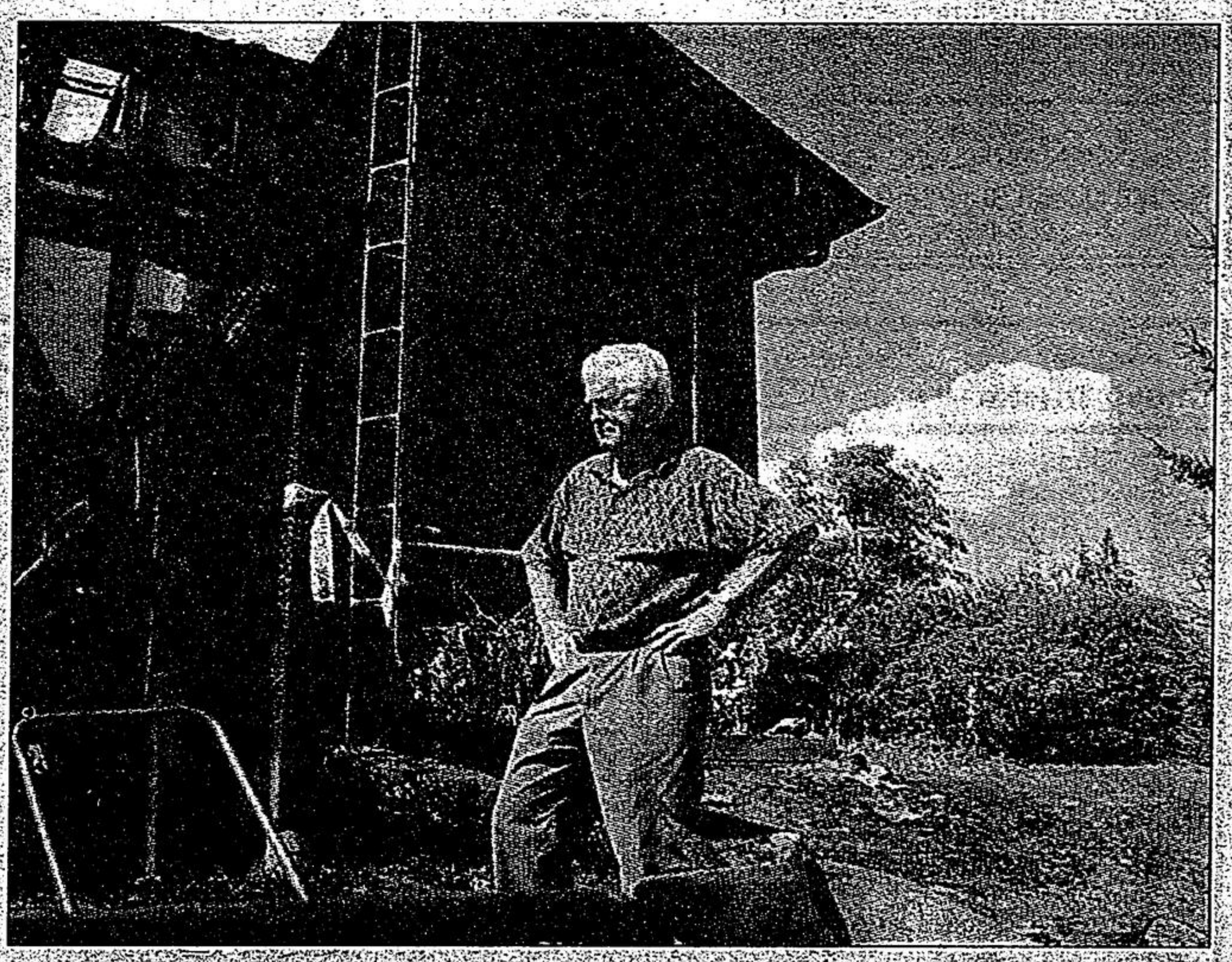
But a firefighter spotted one cat in the litter box, scooped him up and carried him to safety.

A half hour later, another firefighter emerged from the house, carrying the second cat.

"At this point, there was quite a cheer," said Dunkley.

He added, "I was overjoyed. This was

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HOUSE DESTROYED: The Claremont home of the Dunkley family went up in flames on Saturday afternoon. Luckily, no one was injured in the \$200,000 blaze. Above, Mike Dunkley looks over the blackened remains of his home on Livingston Street, shown below. Only a few charred photographs were spared in the fire.

Photos by JORDAN H. GREEN

Court delays keep memory of deadly car crash alive

JOAN RANSBERRY
 Staff Reporter



CAROLINE RAE

Justice delayed becoming justice denied is a young widow's worst fear.

On June 14, 1995, Caroline Rae's life was drastically altered. A collision on Hwy. 7, just west of Bayview Avenue, left her husband of one year dead. Rocco Rae, 35, was killed instantly.

Meanwhile, an off-duty ambulance attendant who happened along did what he could to keep Caroline alive.

The 34-year-old woman was rushed to a nearby hospital and immediately transferred to Sunnybrook Health Science Centre with life-threatening injuries.

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