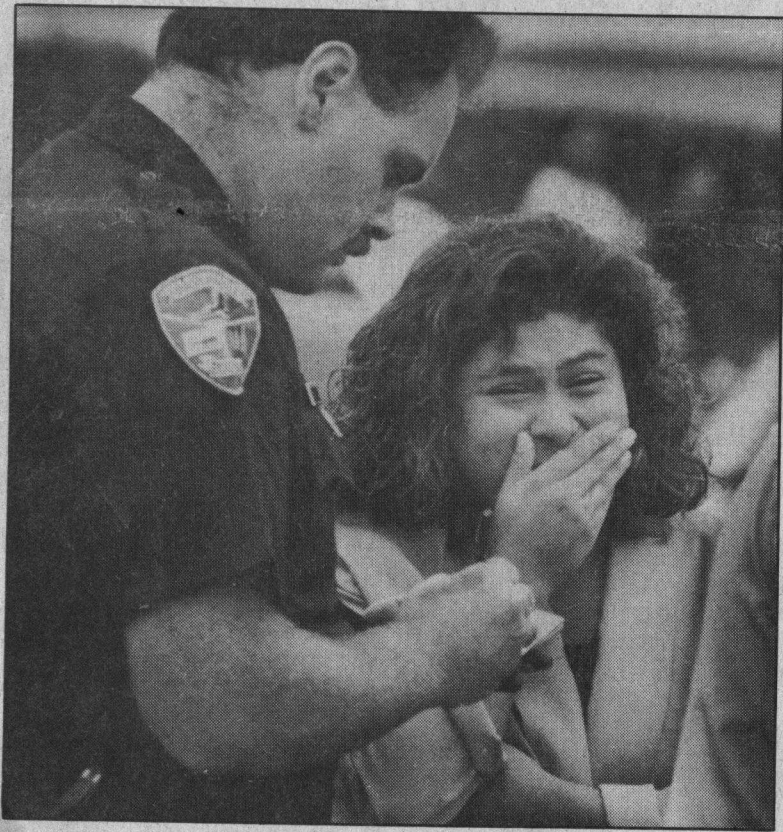


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Ablaze

At 10 this morning, Watsonville firefighters and police were called to a house fire on Oakridge Street in Watsonville. Watsonville police officer Brad Chagnon, at left, the first to arrive, interviews Yvette Noble, a resident at the two-story house. Firefighters said the fire started on the first floor and burned through the second floor, damaging the structure extensively. Above, a Watsonville firefighter battles flames on the roof. No one was injured.