

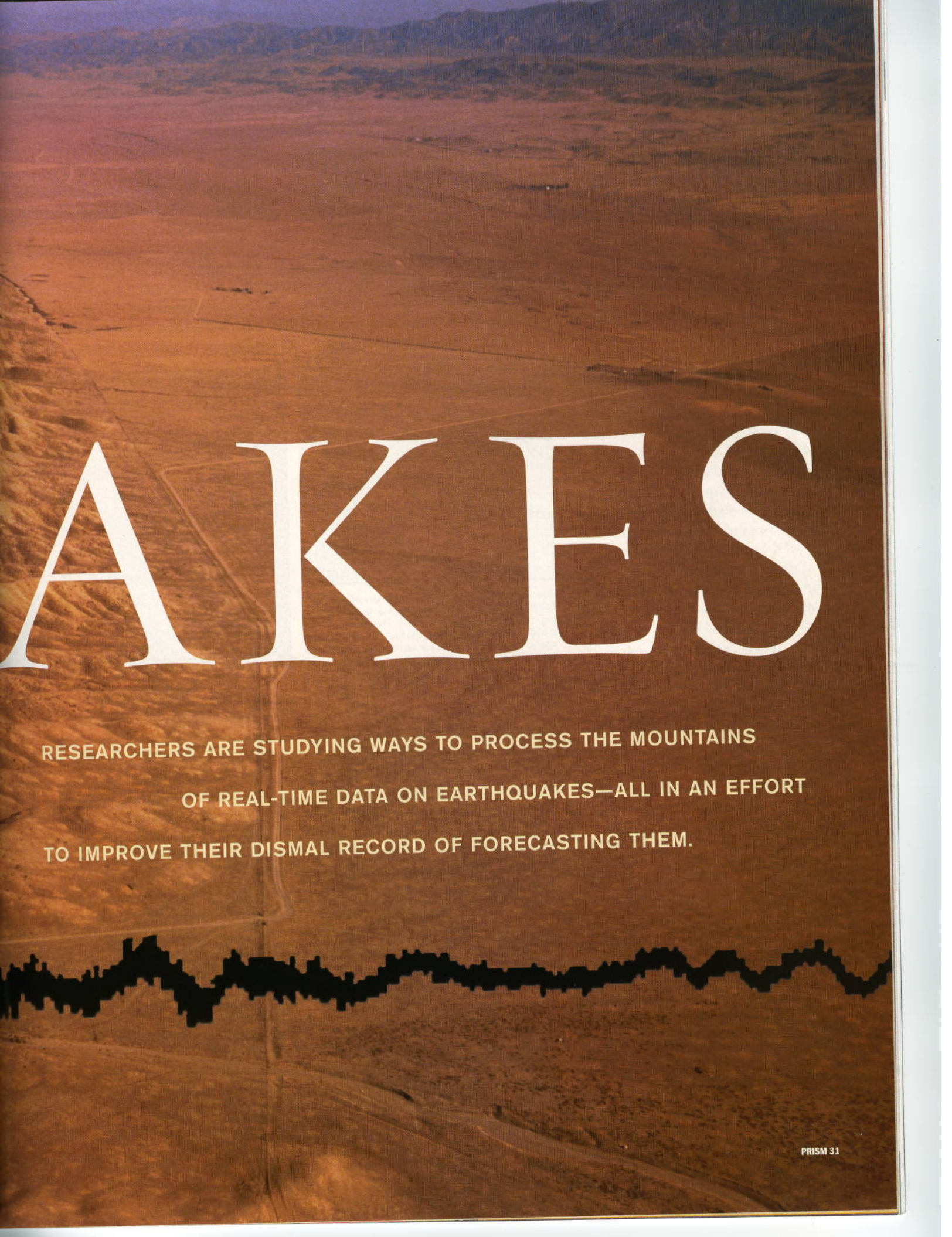
An aerial photograph of a vast, arid desert landscape, showing a deep, vertical scar-like valley. The terrain is characterized by numerous small, rounded hills and ridges, creating a textured, undulating surface. The color palette is dominated by warm, earthy tones of brown, tan, and orange. In the lower portion of the image, a black silhouette of a city skyline is superimposed, with several tall, thin skyscrapers rising prominently. The overall composition suggests a connection between the natural geological environment and the urban development within it.

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Seen here, some 160 miles north of Los Angeles as a vertical scar-like valley, the San Andreas fault runs nearly the length of California and is responsible for major earthquakes.



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