

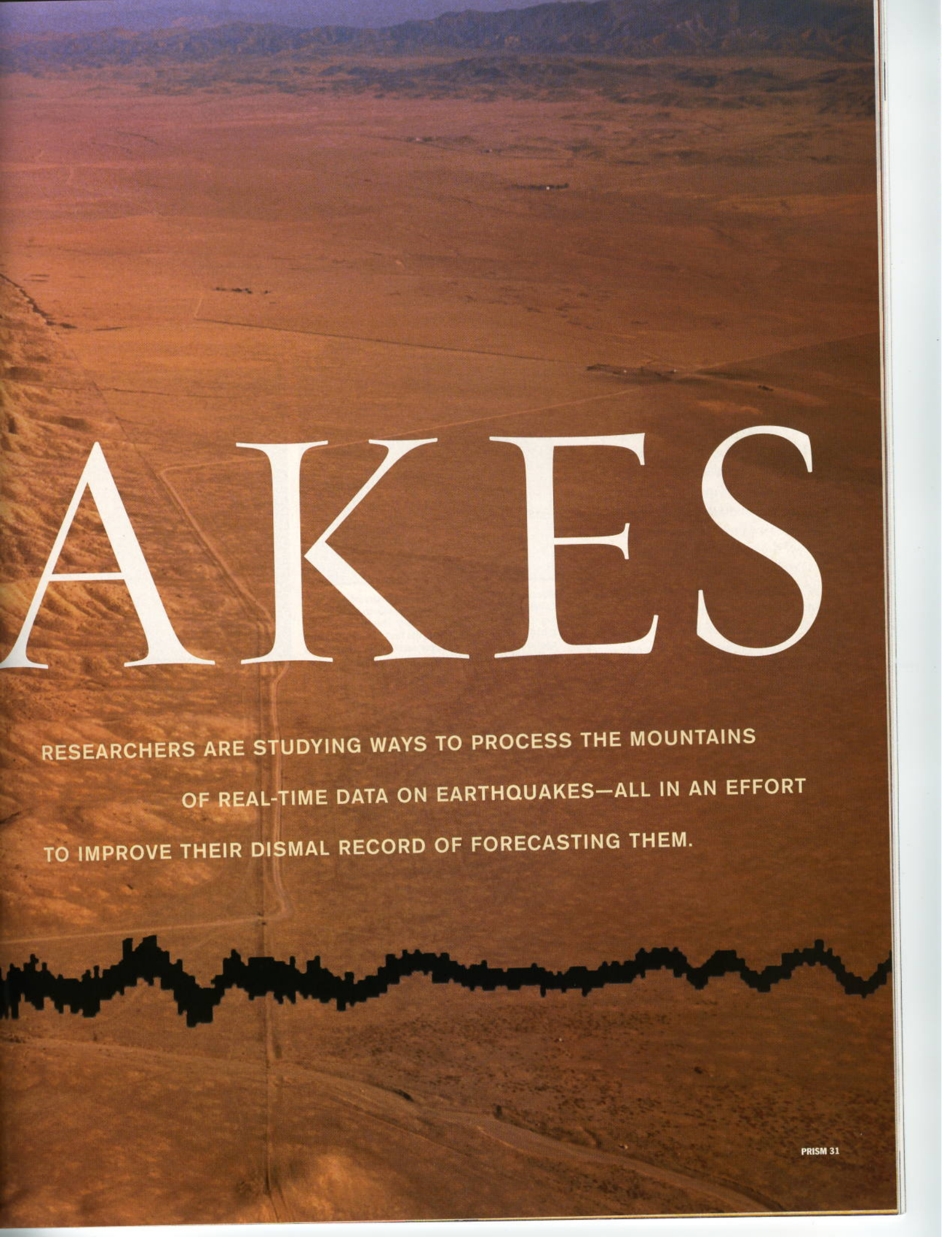
An aerial photograph of a desert valley, showing a prominent vertical fault line running through the center. The terrain is rugged and eroded, with various ridges and valleys. The color palette is dominated by warm, earthy tones of brown and orange. In the foreground, a black silhouette of a seismic waveform is overlaid on the landscape, showing sharp peaks and troughs. The title 'TAKING A CRACK AT PREDICTING' is printed in white, serif, all-caps font across the middle of the image. Below the title, the author's name 'BY DAN MCGRAW' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. The large letters 'QU' are also visible in a white, serif font, partially overlapping the fault line and the waveform.

TAKING A CRACK AT PREDICTING

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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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