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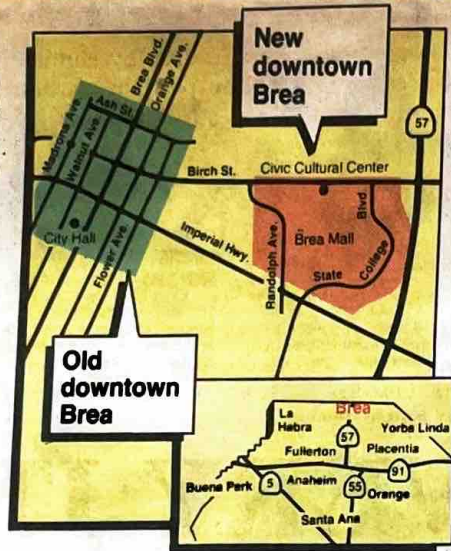
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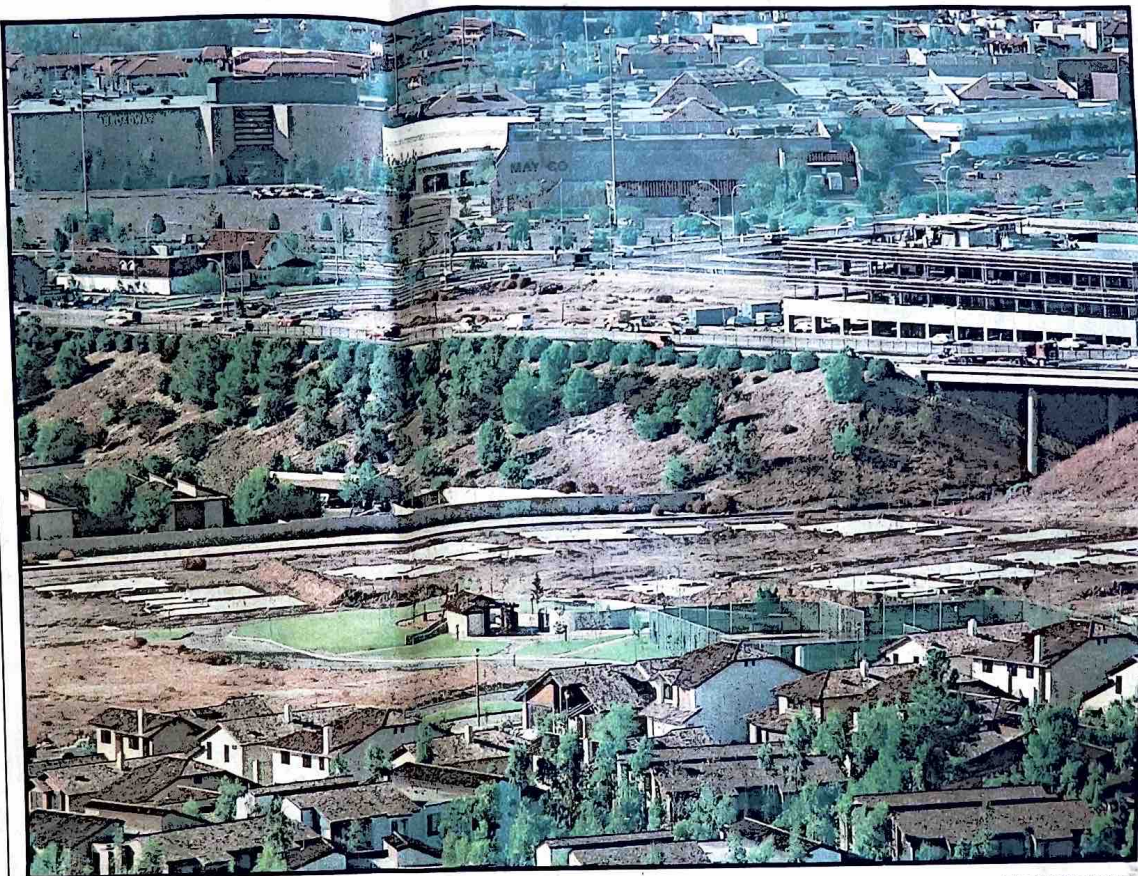
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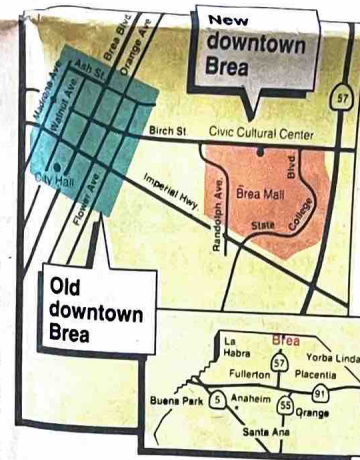
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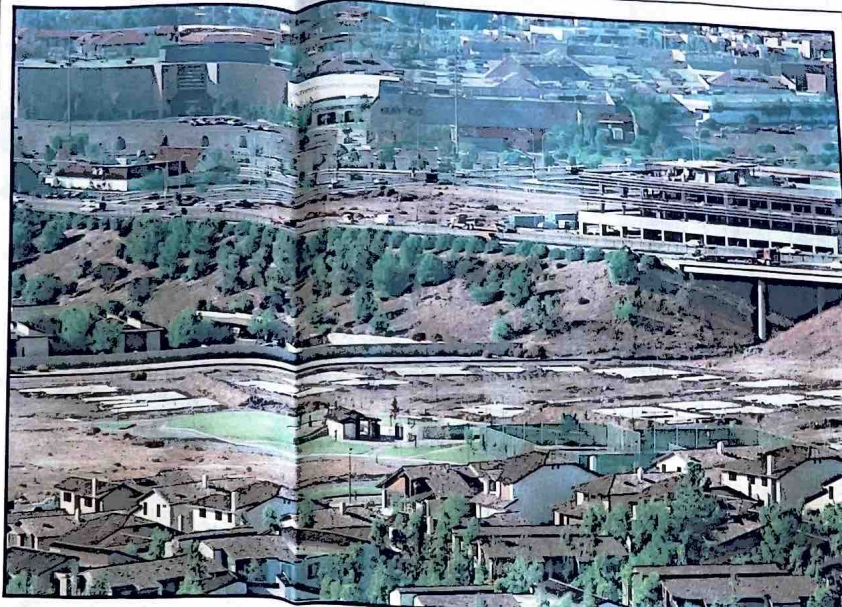
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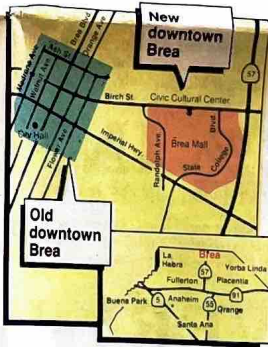
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A good student, he hid his report cards from friends because he feared their teasing and jealousy of his high grades.

Perez remembers the poverty of his childhood. He had one pair of shoes — for Sunday Mass — and little to eat as his family moved from state to state, following work in the fields.

And he remembers prejudice As a barrio child in Cucamonga, he was not allowed to

swim in the public plunge until the day before it was drained for cleaning.

"My stepfather served in World War II and everyone was equal there," Perez said. "We (Mexican Americans) are not afraid to die for a cause."

"But when he came back, he found a different attitude. It really hurt him. He couldn't find a job. They were there, but not for him."

When Perez campaigned for City Council in 1969, he had pickup truck caravans, five-year-olds handing out his campaign literature and walked through 55 precincts. And he garnered much of the Anglo vote.

"I was elected to the council in the supposed home of the John Birch Society, and I didn't do it totally with ethnic support," Perez said. "I want to say to others who are like me: 'Look, I did it. You can do it, too.'"

Perez alternately has considered and rejected seeking higher office — once a supervisor's seat and another time, an Assembly seat.

Known as City Hall as an impeccably polite man, Perez is also guarded. He does not speak about himself unless persuaded.

Please see PEREZ B5

Blurred pages draw humor from reader

By Pat Riley
Register ombudsman



OMBUSMAN

I admire — to say nothing of cherish — those friendly folks who maintain a sense of humor when confronted with even our worst press problems.

Dan Daniels of Garden Grove sent a four-page note from a recent edition of The Register. The two inside pages were a real sight, the type was horribly blurred through-out and the pages were so off-kilter vertically that headlines scheduled for the top of the pages showed up at the very bottom. Not neat.

But Dan had no trouble reading the two outside pages. They were blank. Dan looked on the bright side, though there wasn't one, pointing out that at least those two didn't link stain his hands.

Speaking of ink stains, Lillian Blackball of Garden Grove offers a helpful hint for keeping hands clean. For the past year or so, she says, she has worn thin, white cosmetic gloves while prouising the paper. They can be bought at almost any cosmetic counter for less than 50 cents, they're washable and they last well. Lillian reports. They're also impressive morning wear. I guess, because Lillian says neighbors "are surprised by my formal attire when they come in and see me having coffee and reading the paper" while wearing the gloves. Good Christmas gift. Well, better than nothing. Thanks, Lillian.

Another Garden Grove, who asked for an anonymity, allowed that "The Register has plenty to say about the lack of good teaching in our schools," and she said she agrees with that editorial stance, but, considering the mistakes we make in spelling and grammar, she suggested, "I look to myself." I've written that down, Jeanne.

She sent some samples of our errors "which I noticed in just a few minutes of reading."

In a photo caption on the front Metro page one morning we spelled "abdomen" as "abdomin." That was a typographical error, Jeanne. Everybody I asked knew how to spell it as soon as I showed them your letter.

In one article, an ending quotation mark was dropped in for no reason. That's another typographical error, Jeanne. "Where, oh where is the other quotation mark?" you ask. It languishes lonely and mateless in the computer from which this one escapes.

Jeanne noticed that several sentences in another article began with "but" and "and," and "and" and "but" should serve as connectives and not sentence starters, she remembered from school. But newspaper writing is a bit different from class essays, if no better. It cuts through aid clarity and brevity, we use 'em. And sometimes they don't.

Jeanne says, "All of you who have had no college education have only the printed word in newspapers and magazines to help us remember how words are spelled and the basic use of language. Help."

That's about all I have, and I wish they'd do a better job. But as soon as the economy brightens, we're gonna buy a couple of good dictionaries and a grammar book. Good eye, Jeanne, and we'll try to bear down, as I promised last time.

After reading here last week about a little bad luck we had with a decimal point in a story alleging the capacity of the Diablo Canyon nuclear facility, Arnold Klumeter of Santa Ana called to let me know another measurement gaffe.

An article about the potential hazards of ailing oak trees in Irvine Park contained this sentence: "During the last six months, three large limbs — one 40 feet in diameter — have fallen."

The next sentence said that "There has never been a reported injury attributed to the tree." That's good, but as another reader noted in a letter about the goof, if a 40-foot diameter tree fell, there should have been at least a small quake.

The reporter who wrote the story said he can't blame the mistake on typesetters. He meant to say 40 inches but was simply thinking too big, and evidently no editor noticed anything unusual about a limb as thick as a four-story building is high.

Z.S. Sidawi of Costa Mesa wrote to needle us a bit about printing the same letter in the editorial page Clearing-house three times — Nov. 10, 11 and 13. I don't know why we skipped a day.

Mr. Sidawi didn't like the letter in the first place, and he wrote his own letter answering it, but he wondered why it ran more than once. "Did the editor feel that it was so profound that he wanted the maximum possible number of readers to see it? Or was it an honest oversight? Please explain."

It was as honest as any mistake we've made all year. Z.S., and I'd be happy to explain, but since I couldn't I had to ask our computer experts for help. I was told that the most likely explanation is that a programmer inadvertently inserted a code with the letter that would automatically have it reset every time Clearing-house entries are typeset until someone noticed it on a page proof and remembered that it had been published before.

A particular code is used to store some material. Please see OMBUDSMAN B3

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Rain is plain but it drives us all insane

David Brenner, the comedian, has a short routine in his act about California weather. Actually, it's more about Los Californians' reaction to weather which is mostly foreign to them.



PATRICK MOTT

Californians generally have a part of peaceful coexistence with the weather. It doesn't bother us, and we don't bother it. So, when the pack occasionally is broken, never by us. Lotus Land goes berserk. Brenner notes this. On one trip out here, he was nonplussed when friends canceled an evening at the movies. He wanted to know why.

Well, it's raining, they said. To Brenner, this didn't seem to add up. Rain, although certainly tactile, is not a natural barrier and does not, he reasoned, keep one from going to the movies. Besides, he's little group, he related, could walk to the car underneath underneath yet another carpet and settle into their seats with the soles of their shoes only slightly damp.

His companions were having none of it, however, and continued to balk, saying that the streets would be slick that they might, horror of horrors, get wet and maybe something would slide down a hillside on top of them.

Such is weather mania in Southern California. The behavior of the natives in a rainstorm is tantamount to that of more primitive cultures when the volcano blows. We figure we must have had karma or have forgotten our mantras or something. Frankly, it's a wonder someone hasn't built an altar on Mt. Wilson and started making human sacrifices every time we get a drizzle. Or trusting someone up and flinging him into the swirling Los Angeles River in order to appease whomever needs appeasing.

Nowhere is the craze more obviously manifest than at a newspaper. In Southern California, rain is news and when the skies open up, the gears begin to spin just a bit faster.

To those who really love rain, who sleep better when they hear it on the roof, who like to walk in it, who love to huddle before a fire while it drums on the windows, who delight in splashing around in puddles and imitating Gene Kelly, the scene around here at about 8:30 Thursday night must have seemed laughable.

The word came down soon after the rain. It's raining, it hasn't rained in a long time, therefore we need a story. All over Southern California there were hundreds of people who were not going to the movies. Instead, they were slipping around on wet streets, crashing into each other, feeling like terror-stricken refugees from water.

Extreme behavior, yes, but news nonetheless. Weeks and weeks of consecutive sunny days with temperatures of more than 80 degrees, with swimming and surfing and sunbathing and tanning and sailing and tennis and hiking in the evening in the hot tub with a glass of chubis and Mozart — that's not news. One day of rain is. Two days of rain is monumental. A week of rain is a natural disaster.

Are the streets flooded? How many inches? What does the gauge say? How many accidents? Any homes slide away? Any cliffs fall down? Any thunder? Lightning? Wind?

This is why Brenner's routine is funny. People from Wisconsin or New York or Michigan or Illinois or a dozen other places — these people battle the weather, tooth and nail, every day of winter. They chip away at the ice, flame away the frost, dig themselves out of the snow, lean into the wind, hide from the torments, run from the floods, insulate against the chill and still manage, in spite of it all, to get to the movies and, in many cases, avoid sliding into each other in traffic.

Then, after a while, they all get sick of it and move to California, where in one week they forget everything they ever learned about the weather and crawl into the hot tub with the chubis and Mozart and worry about whether it's going to rain tomorrow.

Must be bad karma.

OMBUDSMAN

FROM B2

Indefinitely, but it should not have been used for Clearinghouse letters. I was assured. An incidentally, an editor did notice the rerun on a page proof the third time around (twice is our normal limit for oversights) and marked it for removal from the page, but through some unknown breakdown in the system, it wasn't eliminated until after the triple-header. Maybe it still isn't, but I have seen it lately.

In any case, that's the most likely explanation, Z.S. On the other hand.

Got a complaint or other comment about The Register's news coverage? Call the ombudsman at (714) 953-2294. Or write to: Ombudsman, The Register, Box 11626, Santa Ana 92711. Your query will get a quick reply. The Register wishes to correct all errors.

Judge jails plaintiff

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — A 38-year-old woman was jailed after allegedly pulling a gun from her purse in court when a judge denied her alimony from her millionaire ex-husband, police said.

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But before a cable television firm can lay its wires under or above private property, the company must have the property owner's permission. Therefore, a property manager or homeowners' association can exclude cable television from a residential complex. A resident then would have no option, and even if he chose, would have no chance to pay the \$7 to more than \$20 per month for cable TV services.

The reasons that some residents are denied access to cable television vary. Among the reasons most often cited are:

- Fear that wiring for cable TV permanently will mar roads and structures within private communities.
- Competition from "over-the-air" pay television broadcasters like "The Z Channel" and "ON TV," which sometimes require exclusive, multiyear contracts to service a community.
- A requirement, which cable operators reject, that the cable television firms pay \$2 or \$3 per month to apartment managers or owners for each apartment unit that subscribes to the service — another kind of franchise fee, in effect.
- In one case, Paul Jacobs of the Arnel Management Co said he stopped cable installation at the 48 unit Fine Tree Apartments in Fountain Valley in July, because the work was sloppy.
- Jacobs said Dickinson Pacific Cablesystems "never gave a professional presentation" on their intentions. He said he later asked to see their architectural drawings and asked if any monthly commissions would be paid to the Arnel company for apartment subscribers.
- Dickinson Pacific is building a 25-channel system in Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley, and Westminster.
- Dave Edwards, Dickinson Pacific's general manager, said his firm cannot, under its franchise agreement, pay a commission to apartment management for subscribers — a payment he called a "kickback" and a "rake-off."
- The issue was a major stumbling block for providing

cable television to Arnel managed apartment complexes, Edwards said.

However, Arnel's president, Chuck Armstrong, said the money to be received from a commission on cable television sign-ups was "small potatoes" and an item of minor importance in the negotiations. Armstrong said he is more concerned about the aesthetics of the work and the benefits to the tenants.

Please see CABLE/B1

Reno has own duck-in-need

RENO (AP) — In Las Vegas there was Donna, the duck with an arrow through her side. Now Reno has its own bird in need — a duck with a plastic six pack holder around its neck.

By Jim Dale of the Humane Society said the plastic collar doesn't seem to be hurting it, but he is afraid the bird will get hung up on a branch some where and choke to death.

Humane Society workers have tried stalking the duck, so far without success. But, undaunted, Dale said the society would continue to check its progress regularly, and keep on trying to catch it.

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CABLE

Armstrong said Arnel has received several offers from companies that want to set up special antenna systems or satellite signal receiving dishes to provide pay TV for Arnel managed apartments. "I don't know what we want to do," he said.

While the matter is unresolved, the residents of the Pine Tree Apartments and three Westminster apartment complexes — Calepana, Cinnamon Creek, and Sutton Place — have no access to cable television.

Meanwhile, the HMR Property Management Co. has denied cable access to the 180 townhouses of Fountain Park in Fountain Valley.

HMR's Bob Richardson said his firm also will keep cable out of nine other HMR-managed residential developments in Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley and Westminster unless Dickenson Pacific improves its cable installation work. Residents of about 1,650 homes would be affected.

Richardson said cable installers left open trenches in the asphalt, cut a water main and broke at least 20 sprinklers at Mariners Cove, a 101-home condominium complex in Huntington Beach.

Edwards attributed the construction foul-ups to his firm pushing its construction subcontractor to more than triple the normal installation rate.

"As a result, people were hired that weren't trained," Edwards said. "It was a mistake to push so fast. When you do that, there's going to be some problems."

HMR manages Mariners Cove as well as two other Huntington Beach residential tracts, Fern Hill and Sea Breeze, which also had cable construction problems, Richardson said.

In Anaheim, Storer Cable Television has been unable to get permission to extend cable wires to about 2,000 apartment units run by the IPS Management Co.

An IPS property manager, who asked to not be identified, said his company is concerned that the cable installation might detract from an apartment building's appearance, with bulky terminals outside or unsightly wires.

The IPS manager also said that although monthly commissions were not specifically discussed, he did ask Storer representatives, "What's in it for the owner?"

Storer company officials declined to elaborate on the matter, but did say they will not pay commissions to apartment managers or owners.

To date, Storer only has completed its cable installations in the eastern third of the city near Anaheim Hills. The apartments now concerned that the cable installation might detract from an apartment building's appearance, with bulky terminals outside or unsightly wires.

Meanwhile, "The Z Channel," has been seeking multi-year contracts to show uncut and commercial-free movies on television at apartment complexes that otherwise could offer cable. Under its contracts, "The Z Channel" prohibits an apartment from providing access to cable or other pay television. (The cable franchises do not seek such an exclusion to competition.)

A Z spokesman said the company does not share its monthly fee with apartment managers or owners, but does offer to maintain and sometimes upgrade an apartment's TV antennas.

Among the apartment complexes with exclusive "Z" contracts that could offer cable are 40-unit Shakewood Apartments in Fountain Valley, the 250-unit La Veta Grand Apartments in Orange, and the 232-unit Californian Apartments in Huntington Beach.

Property manager Leo Bullock said that he has kept cable out of the 80-unit Brookwood Apartments in Huntington Beach and the 94-unit Springdale Village Apartments in Westminster because of the cable TV policy against paying commissions.

"We should get a percentage," said Bullock, of the GHO Management Co. "They want to come in and use our property and never give us anything for it."

Access to private property has bottlenecked cable television operators in some uncommon ways, as well.

- In Orange, one Chapman Avenue resident has refused to allow cable installers to stretch their wires next to existing telephone lines that run across his property. The result: 75 neighboring homes cannot be wired for cable.

- In Fountain Valley, deed restrictions at the Crestwood-Magnolia residential tract require the owners of all single-family homes to approve tract-wide construction, such as cable installation. Reportedly, three homeowners object. The result: No cable for 48 homes.

- In Irvine, the builders of Woodbridge Manor, a federally subsidized complex for the elderly and handicapped, ran afoul of federal housing guidelines when they tried to wire the project for cable television last March. The result: no cable for 100 units.

The governmental consortium that oversees the cable franchise for Huntington Beach, Westminster, and Fountain Valley has asked its staff to look into ways to require property owners to provide access to cable.

For instance, the city of Glendale prohibits apartment

managers and owners from preventing cable television access to any tenant that wants the service, a staff member said.

"Some apartment owners are getting greedy" by requiring that cable commissions be paid to them, said Fountain Valley Mayor Ben Nielsen. A consortium board member.

However, Nielsen stopped short of endorsing a law that would allow cable installers to go onto private property without permission. "It's a real touchy question," he said.

BREA

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with the city's controlled growth," he said. The wish to make Brea accessible by freeway led to adoption of strict development standards.

Councilman Don Fox, who helped lobby state of officials to get the freeway built, led a decade ahead of

schedule said. "Brea was planned along textbook lines as a balanced community of residential, commercial and industrial developments."

"Now we control the growth and we get the benefits that go along with it."

in addition, he said new comers brought into town by the recent growth fit into the city's small town atmosphere, where people look for successful high school sports programs.

Fox said he believes that the days of Brea's accelerated growth are over because the vacant land is disappearing near the freeway.

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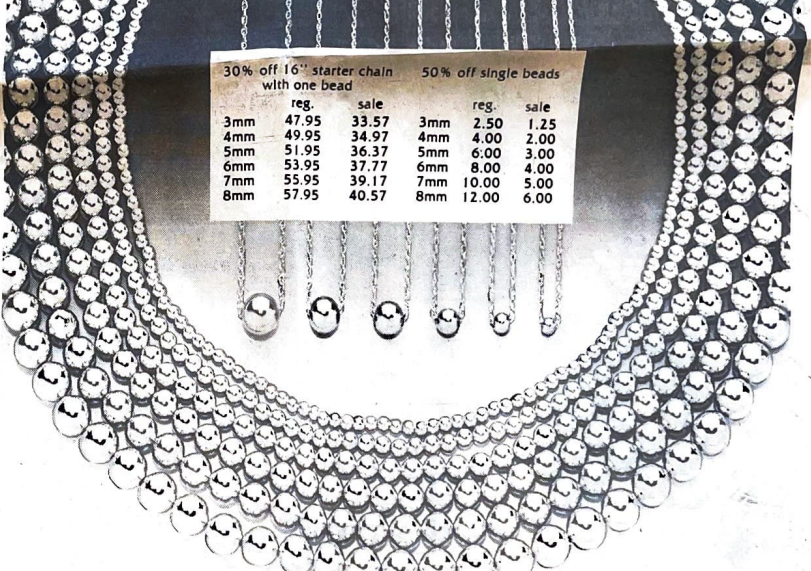
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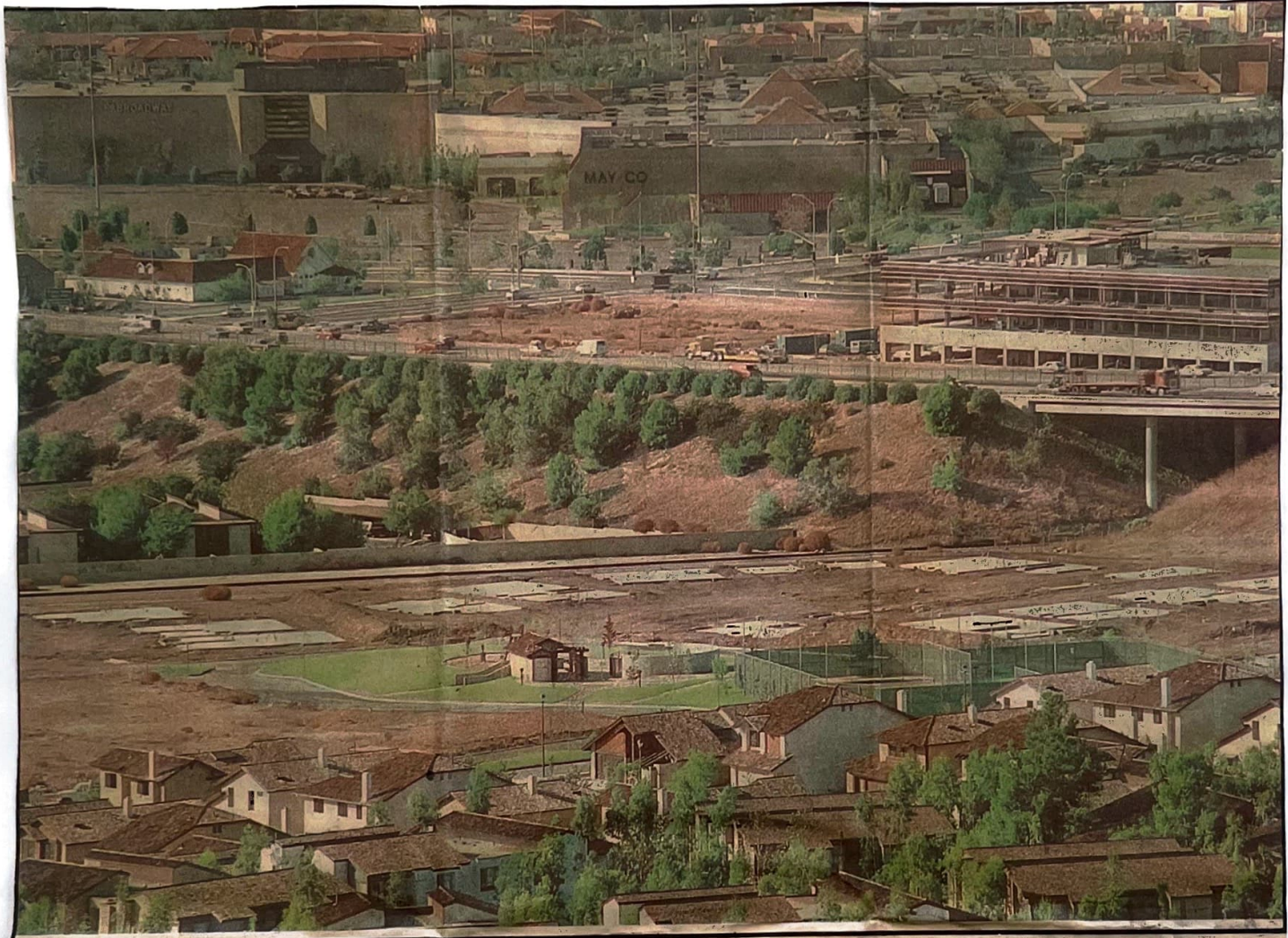


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