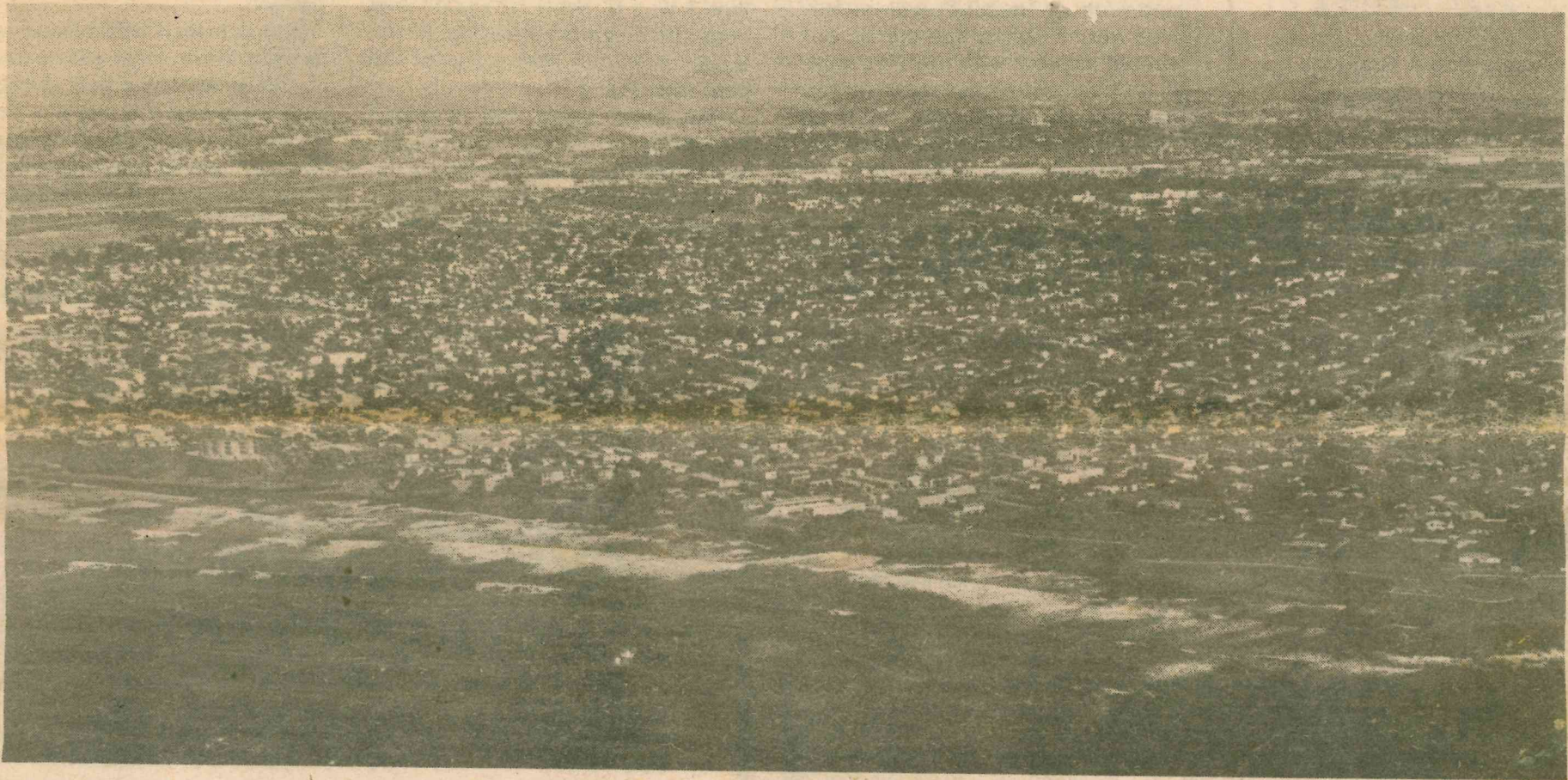




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LOOKING INTO OCEAN BEACH



THE SECRET OF SUNSET CLIFFS

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It is well known that America was discovered and explored by treasure seekers. Wild tales of buried gold and sunken galleons have always thrilled and fascinated adventurous soles. Tales of pirate treasure, pearls from the Orient, gold and silver, silks and spices have teased and taunted men into Neptunes Realm.

Legend has it that Spanish sailors hid caches of gold and silver in the thousands of caves and caverns along southern Californias coastlines. Some of the caves along Sunset Cliffs still hold many dark secrets. One of those secrets and the story of "Mean Billy Morgan" was told to me by a long-time resident of Ocean Beach who heard it from his

grandfather.

It seems that back in '49 when gold was discovered at Sutters Mill, thousands of men and women filed grub stakes and sought their fortunes panning for the precious treasure. Some of them made their fortunes quickly and left to live their lives in comfort. Others squandered their gold on whiskey and wild women, still others invested in land or set up saloons, shipping lines and other commercial businesses. The men who remained usually died or were brutally murdered for their claim.

One young man, Billy Morgan, was seventeen when he left home in the mid-West to seek his fortune in the gold fields. He was headstrong and brawney. The oldest of eleven

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A LITTLE MORE ABOUT SUNSET CLIFFS

After years of debate, the Sunset Cliffs shoreline protection project has received the final go-ahead. By an 8-0 vote the City Council approved the financing package for the project and awarded a contract to J.W. Mitchell Co. of Irvine, California.

Construction is scheduled to

begin in late April and continue through November. Tentative schedules call for construction of rock revetments and laying of the foundations for walls, stairways, and walkways during the months of May, June and July.

From mid-July to mid-September the reinforced earth walls will be

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