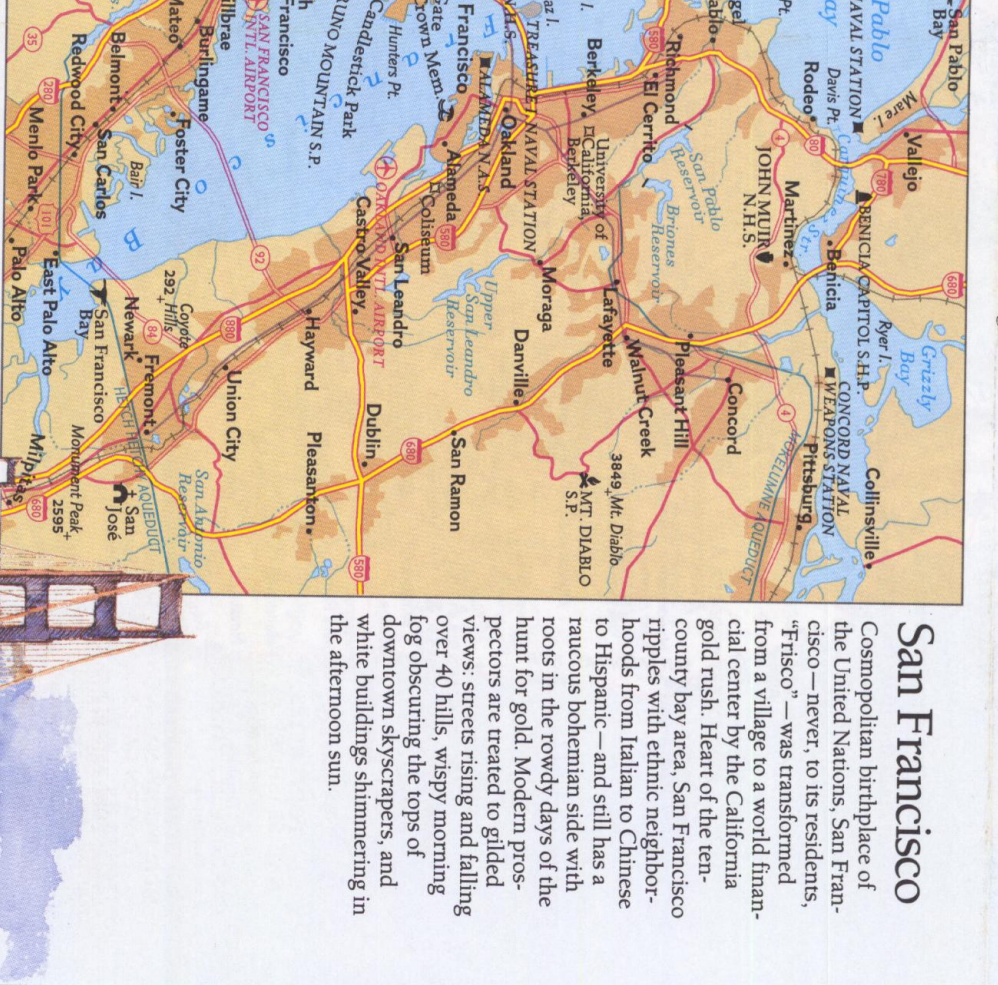


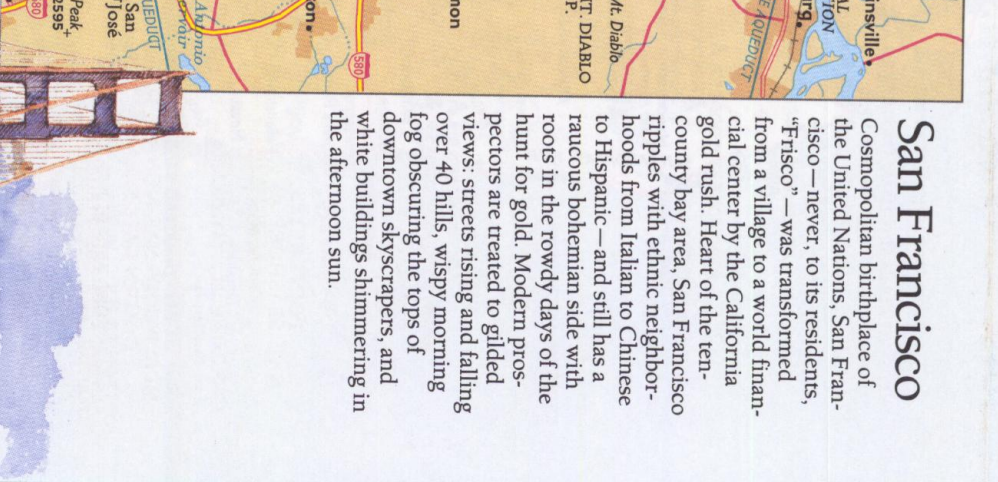


**WILSON HOUSE**  
William Carson, a 19th-century timber baron, imported wood from around the world to build his ornate Eureka home. It now serves as a private club.

**Coast Redwoods**  
Some were seedlings at the time of Chris. Today the world's tallest trees soar as high as 367 feet into the damp air of whisper-quiet groves. A campaign to protect the trees, with major support from the National Geographic Society, led Congress in 1966 to create Redwood National Park—key acres of more than 100,000 acres of state and federal land set aside for the giants.



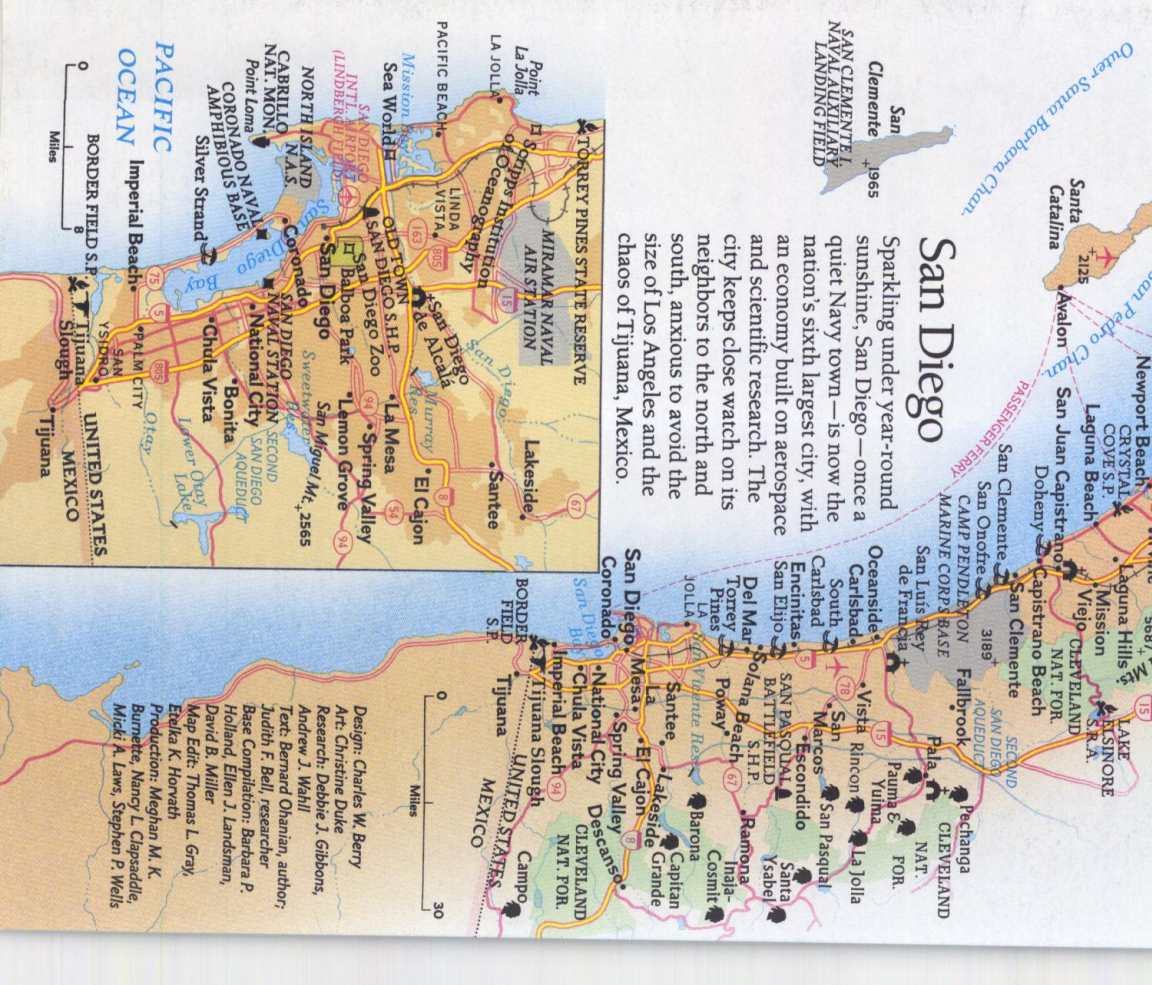
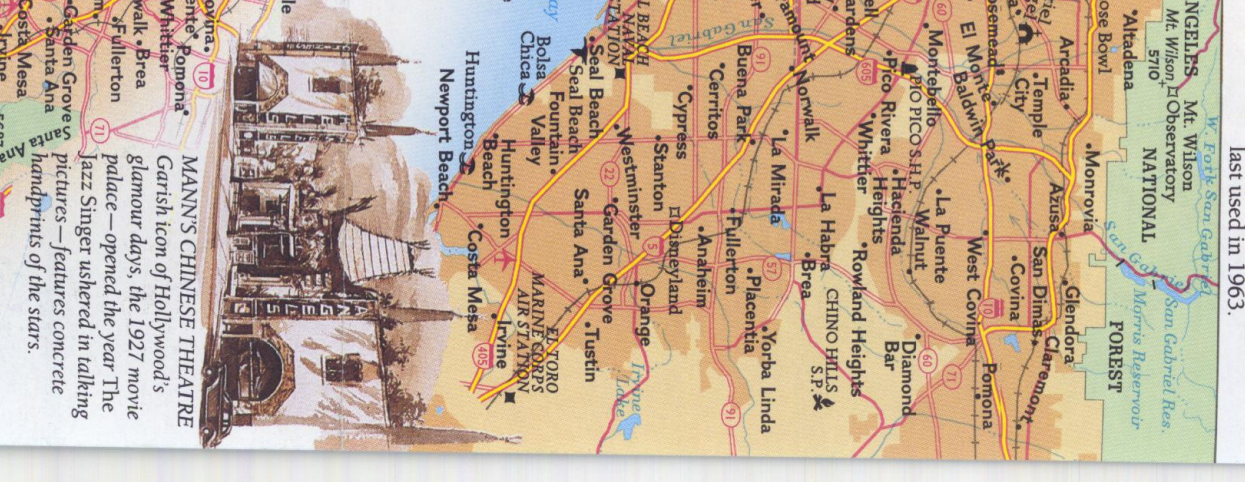
**GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE**  
The twin-towered span lifted spirits when it rose over the Golden Gate's swirling currents during the Depression. Flexing without breaking, it stayed open through the major earthquake in 1989.



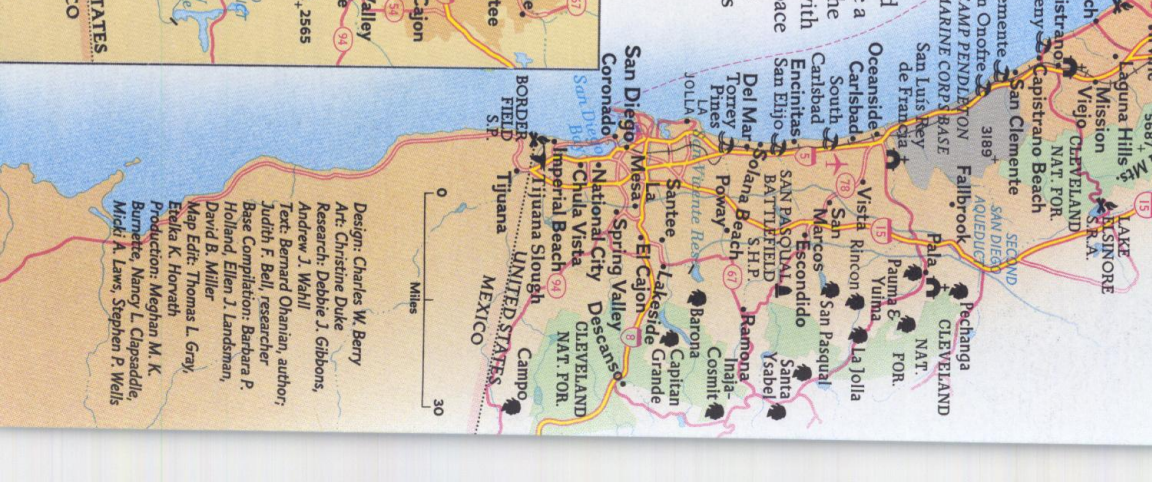
**HEARST CASTLE**  
Newspaper magnate William Randolph Hearst's ode to opulence grew from a rustic retreat to a 127-acre course in art history, with Renaissance masterworks, Roman-era mosaics, and historic walls shipped stone by stone from European castles. Sailors at sea can pick out the towers of the mansion, dedicated to the state in 1957 by Hearst's heirs.



**San Diego**  
Sparkling under year-round sunshine, San Diego—once a quiet Navy town—is now the nation's sixth largest city, with an economy built on aerospace and scientific research. The city keeps close watch on its neighbors to the north and south, anxious to avoid the chaos of Los Angeles and the chaos of Tijuana, Mexico.



**Los Angeles**  
The lights of the glittery trend-setting city double as beacons to newcomers from nearby Mexico and lands as far-flung as Korea and Armenia. Their children may inherit a new "southland"—as Angelenos call Los Angeles—and its sprawling suburbs—linked by subway and commuter trains. The auto-happy region has rediscovered rail transit, last used in 1963.



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