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to be slow in answering the  
helm  
and, after she had crashed into  
the landings on both sides of the  
bay, was retired for use as a  
sightseeing steamer. Later she  
was anchored in Glorietta Bay,  
and used as a ballroom and  
theater. The Ramona was con-  
verted into a nightclub in her  
declining days and, even later,  
into a scow. The Morena, during  
World War II, was a training  
ship.

As any long-time resident will  
recall, there have been periodic  
attempts to replace the ferry'  
service with either a bridge or a  
tunnel. All have failed, some by  
close margins in elections, oth-  
ers by public outcry.

And, if you make the trip some  
late afternoon, when the whole  
of  
the world seems to be detached  
by the sharp breeze from the  
Pacific and the cry of the sea-  
gulls overwhelms all other  
sounds, the reasons come fully,  
clear why the Coronado Ferry,  
has reached 75 years of age.