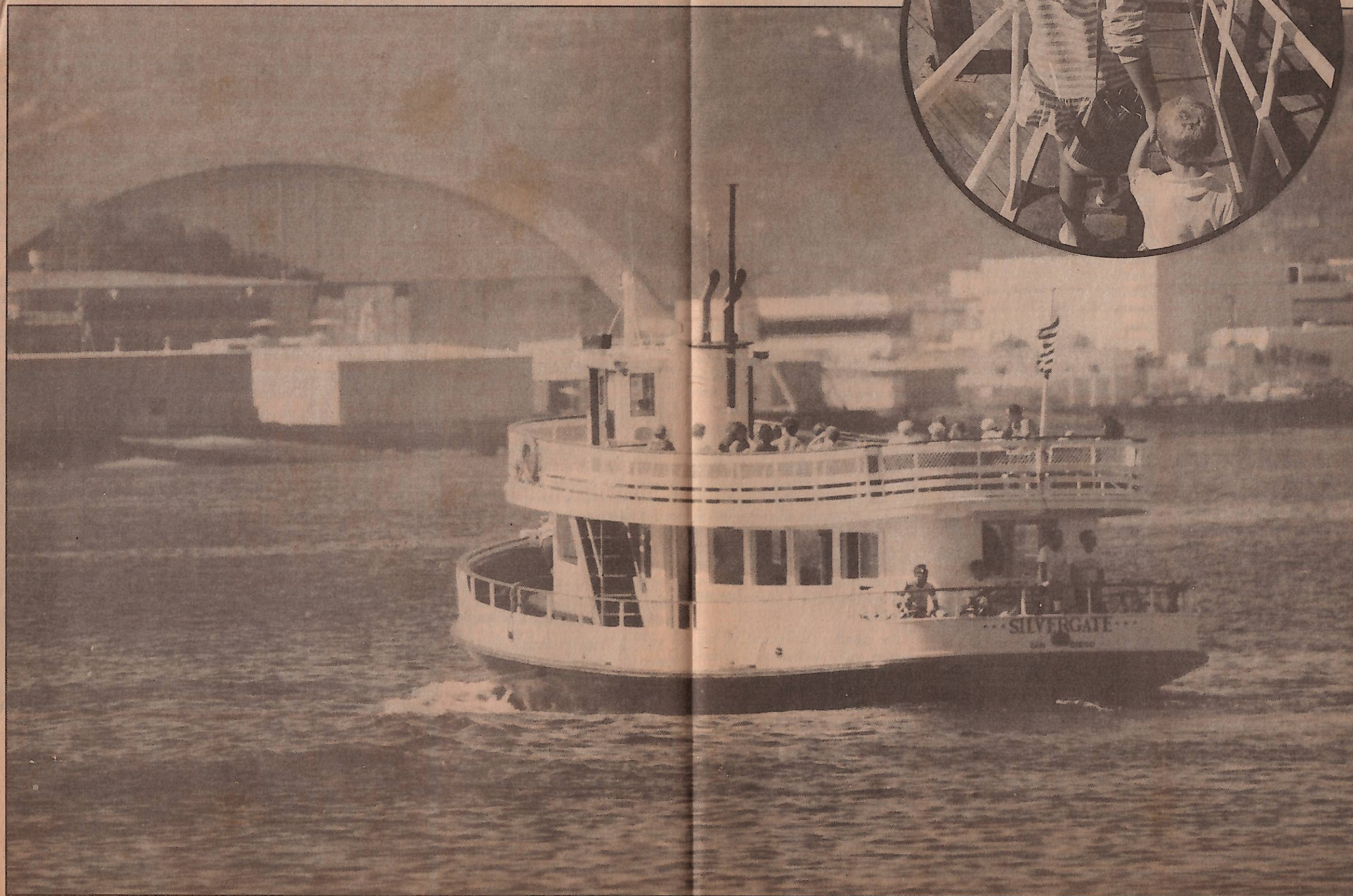


Out of the past and across the bay,
the Silvergate makes yet another voyage



Mother and
son board
for a trip.



Although nearly 50 years old, the twin-prop, wooden-hulled Silvergate still is used to ferry passengers between Coronado and downtown San Diego.

Bridging the bay the old way, slowly and in style

A half-century old, the Silvergate ferry gracefully plows the waters of San Diego Bay, carrying its cargo of tourists, pleasure seekers and commuters back and forth from San Diego to Coronado.

From so slight a distance, the sights and sounds of the city seem so far, a brilliant skyline portrait that appears to change and grow so taller with every trip.

But the real attraction of riding the Silvergate is the nostalgia. The original ferries, which carried more than 250 million passengers across the bay during 83 years of service, were

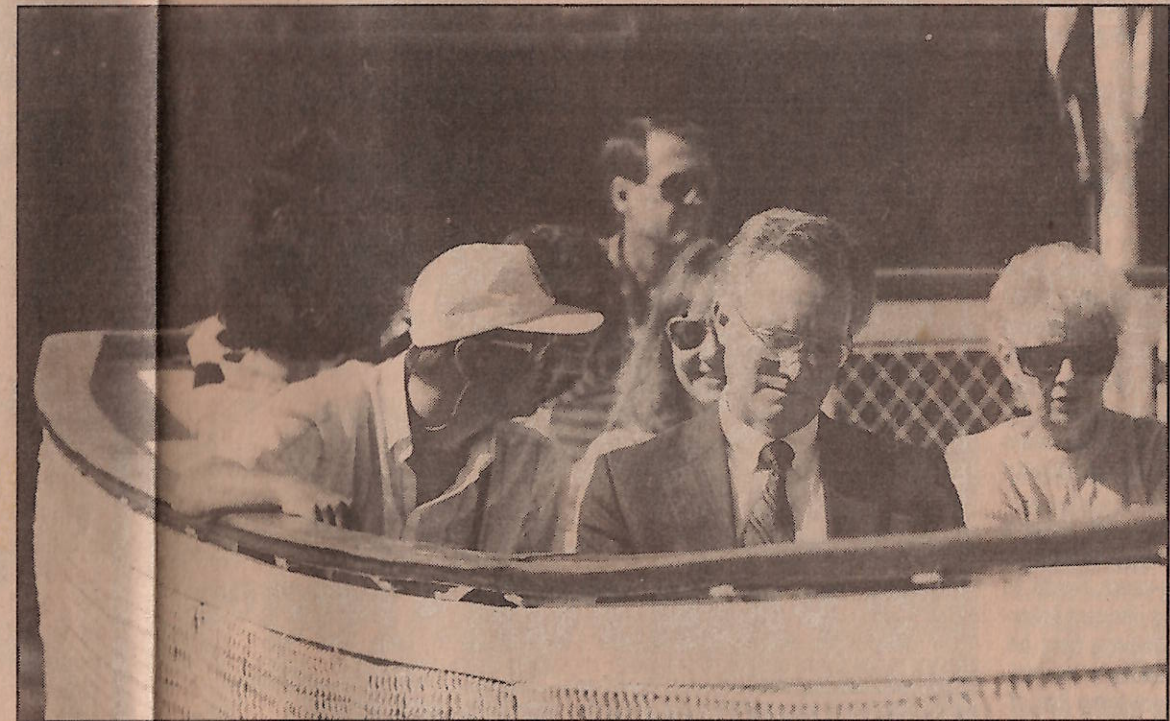
discontinued at midnight on Aug. 2, 1969.

That was done because of the opening of the \$47 million bridge linking San Diego and Coronado. Financing arrangements carried a clause prohibiting competition until the toll bridge was paid off, and that didn't occur until April 1986.

The wooden-hulled Silvergate, built in 1941 as an excursion boat, was revamped at a cost of \$200,000 and put back into service on July 1, 1987. It departs its San Diego port at the Broadway Pier on the hour. Returns from Coronado's Old Ferry Landing leave on the half hour.



Capt. John Alioto keeps a watchful eye at the helm.



Travelers relax on the sun-baked deck of the Silvergate as it traverses the bay.

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