

CLEARWATER SUN

SUN'S PLATFORM FOR TOLERANCE

"I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it."—Voltaire.

RULE FOR RIGHT LIVING

"I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."—Etienne de Grellet.

BIBLE THOUGHT

"Take courage, and acquit yourselves like men, O Philistines, lest you become slaves to the Hebrews as they have been to you; acquit yourselves like men and fight."—I Samuel 4:9.

Old Tampa Bay: Troubled Waters

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When those two young performers of contemporary song with the improbable names of Simon and Garfunkel penned their big hit, "Bridge Over Troubled Waters" some months back, they surely could have been thinking about polluted upper Old Tampa Bay and the Courtney Campbell Causeway bridge.

There is certainly no more troubled water in the State of Florida than Tampa Bay. One of its big problems is stagnation due to loss of flush action prevented by Courtney Campbell Causeway. As it stands, the State Department of Transportation plans to do no more than replace the present antiquated long bridge . . . A three-to-five years project. Additional openings on the causeway, we're told, will have to be approved by federal highway officials, and only then after certain ecological and environmental studies are made. WDAE endorses the proposal of the "Save Our Bay"

organization for the immediate installation of culverts at either end of the causeway to provide additional tidal flushing action, to buy time, until we can get action on additional bridges. This would cost very little and give the bay the breathers it needs now.

Everyone concerned must recognize the bay problem as an emergency matter. WDAE urges the State Transportation Department, the State Air and Water Pollution Control Board, and local officials to press for the immediate installation of two large culverts in Courtney Campbell Causeway. Enough studies have already been made; a mountain of information on upper Old Tampa Bay is already available to the federal government. Upper Old Tampa Bay could choke to death on bureaucratic red tape. WDAE urges all agencies concerned to do something now, lest we soon preside over final rites for that troubled water, upper Old Tampa Bay.