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**TIME MANAGEMENT SEMINAR**  
Key Largo Library Community Room, Tradewinds. Saturday night, six or sevenish.

**JOBS**

**WANTED: PART TIME SALES PERSON**  
who won't quit after 2 weeks on the job and doesn't think she's doing me a favor by working here, who can take a joke and won't cry every day on the floor.  
Personal Enquiries Only.

**MUSICIANS WANTED**

Amateur & seasoned musicians wanted!  
**The Keys Community Concert Band**  
begins rehearsals for its new season in the fall. If you want to participate, call 305-451-4530.

**FOR SALE**

1990 SUBARU  
5-speed, fuel injection, new brake and drum. New exhaust system. 4 new street tires. Body in great shape. Engine gone, but still runs. \$500. 305-555-GONE

Used Cars—why go elsewhere to be cheated? Come here first!  
Dewey Cheatnam & Howe

I have two tickets to the 'The Killers concert in Miami in January, but I didn't realize it is on the same day as my wedding, so I can't go... If you are interested in going... It's at St. Justin's Church in Key Largo on January 23rd and the girl's name is Michelle.

**PERSONAL**

To the girl in the pink pyjamas standing on U.S. one at MM 82 on Wednesday afternoon with a cigarette in one hand and a bottle of vodka in the other, roaring down the street - you're absolutely gorgeous. Want to get together for the weekend? I'm that guy with one hand down the front of his cargo shorts, slurring my words every time I ask a tourist for 50 cent for the bus home.— Mickey, text me

**VESSEL SAFETY**

The USCG Auxiliary conducts vessel safety checks at Blackwater Sound Marina, MM 103.8 Bayside, every third Saturday of the month.  
The Public is Welcome.  
More info: 305-998-8400

**CLUBS**

Fraternal Order of the Eagles meets every 1st and 3rd Monday 7pm at Elks Lodge in Tavernier.

Florida Keys Orchid, Fern and Bromeliad Society meets the 3rd Thurs. of every month at Key Largo Library Comm. Room 7pm. Open to public. 305-451-3000

The Key Players, Inc. Community Theater Group needs volunteers to work behind the scenes and audition for roles!  
Go to: [thekeyplayers.org](http://thekeyplayers.org)

**WILL TRADE**

OLDER CLOTHES DRYER. Works well but needs new home. Will trade for 2 large packages Oreo double stuffed cookies (unopened).

**DOOM PREPPER WANTED**

Prepper Researcher Needed:  
Must be experienced in preparation for natural survival under extreme circumstances, including rebellion, insurrection, anarchy, acts of war, and nuclear holocaust. Please place resume in a black envelope on the third palm tree from the left, at mile marker 78.

**FREE GRAVEL**

Come to the new parking lot at MM 99.5 and bring a shovel. After hours only.

**WORK WANTED**

FOOD PREP WORK. Dependable, experienced, willing to get hands dirty.

Man, honest. Will take anything. 305-555-WHAT

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# A Blast from Our Conch Republic Past

This month we came across a piece of history in the creation of the Conch Republic. Just a few weeks after the Border Patrol put up a roadblock and the Conch Republic was formed in April of 1982, a south Florida group called The Blue Waters Band was performing in the Keys and decided to write a song commemorating the event, the Hymn of the Conch Republic. It became the Conch Republic's National Anthem!

Members of the band, since 1979, have been Brett Dolar, Jim Pardinas, Rick Doane, Dave Ruiter, Gary Dees, Dave Mishkin, and Steve Marshall.

The band was presented the Key to the City of Key West from then Mayor and Conch Republic Prime Minister Dennis Wardlow, upon presenting them with the song. Blue Waters Band then traveled to the Upper Keys and performed the song at numerous events, such as the Conch Republic cabinet meeting (mentioned below).



Based in South Miami, the band also opened their own place and named it "The North Key" because Key West and Key Largo were already taken! They performed the song every year for the Chamber of Commerce events in Key West during anniversaries of the The Conch Republic Days, and on other Keys every April over the years.

Today, Jack Jones, Dave Ruiter (pictured) and Steve Marshall have all passed away but Jim, Brett, Rick Doane, Dave Mishkin and Gary Dees are still around and have done a few band reunions over the years. (You may recognize Jimmy Pardinas from his Key Players performances. He still loves the stage!)

## "THE HYMN OF THE CONCH REPUBLIC" THE NATIONAL ANTHEM OF THE CONCH REPUBLIC

From Audubon to Hemingway they thought this place was grand,  
with tropical rains and hurricanes the widows walks still stand.  
Walking down 'ol Duval street past the tourist trade,  
getting lost in all those t shirt shops and buying things handmade

I'm a loyal subject of the Conch Republic on bended knee,  
she's a sandy rock with swayin' palm trees, floating on the sea.  
I'll take my stand to keep this land so rich and free,  
just a loyal subject of the Conch Republic for everyone to see!

We raised the flag, we fired a shot, applied for foreign aid,  
Just because those government boys  
Harassed our tourist trade  
Now I do my duty to keep my country great  
Writing my songs all day long  
In my sovereign state.

I'm a loyal subject of the Conch Republic on bended knee,  
she's a sandy rock with swayin' palm trees, floating on the sea.  
I'll take my stand to keep this land so rich and free,  
just a loyal subject of the Conch Republic for everyone to see!

So, enjoy the lyrics and remember the official band of the Conch Republic, The Blue Waters Band.



From The Keynoter, Thursday, July 22, 1982. Submitted by Brett Dolar.



STATE OF FLORIDA  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR BOB GRAHAM  
May 27, 1983


Mr. Brett Dolar  
Mr. Jack Jones  
31 Southeast Second Road  
Homestead, Florida 33030

Dear Brett and Jack:

Congratulations on the success of your band Blue Waters and particularly on the release of your first record. I am always happy to hear about songs that have been written about Florida, and I understand that your record contains one about the Florida Keys.

Best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,  
Governor



Brett Dolar in his North Key studio, from the Miami Herald circa 1983, submitted by Brett Dolar.