

## Drafting Guys Over 60

I am over 60 and the Armed Forces thinks I'm too old to track down terrorists. You can't be older than 42 to join the military. They've got the whole thing bass-ackwards.

Instead of sending 18-year olds off to fight, they ought to take us old guys. You shouldn't be able to join a military unit until you're at least 55.

For starters, researchers say 18-year-olds think about sex every 10 seconds. Old guys only think about sex a couple of times a month, leaving us more than 280,000 additional seconds per day to concentrate on the enemy.

Young guys haven't lived long enough to be cranky, and a cranky soldier is a dangerous soldier. 'My back hurts! I can't sleep, I'm tired and hungry.' We are bad-tempered and impatient, and maybe letting us kill some a-hole that desperately deserves it will make us feel better and shut us up for a while.

An 18-year-old doesn't even like to get up before 10 am. Old guys always get up early to pee, so what the heck. Besides, like I said, I'm tired and can't sleep and since I'm already up, I may as well be up killing some fanatical son-of-a-gun.

If captured, we couldn't spill the beans because



we'd forget where we put them. In fact, name, rank, and serial number would be a real brainteaser.

Boot camp would be easier for old guys. We're used to getting screamed and yelled at and we're used to soft food. We've also developed an appreciation for guns. We've been using them for years as an excuse to get out of the house, away from the screaming and yelling.

They could lighten up on the obstacle course however I've been in combat and never saw a single 20-foot wall with rope hanging over the side, nor did I ever do any pushups after completing basic training.

Actually, the running part is kind of a waste of energy, too. I've never seen anyone outrun a bullet.

An 18-year-old has the whole world ahead of him. He's still learning to shave, to start a conversation with a pretty girl. He still hasn't figured out that a baseball cap has a brim to shade his eyes, not the back of his head.

These are all great reasons to keep our kids at home to learn a little more about life before sending them off into harm's way.

Let us old guys track down those terrorists. The last thing an enemy would want to see is a couple million pissed off old farts with bad attitudes and automatic weapons who know that their best years are already behind them.

HEY!! How about recruiting menopausal women? You think MEN have attitudes? Oh my God!!!

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### SATURDAYS THIS MONTH:

 <b>Saturday, Jan. 5</b> UNCLE SMOKEY 1-5 PM	 <b>Saturday, Jan. 5</b> CHAIN REACTION 7-11 PM	 <b>Saturday, Jan. 12</b> CAT DADDIES 1-5 PM
 <b>Saturday, Jan. 12</b> STATIC 7-11 PM	 <b>Saturday, Jan. 19</b> UNCLE RICO 1-5 PM	 <b>Saturday, Jan. 19</b> RADIO STEREO 7-11 PM
 <b>Saturday, Jan. 26</b> BROTHERS OF OTHERS 1-5 PM	 <b>Saturday, Jan. 26</b> BOMBHELL 7-11 PM	 <b>MICHAEL TRIXX</b> Every Saturday 8PM

**What Goes Around**  
Steve Gibbs

Local author Steve Gibbs at Tradewinds Plaza with his latest in a series of books he has written since his retirement from the newspaper business. Check it out!

## RETIRE TO KEY LARGO WHERE...

- You'll be willing to park 3 blocks away from your house because you found shade.
- You'll experience condensation on your butt from the hot water in the toilet bowl.
- You have over 100 recipes for seafood.
- You know that you never have to pay for a sauna, just walk outside.
- The 4 seasons are: tolerable, hot, humid & hot, and ARE YOU KIDDING ME??
- You can make over \$350,000 and you still can't afford to buy a decent house.
- You can have dinner and buy bait in the same store.
- Everyone has a nickname: Smilin' Bob, Lobsterman, Not-that-Buffy, Methhead Mary, etc.
- You carry your \$3,000 worth of fishing gear in your \$500 car.
- Your idea of a traffic jam is three cars waiting for a tourist to pull off the road.

## January 10<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> Uncorked... Food & Wine the KEY LARGO & ISLAMORADA FESTIVAL

**11 Days of Food & Wine Events in Key Largo & Islamorada**

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Contact restaurant or check the website for details.

**Ballyhoo's in the median, MM 97.8**  
**Green Turtle Inn Oceanside, MM 81.2**  
**Kaiyo Oceanside, Old Hwy; MM 81.7**  
**Key Largo Conch House, Oceanside 100.2**  
**Marker 88 Bayside, MM 88**  
**Sundowners, Oceanside, MM 103.9**

**Thursday 1/10**  
Islamorada Beer Company and Islamorada Distilling MM 82 (O), Isla.  
**Complimentary Tasting and Tours 4-6pm**  
Tour our brewery and distillery and try our latest releases in beer & spirits. 305-440-2162

**Ciao Hound at The Postcard Inn**  
MM 84 (O), Isla.  
**Taste of Ciao Hound**  
3-course Italian dinner paired with red and white wines. \$52 pp + tax + tip. 305-664-2321

**Gilbert's Resort - MM107.9 (O), KL**  
**Seafood Sampler 5-9pm**  
Enjoy Gilbert's famous Conch Fritters, Snapper Ceviche and Fish Dip with a glass of wine or beer of choice. \$19.99 + tax + tip. 305-451-1133

**Key Largo Chocolates**  
MM 100.5 (B), Key Largo  
**Decadent Desserts meet Fabulous Wines** 7pm. Superb, fancy desserts and chocolate to die for, paired expertly with wines by our wine connoisseurs. \$25 inclusive. 305-453-6613. Reservations strongly suggested.

**Friday 1/11**  
**Key Largo Fisheries Backyard Café**  
1313 Ocean Bay Drive, Key Largo  
**Lobsterfest 6-9pm**  
Florida Lobster every which way, live music and wine!! \$49.95 plus tax. 305-451-3782. Reservations strongly suggested.

**B.J. Royster Gallery & Martinis**  
MM 81.6 (B), Isla.  
**Art, Bubbles & Hors d'oeuvres** 6-8pm  
Champagne reception featuring Chef Drew's choice selection of hors d'oeuvres. 20% off all store sales - 6-8pm. 305-664-4800

**Saturday 1/12**  
**Key Largo Chocolates - MM 100.5 (B), KL**  
**Junior Chocolatier Class 11am**  
Kids take a tasty adventure and learn about chocolate, while tasting and making your own. \$23 + tax. 305-453-6613. Res. suggested.

**Sundowners - MM 104 (B), Key Largo**  
**Stone Crab Eating Contest**  
6:30pm registration 7:30pm contest  
Who can crack and eat 25 stone crab claws fastest? Entry form online. Watch the fun for free! Benefits FKCC. 305-451-4502.

**Snappers Waterfront Restaurant**  
MM 94.5 (O), Key Largo  
**A Taste of Europe Snappers Style**  
Chef Clark Huff presents a 3-course dinner featuring dishes from France & Sweden, expertly paired w/wines. \$52 + tax + tip. 305-652-5956

**Sunday 1/13**  
**Sunday Brunches** (check the web for more info)

**Tuesday 1/15**  
**Senor Frijoles - MM104 (B), Key Largo**  
**Fajitas and Margaritas** from 7pm  
Celebrate Tuesday with 2 for 1 Fajitas and \$5 Exotico Tequila Margaritas. 305-451-1592

**Wednesday 1/16**  
**Snappers Waterfront Restaurant**  
MM 94.5 (O), Key Largo  
**Grape Stomping Contest 6pm**  
Teams will stomp grapes in a wine barrel to yield the most juice. \$35 per team. 305-852-5956

**Thursday 1/17**  
**Chef Drew's Gallery**  
MM 88, Plaza 88, Isla.  
**'It's a Small World' Cooking Class 6pm**  
Chef Drew will prepare French, Italian, American and maybe an Australian dish to pair with wines. \$80 + tax + tip. 305-853-6206. Reservations essential. 24 spaces only.

**Reelburger at Amara Cay - MM80 (O), Isla.**  
**3-Course Dinner Paired with Wines 5-9pm**  
Sample the fare of this great new restaurant. \$39 +tax + tip 305-664-0073

**Nam Thai**  
Plaza 103, MM 103.2 (B), Key Largo  
**An Oriental Experience 6pm**  
Sushi & Thai dishes, complimentary sake & wine. 305-451-5955

**Friday 1/18**  
**Buzzards Roost - 21 Garden Cove Drive, KL**  
**A French Quarter Festival 7pm**  
An evening of dining, New Orleans style. Four-course Creole dinner paired with wines and starting with the famous Sazerac cocktail. \$48.95 + tax + tip. 305-453-3746. Reservations essential.

**Skippers Dockside - 529 Caribbean Drive, KL**  
**Burgers and Beer 5-10pm**  
The new Skippers signature burger: medium burger, fried onions, BBQ sauce, Jack Daniels bacon jam, and Cheddar cheese with Old Bay fries, paired with our signature Wild Rooster IPA. \$10 + tax + tip (no substitutions or modifications). 305-453-9794

**Marker 88 - MM 88 (B), Isla.**  
**POP-UP MIAMI Chef's Dinner 7pm**  
5 courses, 3 Featured Chefs, ONE great evening!! Chefs prepare their signature courses each complemented by a fine wine. \$85 inclusive. 305-852-9315. Reservations strongly suggested.

**Saturday 1/19**  
**UNCORKED 2019 GRAND TASTING**  
The Postcard Inn  
MM 84 (O), Islamorada  
**Saturday January 19, 11am - 4pm**  
A multi-sensory experience featuring world class wines and spirits and a culinary extravaganza presented by the fabulous restaurants of Islamorada and Key Largo all in a fabulous oceanfront setting.  
VIP tickets entry 11am- \$90  
General admission noon - \$65  
Purchase tickets online in advance. At gate - add \$10.

**Sunday 1/20**  
**Sunday Brunches** (check the web for more info)

Reservations are required for many of the events. Please contact the venue for reservations & info. Events subject to change. Get the latest info on the web!

**www.FloridaKeysUncorked.com**