

CAPTIONS

Aging in America Photographs by Ed Kashi

Photo 01



Gloria Barnes returned to modeling in her sixties.

Photo 02



Walter Burnette, 90, still works 40 hours a week as a heavy machine operator at a sandstone quarry in Virginia.

Photo 03



At the annual Miss Exotic World pageant, held on a ranch in the middle of the Mohave desert, the aging legends of Burlesque host and perform alongside their young successors in the art of striptease.

Photo 04



A grandfather teaches his grandson how to play golf at the Gleneagles Country Club in Delray Beach, Florida.

Photo 05



A reflective moment at Deerfield Beach.

Photo 06



Reno, Nevada. As people grow older, they're gambling more. The elderly have become easy prey for the gaming industry.

Photo 07



Billy Dunn, 64, suffers from emphysema and throat cancer. The Hamilton Alabama Prison for the Aged and Infirm is usually known as Hamilton A&I, but the inmates refer to it as "Hamilton Lay & Die."

Photo 08



Truman Purdy, 61, lifts weights in the Hamilton Aged and Infirm Prison exercise yard. His 25-year sentence for sexual abuse began in 1992.

Photo 09



Arden Peters and his friend Warren Dewitt originally met in this Wal Mart. Warren, a life long bachelor, says he loves taking care of old people.

Photo 10



Maxine Peters finally passes away at home, surrounded by her family, friends and hospice aides. In rural West Virginia, people still live - and die, the old fashioned way.

Photo 11



Frankie Manning was one of the original Lindy Hoppers at the Savoy Ballroom in Harlem in the 1930s. He celebrates his 84th birthday by dancing with 89 women at his party in Baltimore, Maryland.

Photo 12



Residents compete in a favorite passtime in Messiah Village, a Christian retirement community in Pennsylvania.

Photo 13



The Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota lies in the poorest county in America. The elders represent the link between the old ways and the new.

Photo 14



Senior delegates to the Democratic National Convention represent the concerns and political power of elderly voters.

Photo 15



Many senior cowboys and cowgirls are still active participants on the rodeo circuit. Portrait of 68 year-old Senior Pro Rodeo competitor Leonard Walker.

Photo 16



Senior Olympics in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. In fifteen years, the Senior Olympics has grown from a modest experiment to a national phenomenon drawing more than 12 000 athletes in dozens of events.

Photo 17



Marvin Wilson, 94, owns the only house left standing on the south side of the small town of Spencer, South Dakota. Over half the residents are seniors citizens, witnessing their town die out.

Photo 18



Scenes from the annual Motorcycle Rally in Sturgis, South Dakota. There are two requirements for joining the Retreads Motorcycle Club: a minimum age of 40 and a love of riding.