

Unless we're hit by a car, catch a fatal disease or drink/eat/smoke ourselves to death at a younger age, we all must face the inevitable decision. Unable to handle daily life, we or our family decide to stash us in a nursing home.

However, in these days of never-ending inflation, a semi-private old folks room there costs an average of \$7,500 a month. Just 30 years ago when my mother needed that care, it was \$450 a month. Prices have gone up just a teeny bit since then. So recently, when a Texas guy hit his golden years, he priced nursing home vs Holiday Inn living he had experienced in many years of travel.

Every senior wanderer is familiar with Holiday Inns. Costs for similar accommodations at one are \$1,900 a month, plus advantages of private room and bath. When you're a Holiday Inn resident, there's another plus. Instead of other old people coughing and rasping in next-door rooms, the motel wall offers more interesting sounds from amorous one-nighter younger customers.