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I read the real estate transfers in my newspaper every week. There are houses that are priced from half a million down to \$25,000. I have a very good grasp of what is available and how much it costs. It isn't a matter of nothing else being available, it is just a matter of the scale of living a person wants, and that is what he or she buys.

I don't think all of this "I want it and I want it now" syndrome is strictly with young people, although most of them certainly want the same life-style their parents have worked 30 years to attain. I believe there are plenty of older people who don't understand the workings of money in versus money out as well.

I don't blame anyone for wanting something better. And I know that some areas of the country have a higher cost of living than others, which means there are cities and states with lower costs of living as well.

There are some people who confuse "want" with "need". No one "needs" a \$100,000 home if they can't afford it. In fact, I'd be hard pressed to find any differences in the "needs" of most of us, but a great deal of difference in the "wants" we each have, some just because they are a convenience (and we ALL love convenience).

I understand the reasoning behind buying a house versus renting, but if one cannot afford to buy,