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Ed, I never expected to make the same money I was making when I had to move on, but I had hoped to be able to make more than I did in 1991. With that said, I am finally doing that – although not by much more, but I realize that once I obtain my degree and with the experience I am logging now I will be able to make better money and eventually get to a good place again.

It's just a hard cold realization when you wake up one day and after being fairly comfortable and see things are a lot tougher these days. The degree requirements are ridiculous also. A half-way decent secretarial job is now requiring a bachelors degree. And then there are the "entry-level" jobs which require a bachelor degree and pay \$8 to \$10 per hour. In no way did I ever think I'd go right back out there and make the \$40+ an hour – that's just insane, but I did hope to make a semi-decent living given my experience and skill set.

I hope my story is just as good as your friend's eventually. In fact I hope it is even better. Life and recent events, however, have made me very pessimistic and thankfully I am usually pleasantly surprised :)

Maureen

"Ed Chait" <edchait4remove@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message <news:13fu54ehdose138@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

You guys are painting a grim picture, but your experience is not universal.

I had a lady friend who changed careers at 40+ and studied to become an x-ray tech. She had no previous healthcare experience whatsoever.

This was five years ago and she is now the supervisor of the breast center at the hospital I used to work at here.

I'm not saying it's an easy thing to change careers at our age, and there are right and wrong choices, but I don't think it's quite that bad.

I know that if I changed careers at this point, I would certainly not have

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the expectation that I would make the same kind of money initially that I'm making now at something that I'm very experienced at. That would not be realistic.

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