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Here's another sign of the tough economic times: Some clinics are reporting a surge in the number of women applying to donate eggs or serve as surrogate mothers for infertile couples.

The going rate for a surrogate is about \$25,000. Egg donors generally receive \$3,000 to \$8,000. But a few agencies advertise that they'll pay much more for specific characteristics. One ad running in campus newspapers promises \$25,000 for a donor who is "100% Jewish with ... High SAT Scores... Attractive, at Healthy Body Weight and Free of Genetic Diseases."

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