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>> SMALL BUSINESS SECTION <<

SMALL BIZ – RE-THINK YOUR HIRING AS WORKERS AGE

If you think your company is in a hiring crunch right now, just wait. The US Bureau of Labor Statistics says by the year 2012 almost 20% of the US work force will be 55 or older -- up from 13% now.

How will you find, hire, manage and maintain an aging workforce?

Hiring woes are expected to intensify, especially in such industries as healthcare, education, engineering and sales.

It's a phenomenon that's got human resources professionals starting to look for upper-level employees among the senior set. Not only can older workers bring a high level of dedication and stability to a job, but they can also be cheaper to employ than younger, less-experienced employees who require more on-the-job training.

Consider offering perks like more flex-time, telecommuting options and a variety of job-sharing and employee-ownership programs.

"For the first time in the history of work, we'll have as many as four to five generations in the workplace. Different generations think differently and view work differently," says one expert. Keeping everyone working together will be a challenge.

MORE: http://sacramento.bizjournals.com/sacramento/stories/2006/07/24/story19.html?e=et152&b=1153713600*1319217&hbx=e_vert



SMALL BIZ – WHAT EMPLOYEES REALLY WANT

A hefty bonus affixed to the last paycheck of the year may do wonders for employee productivity, but to really motivate your workforce, you may need to think a little harder about what your staff truly values.

"Individuals come into jobs with certain motivational sets, and what you've really got to figure out is how to take advantage of those motivational qualities, and align [the motivations] to what you want [employees] to do for the firm," says Jay Lorsch, professor of human relations at Harvard Business School.

"Who are they? Why are they working there?" Lortsch points out that beyond a fatter paycheck, a flexible schedule can be a motivator to a worker trying to balance home and work life. For others, the right motivation may be the opportunity to learn.

SMALL BIZ – 108 YEAR-OLD PHONE TAX FINALLY KILLED: They say nothing in life is certain but death and taxes. That is surely easy to see here. The Spanish-American War has been over for more than 100 years, and now so is the tax imposed in 1898 to help fund it. As of Tuesday, 1 August, all phone companies selling long-distance phone service are legally required to eliminate the 3% federal excise tax on long-distance service, which had been

In Half the Time

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established in 1898 as a luxury tax on wealthy Americans who owned telephones... and was designed to pay the costs of the 1898 war.

MORE: http://news.zdnet.com/2100-1035_22-6101004.html?tag=nl.e589

SMALL BIZ – INTERNET LEADS – USE THEM WELL

If you are like any successful sales professional, you probably see a bunch of internet leads come in on a regular basis. You mAY be skeptical of the quality of these leads; you might even have learned that a lot of them waste your precious time.

What you may not know are some interesting trends that could quite possibly help you convert those leads into actual business.

Response Time Recent studies have shown that the Internet customer expects a response in under 6 hours.

Competition Because of the nature of the medium, a potential customer that contacts you through the internet will, on average submit a 'Request for Information' (or RFI) to more than one provider.

Quality of Response The impression you give your prospect when you make follow-up contact is very important. A simple automated email responder is not enough. It must be followed up with a phone call. It is, however, acceptable to respond to the internet lead via email to further validate their information and qualify the lead before you pick up the phone.

Adjust Your Expectations Do not expect every internet lead to be golden. The prospect's information, however, should be treated like gold. Use the information to try and understand more about the prospect when you do talk to them. Stay in touch with periodically.

Upgrade Your Lead Capture Form Make sure you have the required fields programmed correctly; provide an incentive to users to fill in more (optional) information that can help you learn more of the prospect's customized needs.

UPDATE - FUTURE OF MEDICINE: Two weeks ago Allcovered News looked at the medical breakthroughs expected in the next few years. See "The Future of Medicine" in 24 July Allcovered News here: <http://www.allcovered.net/AC-News-PDF.htm>). In laboratories right now we are using nano-technology and science to grow new human organs. We are killing cancer cells without killing the healthy cells around it (no more chemo). We are re-growing severed nerve cells to allow the paralyzed to walk... and much more. These treatments will begin to move into the marketplace over the next few years. Popular Science magazine has more information. Click the link; then click: "View Photos."

MORE: <http://www.popsci.com/popsci/medicine/4b2ec6f39986c010vqnvcm1000004eecbccdrd.html>

UPDATE - FUTURE OF MEDICINE: British study says by 2030 a 55-year-old man can expect to live 60-more years.

MORE: http://today.reuters.com/news/articleNews.aspx?type=health&storyID=2005-08-01T15:27:01-10398666_RTRUKOC_0_US-FINANCIAL-AGEING-PENSION.html&sc=080306_1154_ARTICLE_PROMO_also_on_reuters

TECH BIZ – MICROSOFT PATCHES TOMORROW: Microsoft will release perhaps ten patches for Windows and two for Office tomorrow/Tuesday.

TECH – TRAVEL THE WORLD ON YOUR PC: Try a trip at TurnHere.com. It offers you a look at some of the world's most famous places through video.

MORE: <http://ct.eneews.pcmag.com/rd/cts?d=184-3086-1-53-255970-381737-0-0-1>

>>>> TRUCKING SECTION <<<<

TRUCKING – HAZMAT CHECKS FOR FOREIGN DRIVERS ON 10TH: Starting next Thursday, 10 August, Canadian and Mexican truckers must undergo a US federal background check before transporting placarded hazmat loads into the United States. The US Bureau of Customs and Border Protection's Free and Secure Trade program oversees the background checks, which are stipulated in a six-year federal transportation funding bill passed in 2005. That bill bars Mexican and Canadian truckers from bringing hazmat, including explosives, into the United States after Aug. 10, 2006, unless their background check is equivalent to

American hazmat truckers.

MORE: Hazmat Threat Assessment Program: <http://www.tsa.gov>

MORE: <http://www.etrucker.com/apps/news/article.asp?id=54576>

TRUCKING – DIESEL NEARS \$3.00: The US national on-highway price of a gallon of diesel climbed ever closer to the \$3 mark, rising 3.4 cents to \$2.98 for the week ended July 31. The new average is an increase of 11.3 cents a gallon in just over one month and an increase of 63.2 cents a gallon over the same period last year.

MORE:

<http://www.thetrucker.com/News/Stories/2006/7/31/Dieselpricescreepcloserto3agallon.aspx>

TRUCKING – THE RIGHT MIX FOR PROFITS: Fuel costs are near record highs, drivers are scarce and trucks cost more than ever, so how do you make a profit trucking? Knowing when to buy and when to park a rig can make the difference. The more profitable truckload carriers appear to succeed by focusing on costs, freight mix and rates

MORE: <http://www.logisticstoday.com/displayStory.asp?sNO=8060&OASKEY=BreakingNews>

>>>> SECURITY SECTION <<<<

SECURITY – TIGHTER US SECURITY COMING

As Allcovered has been warning in seminars we have been giving around the world this year, the US is going to tighten security requirements. A small portion of the tighter rules is now official.

The second phase of the US Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) program will extend full background checks to all with unescorted access to port facilities.

The more extensive security check at the end of the year is expected to raise the number of workers subject to security screening to up to 850,000 maritime port transportation workers from about 400,000.

MORE: http://today.reuters.com/news/newsArticle.aspx?type=topNews&storyID=2006-07-28T212410Z_01_N28591163_RTRUKOC_0_US-TRANSPORT-US-SECURITY.xml&archived=False

SECURITY – DHS KILLING SEAL PLAN?: The US Department of Homeland Security officially killed a rule that would have required exporters to apply a high-security seal on every container, and ocean carriers to check they were still secure at the port prior to vessel loading. Jayson Ahern, an assistant commissioner at US Customs and Border Protection, said the idea to mandate the use of a hard-bolt mechanical seal on ocean containers has "outlived its usefulness" as technology and policies evolve that give the agency more efficient ways to verify that no one has tampered with the container. Manufacturers of radio frequency identification technology and container security devices have been working on ways to protect closed containers, but Ahern said that until Customs has assurance about the contents of a container, not much can be done about the seal.

MORE: http://www.americanshipper.com/SNW_story.asp?news=37093

MORE: <http://www.joc.com/lede/20060804/sections/trade/w20727.asp>

SECURITY – THIEVES TARGETING TECH

High-tech companies and forwarders moving high tech goods beware.

This summer, at least 18 Silicon Valley computer companies have been the victims of sophisticated "cargo thieves," industry experts and police say, who scope out weak links in security and steal hundreds of thousands of dollars in equipment.

The victimized companies do not want to comment, but an employee at one of the South Bay companies that has been repeatedly robbed anonymously e-mailed the San Jose, California Mercury News this week: "Our trucks get hit at stoplights in broad daylight. These guys are so smart, armed with the latest communications technology, that this problem continues unabated."

Interviews with industry experts and police paint a general description of what they believe is going on: An organized crime ring, probably with roots in Central and South America, is sending cargo thieves to rob computer companies of merchandise at loading docks, and then resell the goods, perhaps four or five times, to legitimate wholesalers or on auction Web sites.

"They may have gone after hard drives a few years ago," says one security specialist, "but now, they're going after chips, flash memory cards and electronic devices, the more leading-

edge technology.”

If you are moving high tech goods – review your security.

MORE: <http://www.mercurynews.com/mld/mercurynews/news/15143229.htm>

SECURITY – FEDEX FOUNDER TROUBLED BY TIGHTER BORDER: 35 years ago Fred Smith started Federal Express. With it he pioneered just-in-time supply chains across time zones, continents and cultures. Now, he is sounding the alarm on anti-globalization -- from protectionist governments and knee-jerk anti-terrorism responses that lead to ill-conceived border restrictions. Instead, he urges investment in better policing, high-tech detection equipment of the kind FedEx has installed at its Memphis cargo hub, and sophisticated information systems that can be tracked by security officials.

MORE: <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/story/LAC.20060731.RFEDEX31/TPStory/Business>

SECURITY - BOMBS FOUND ON GERMAN RAILWAY: German federal prosecutors are investigating a possible terrorist link to two unexploded bombs discovered in Dortmund and Koblenz. The devices could have caused serious injury or death if they had exploded. Abandoned suitcases were found with propane gas. The bomb construction was "professional," said one official.

MORE: <http://www.dw-world.de/dw/article/0,2144,2116649,00.html>

>>> AIR & OCEAN SECTION <<<

TRADE – EASTERN MED CARGO DIVERTED

The growing political crisis between Lebanon and Israel has forced logistics companies to divert cargo from original routes, according to freight forwarders.

The recent Israeli bombings led to Lebanon closing all seaports, in addition to Beirut airport, which caused severe disruption to several companies in the regional logistics industry. The Israeli ports of Haifa and Ashdod are feeling the effects as well.

Overall it is Lebanon's imports and exports that are most affected. According to Transport Intelligence, logistics operations in Israel seem largely unaffected. Airfreight activities, both for exports and imports, are fully operational. The Israeli port of Haifa was temporarily closed on 16th July, but was back to normal on 17th July, despite rocket attacks continuing from Southern Lebanon.

MORE: <http://www.itp.net/business/news/details.php?id=21487&category=>

TRADE – EASTERN MED FREIGHT RATES RISING

According to market sources, shipping companies operating in the Middle East are considering a huge increase - between 33% and 63% - in freight charges for ships passing close to the present Middle Eastern conflict zone.

The present price \$550 for a 20-foot container would go to \$900 and for a 40-foot one from \$900 to \$1,200 if the increase is implemented.

Once introduced, the increased freight charges are likely to continue till the end of the year as projections point to a surge in the volume of imports and exports. Shipping companies are likely to notify their customers of the higher charges soon.

MORE: <http://www.arabnews.com/?page=6§ion=0&article=77182&d=1&m=8&y=2006>

TRADE – SUPPLY-CHAINS... DON'T CUT TOO MUCH

--- Excerpted from an article by Chris Catto-Smith – Link at end ---

For most executives, supply chain management is all about efficiency, cost-cutting, outsourcing, inventory reduction and other ways to find a competitive advantage through operational excellence... **BUT**... Don't squeeze the supply chain so tight that one minor disruption snowballs into a huge financial cost.

According to Vinod Singal who specializes in the global supply chain, a supply chain disruption has far-reaching cost consequences... and the effects last for an average of two years. After studying recent headline-making supply chain problems at Sony and other large companies, he finds:

- 107% drop in operating income;
- 93% drop in return on assets;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7% lower sales growth; • 11% growth in cost; • 14% growth in inventories.
COMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT	Today's markets are characterized by intense competition, highly volatile demand, increased customization and product variety, and short product life cycles. These conditions make it very challenging to match demand with supply.
COMPLEXITY	Global sourcing, managing large numbers of partners, the need to co-ordinate across many tiers of supply chains, and long lead times all increase the risk of disruptions. It is further compounded when there is lack of flexibility in the chain.
OUTSOURCING	Increased reliance on outsourcing and partnering has increased the chances that a problem in one link of the chain will quickly ripple outward.
SINGLE-SOURCING	Single sourcing has reduced the purchase price and the administrative costs of managing the supplier base, but it increases the vulnerability of supply chains if the single-source supplier cannot deliver on time.
SMALLER MARGIN OF ERROR	Focus on reducing inventory and excess capacity and squeezing slack has more tightly coupled the various links, leaving little room for error and make the chain quite fragile.
CONCENTRATION OF RESOURCES	In their drive to take advantage of economies of scale, volume discounts, and lower transaction costs, firms have over-concentrated operations at a particular location, or with their suppliers or customers. Over-concentration reduces the flexibility of the supply chain to react to vulnerability.
POOR PLANNING AND EXECUTION	Demand-supply mismatches are common because plans are too aggregated, lack details, and are based on inaccurate inventory and capacity information. Companies need better visibility into what is happening with upstream and downstream partners, so they can identify and manage exceptions.
SO WHAT?	<p>You must build contingency plans into your logistics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What if one port stops operating? • What if one supplier suffers a major stoppage? • What if congestion slows port movements? • What if rail or truck capacity runs low? <p>You need alternatives that are developed and sitting on the shelf for implementation in case of supply or logistics disruptions, or your clients are going to find someone else to handle their needs.</p>
	MORE: http://www.bangkokpost.com/Business/02Aug2006_biz28.php

TRADE – FOLLOW-UP - SHAKY STATE OF LOGISTICS: As robust as the business logistics sector may appear right now, the profession is sitting on a figurative ticking bomb, warns Rosalyn Wilson in the annual State of Logistics Report. She sees signs of trouble ahead: a looming crisis in transportation capacity, infrastructure problems, the heightened risks of terrorism and natural disaster, and the lack of effective advocacy on Capitol Hill.
 MORE: <http://www.dcvelocity.com/articles/20060801/news.cfm>

TRADE – TNT MAY SELL FORWARDING UNIT: Netherlands-based postal, express and logistics group TNT is considering selling its freight forwarding division in addition to the contract logistics division that is already on the market.
 MORE: http://www.americanshipper.com/SNW_story.asp?news=36835

TRADE – SPENDING ON PALLETS AND RFID: Global spending on radio frequency identification (RFID) labels for pallets and labels for consumer package goods (CPG) companies is expected to be approximately \$900 million. Retail users of RFID are losing money on RFID while companies using RFID for healthcare and aviation are seeing a return on their RFID investments. "There is an enormous waste in retail by companies who do not have a good handle on where items are. Once they realize they don't have to live with that and that the cost savings they will see exceed the costs of an RFID implementation, it

becomes self-igniting," says Dan Lawrence, of IDTechEx.
MORE: <http://www.logisticsmgmt.com/article/CA6357512.html>

OCEAN – “COUGAR ACE” INITIAL SURVEY COMPLETE – ONE DEAD

A naval architect has been killed in a fall on the ship MOL vessel “Cougar Ace” which is lying on its side in the North Pacific Ocean. Salvage has been halted pending a safety review. Petty Officer Sara Francis told CBC Radio a naval architect was searching the cargo bay of the ship when he slipped and fell about five to seven meters (16 to 23 feet). She says he was knocked unconscious, and was flown by helicopter to a nearby coast guard cutter where he was pronounced dead.

The US Coast Guard plucked the 23 crewmembers to safety from the disabled car carrier on July 24. Since then, the focus has shifted to salvaging the 4,813 vehicles that were being transported to Vancouver.

A four-man salvage team was able to access and survey the Cougar Ace Sunday, determining that at least some cargo remains in place and that the vessel remains stable. The engine room is intact and there is no sign of water. There are fourteen car cargo decks on the Cougar Ace.

MORE: <http://www.alaskareport.com/coastguard10124.htm>

MORE: <http://www.cbc.ca/canada/british-columbia/story/2006/07/31/bc-salvage-death.html>

OCEAN – SALVAGE SLOWED BY WEATHER: Limited visibility hampered crews working to salvage the Cougar Ace, still listing in the Pacific south of Alaska. Water seeped into the 654-foot vessel's deck from the cargo door ramp, but the Coast Guard said it posed no threat to the ship's stability. The pumping is expected to reduce the severe list of the ship, now nearly on its side.

MORE: <http://www.joc.com/20060804/sections/ocean/w40320.asp>

OCEAN – “COUGAR ACE” TO VANCOUVER?: Vancouver is among the ports being considered as a towing destination for a disabled cargo ship carrying nearly 5,000 new vehicles should salvage crews successfully right the ship at sea. Coast guard officials say pumping could begin within days, depending on the weather. The vessel is being towed slowly and remains stabilized 150 kilometres south of Herbert Island in the Aleutians. The salvage crew hopes to right the ship and then tow it to a port where it will be repaired and its 4,813 cars, valued at more than \$91 million, unloaded.

MORE: <http://www.canada.com/vancouversun/news/westcoastnews/story.html?id=d2b84b8b-a1ff-4b8e-8ab5-2fc7c3a0156b>

OCEAN – OOCL SEES LOWER REVENUE: Orient Overseas reports profits down 9.2%. Liner container volume increased by 7.5%, but the average rate per TEU dropped 3.3%.

MORE: <http://www.joc.com/20060804/sections/ocean/w75596.asp>

OCEAN – NEW ASIA-US EAST COAST SERVICE: The ocean carriers of the Grand Alliance and New World Alliance will start a new service from Asia to the US East Coast beginning 22 August.

MORE: <http://business-times.asiaone.com/sub/shippingtimes/story/0,4574,203576-1154375940,00.html?>

MORE: http://www.americanshipper.com/SNW_story.asp?news=36740

OCEAN – WTSA HIKES WASTEPAPER RATE: Transpacific container lines in the Westbound Transpacific Stabilization Agreement have recommended a \$50 per FEU increase in US-Asia wastepaper rates, effective Sept. 1, as part of an ongoing effort to address rising cargo handling and equipment positioning costs in Asia.

MORE: http://www.americanshipper.com/SNW_story.asp?news=36739

OCEAN – ESPMC-WITASS SEPTEMBER BUNKER SURCHARGES: The new ESPMC-WITASS Conference that covers the Europe/Caribbean/South America trade has set its bunker surcharged The US dollar and euro denominated surcharge will be \$266 per 20-foot container, \$532 euros per 40-foot container, and \$13 per freight ton.

MORE: http://www.americanshipper.com/SNW_story.asp?news=36839

OCEAN – CTSA SETS SEPTEMBER SURCHARGES: Major transpacific shipping lines of the Canada Transpacific Stabilization Agreement have warned customers that effective 1 September CTSA's fuel recovery charge will be adjusted to \$475 per TEU; \$635 per FEU; \$715 per 40-foot-high cube container; and \$805 per 45-foot container.

MORE: http://www.americanshipper.com/SNW_story.asp?news=36840

OCEAN – ROTTERDAM EYES PORT EXPANSION: Europe's biggest port of Rotterdam expects to spend some 8 billion euros in the coming years to expand capacity, with a special focus on energy, to keep in step with booming world trade. Chief executive Hans Smits told Reuters in an interview the Dutch port was aiming to become a European distribution hub for bio-fuels and liquefied natural gas (LNG) as the continent struggles to reduce dependence on crude oil imports.

MORE: <http://business-times.asiaone.com/sub/shippingtimes/story/0,4574,203575-1154375940,00.html?>

OCEAN – CHINA PORT THROUGHPUT UP 22.4%: China's major sea and river ports handled 42.12 million twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) of containers in the first six months, up 22.4% year-on-year, according to statistics released by the Ministry of Communications.

MORE: <http://www.forbes.com/business/feeds/afx/2006/07/30/afx2914310.html>

AIR – USPS & FEDEX EXTEND CO-OP: The US Postal Service and FedEx Express have agreed to a new seven-year contract worth around \$8-Billion for domestic air transportation of postal express shipments.

MORE: <http://www.forbes.com/business/feeds/afx/2006/08/01/afx2918637.html>

AIR – QANTAS RAISES NUMBER SYD-NRT: Qantas will increase frequency on its Sydney-Tokyo Narita service to 11 flights per week from seven beginning in October.

MORE: <http://www.atwonline.com/news/other.html?issueDate=7%2F31%2F2006>

AIR – DHL EYES SHANGHAI HUB: Deutsche Post's express delivery arm DHL Express has signed a memorandum of understanding with Shanghai Airport Authority to consider building a hub in China's richest city.

MORE: <http://biz.thestar.com.my/news/story.asp?file=/2006/7/29/business/14985411&sec=business>

AIR – CATHAY TO ADD TO DFW SERVICE: Cathay Pacific Airways launches a fourth weekly Hong Kong-Dallas/Fort Worth-Atlanta 747-400F flight beginning today.

MORE: <http://www.atwonline.com/news/other.html?issueDate=8%2F4%2F2006>

AIR – BOEING FINALIZES 777-F DESIGN: First freighter version of the 777 is due for delivery to Air France in 2008.

MORE: <http://www.atwonline.com/news/story.html?storyID=5926>

AIR – ARE US AIRLINE MERGERS NEAR?: After billions of dollars of cost cutting, a merger and two major carriers operating under bankruptcy protection, the US airline industry looks ripe for more consolidation. "It is a very, very strong likelihood that as we get into the early parts of 2007... things we have been talking about will start to come to fruition," says airline consultant Dan Akins. "Once one makes a move, I think the others will quickly follow." US Airways Group, which was formed last year from the merger between US Airways and America West Airlines, has reported substantial benefits from its combination. US-Air's Chief Executive Doug Parker re-ignited speculation about mergers after he approached Delta about six weeks ago.

MORE: <http://news.airwise.com/story/view/1154475705.html>

MORE: <http://www.ihf.com/articles/2006/07/30/business/airline.php>

>>>>> **JUST FOR FUN** <<<<<

(These are shared by readers – Please share yours. Thanks. Mike)

NOTICE FOR THE REFRIGERATOR DOOR

--- To be posted VERY LOW on the refrigerator door - nose height ---

Dear Dogs and Cats,

The dishes with the paw print are yours and contain your food. The other dishes are mine and contain my food. Please note, placing a paw print in the middle of my plate and food does

not stake a claim for it becoming your food and dish, nor do I find that aesthetically pleasing in the slightest.

The stairway was not designed by NASCAR and is not a racetrack. Beating me to the bottom is not the object. Tripping me doesn't help because I fall faster than you can run.

I cannot buy anything bigger than a king sized bed. I am very sorry about this. Do not think I will continue sleeping on the couch to ensure your comfort. Dogs and cats can actually curl up in a ball when they sleep. It is not necessary to sleep perpendicular to each other stretched out to the fullest extent possible. I also know that sticking tails straight out and having tongues hanging out the other end to maximize space is nothing but sarcasm.

For the last time, there is not a secret exit from the bathroom. If by some miracle I beat you there and manage to get the door shut, it is not necessary to claw, whine, meow, try to turn the knob or get your paw under the edge and try to pull the door open. I must exit through the same door I entered. Also, I have been using the bathroom for years --canine or feline attendance is not required.

The proper order is kiss me, then go smell the other dog or cat's butt. I cannot stress this enough!

To pacify you, my dear pets, I have posted the following message on our front door:

To All Non-Pet Owners Who Visit & Like to Complain About Our Pets:

1. They live here. You don't.
2. If you don't want their hair on your clothes, stay off the furniture. (That's why they call it "fur"niture.)
3. I like my pets a lot better than I like most people.
4. To you, it's an animal. To me, he/she is an adopted son/daughter who is short, hairy, walks on all fours and doesn't speak clearly.

Remember: Dogs and cats are better than kids because they:

1. Eat less
2. Don't ask for money all the time
3. Are easier to train
4. Normally come when called
5. Never ask to drive the car
6. Don't hang out with drug-using friends
7. Don't smoke or drink
8. Don't have to buy the latest fashions
9. Don't want to wear your clothes
10. Don't need a gazillion dollars for college, and...
11. If they get pregnant, you can sell their children

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