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## Facts and Trends

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### Nothing But Blue Skies for Pilots

*The U.S. airline industry is on the rebound.* In fact, industry experts are predicting a *possible pilot shortage in the next decade.* Despite this rosy outlook, airlines are facing unprecedented competition for pilots from a variety of employers. The 10,000 pilots furloughed by U.S. airlines after 9/11, as well as the new pilots graduating from flight school and pilots leaving the military for civilian positions, are finding new opportunities with overseas carriers, overnight carriers (such as **UPS** and **FedEx**), and air taxi operators.

Foreign airlines are holding recruiting drives in the **United States** and touting higher pay and free housing to attract **U.S.** pilots. The *Chicago Tribune* reports that 10 percent of **Cathay Pacific** pilots are Americans. Additionally, the number of planes used by airlines around the world is expected to double by 2025, and **Kit Darby**, president of **Air Inc.**, estimates that more than 210,000 pilots will be needed to fly these planes.

**UPS** and **FedEx** are using higher pay to attract pilots once focused on working for the major **U.S.** airlines. The *Chicago Tribune* reports that *senior pilots at UPS and FedEx earn \$40,000 more annually than pilots with the same experience who are employed by commercial carriers.*

Pilots attracted to a less stressful flight routine are beginning to seek employment as air taxi operators. These carriers are flying “very light jets” that transport three to five passengers to destinations within the **United States**—allowing pilots to return to their home city each night after work.

To address the pilot shortage, the **Federal Aviation Administration** has proposed increasing the mandatory retirement age for commercial pilots from age 60 to age 65. Although this should somewhat ameliorate the pilot shortage, growing global markets and employment options should continue to create excellent opportunities for pilots over the next decade.

*(Chicago Tribune, February 4, 2007)*

### Emerging Career Option: Pet Physical Therapist

Physical therapist Sandy Brown treats the arthritis, spinal cord injuries, ligament tears, and other physical maladies of not man, but man’s best friend—as well as cats and other small animals. Although she is just one of a few dozen pet physical therapists practicing in the United States, *pet physical therapy is becoming a popular practice option as a result of growing disposable incomes and an increasing focus on animal health.* To prepare people for this career, the **University of Tennessee** offers a certificate program (the only one in the **U.S.**) in small animal physical rehabilitation. The program—which is open to physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, veterinarians, and veterinary assistants—consists of five weekend courses taken at sites throughout the **U.S.**, clinical practicum hours, and written and practical examinations. (*MedHunters.com*)

### Recent Book Releases in Brief

✓ *What Color Is Your Parachute?: A Practical Manual for Job-Hunters and Career-Changers*, by Richard Nelson Bolles. Ten Speed Press, PO Box 7123, Berkeley, CA 94707, Tel: 510-559-1600, [www.tenspeed.com](http://www.tenspeed.com). ISBN 13: 978-1-58008-794-0, ISBN 10: 1-58008-794-9, 2007, 408 pages, \$17.95. The latest edition of this popular book is a must-have for those seeking career success. **Highly recommended.**

✓ *The Musical Engineer: A Music Enthusiast’s Guide to Careers in Engineering and Technology*, by Celeste Baine, Engineering Education Service Center, 1004 5th Street, Springfield, OR 97477, Tel: 877-644-6337, [www.themusicalengineer.com](http://www.themusicalengineer.com). ISBN 10: 0-9711613-7-2, 2007, 128 pages, \$17.95. Written by the award-winning author of *Is There an Engineer Inside You?*, *The Fantastical Engineer*, *High Tech Hot Shots*, and other titles, this book details dozens of careers for engineers (defined as those with education ranging from a two-year engineering technology degree to a bachelor’s degree in engineering and beyond) who are musically inclined, including recording engineer, gaming sound designer, MIDI instrument designer, live sound engineer, instrument design and manufacturing professional, and iPod engineer. A useful resource for aspiring engineers with musical interests and acumen. **Recommended.**

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