

**A**N ANNUAL RITUAL is about to begin for scores of teens: the hunt for a summer job. It may prove easier this year because of more teen employment resources and more job opportunities.

Several analysts think employers will hire more teens this summer. The job outplacement firm Challenger, Gray & Christman expects employers to hire up to 1.7 million, the third straight year of high teen employment. Last year, 1.55 million 16- to 19-year-olds were hired in June and July, up from 1.42 million in 2004.

One reason opportunities are up: Employers who traditionally have reached outside the country to hire seasonal workers are finding it harder to do so because of stricter labor rules. Also, construction jobs are expected to be up in hurricane-damaged areas.

Where to start: Renee Ward, founder of the job search bank Teens4hire.org, recommends that teens work on inter-

view techniques, have a positive attitude and pre-

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### SUMMER JOB? Tips for teens

Jobs aren't always advertised, so visit potential employers in person, résumé in hand. Or, consider starting your own summer business, like teaching computer skills, says


James Stephenson, author of *202 Ways to Make Big Bucks and Stop Mooching Off Your Parents* (ENTREPRENEUR PRESS, \$19.95). He sees many teens tapping their tech know-how to teach computer skills or start an eBay-type business. "Whatever you do," Stephenson says, "make sure you act professionally."

## A FLYING CAR IN EVERY GARAGE!

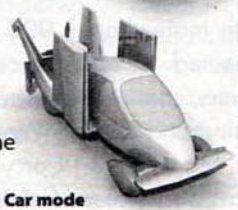
With \$150,000-plus, commuting could become fun.

**P**ICTURE THIS: You're stuck in bumper-to-bumper traffic. A flip of the switch and you simply fly away.

This is not a fantasy. Carl Dietrich, 29, an MIT graduate student, has invented a flying car. This summer Dietrich will unveil a scaled-down version of his SUV-sized model — make that PAV (personal air vehicle) — at the Experimental Aircraft Association's AirVenture convention in Oshkosh, Wis. (This year he won the \$30,000 Lemelson-MIT student prize for his work.) If plans get off the ground, the car could be on the market by 2009. Estimated cost: \$148,000.

Here's how it works: The PAV has folding wings to operate on the ground and in the air. It carries two passengers (plus luggage) and gets up to 500 miles on a tank of premium unleaded gasoline. And it can fly at speeds up to 130 mph. One catch: Operators must be licensed as sport pilots. (A 20-hour course costs about \$3,500.) Learn more at [terrafugia.com](http://terrafugia.com). 

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