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Atlanta student  
wins Broadway  
drama contest

These tiny tots  
cook way more  
than Tater Tots

## Local in brief

### Coca-Cola rolls out climate-friendly coolers

The Coca-Cola system plans to deploy this year up to 1,800 climate-friendly coolers and vending machines in the United States and Canada, **Coca-Cola Co.** and **Coca-Cola Enterprises**, Coke's largest bottler, said Wednesday.

The U.S. House of Representatives will be among the first locations to get the new coolers, which eliminate 99 percent of direct greenhouse emissions, the companies said.

Coke plans to put 1,400 coolers and vending machines at venues for the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

Coca-Cola also launched Wednesday a partnership with the National Park Service, National Park Foundation and Trust for the National Mall to create a recycling program for the National Mall and Memorial Parks in Washington, D.C. **JOEGUY COLLIER**

### UPS's reputation score jumps three spots

Sandy Springs-based **UPS** jumped three places in the **Reputation Institute's** annual study of the U.S.'s most respected and recommended companies.

The New York-based group says that transportation and logistics companies are the second most-respected industries in the lineup, after consumer products.

UPS's rival, Memphis, Tenn.-based **FedEx**, ranked sixth.

Meanwhile, two Atlanta-based companies, **Coca-Cola** and **Home Depot**, didn't make the list, but their rivals did. **PepsiCo** and **Lowe's** ranked 16th and 21st, respectively.

### CarMax plans to hire 50 at Kennesaw call center

**CarMax**, the nation's largest used-car dealer, plans to hire 50 people at its financial call center in Kennesaw.

The call center, which employs 510, provides customer service and account management for customers who finance their purchases. No experience is necessary for the new jobs, the company said.

CarMax officials said the round of hiring is the result of a combination of new positions and filling vacancies. **PAULDONSKY**

### Ga. credit unions OK'd more loans in 2008

Despite the recession, Georgia's credit unions approved slightly more loans in 2008 compared with 2007, according to a report released Wednesday by the **Georgia Credit Union Affiliates**.

However, the dollar amount of loans dipped a bit in 2008, to \$4 billion, from \$4.1 billion in 2007. The state's credit unions approved more than 360,000 loans in 2008, compared with 348,000 in 2007, according to the report.

The majority of loans were for consumer purchases, including vehicles, home mortgages, home equity lines of credit and credit cards. The average loan amount in 2008 was \$11,029, compared with \$11,874 in 2007. **PAULDONSKY**

### J. Christopher's opens shop in Johns Creek

**J. Christopher's** opened a Johns Creek location this week, the second of eight planned openings this year for the Atlanta-based