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The Southern Hospitality Auto Group to assist in fund raising. This year the by Whitney Farris of Newport News, \$175,000 for ACS research, education (left to right) are Don Hughes, SHAG customer relations director; winner



Contracts

has been selected to handle tenant representation for three new clients. **America's Best Contacts and Eyeglasses** plans to expand in the Hampton Roads area. **Weight Loss Forever** is located throughout Virginia and North Carolina, and **Zen Massage**, established in Charlotte, is a therapeutic massage franchise new to southeastern Virginia.

Visionefx Web Design, has been retained by **Old Point National Bank** to provide a new Web site and Internet presence. Visionefx's Web site is www.visionefx.net.

New businesses, locations & products

Volvo Rents Construction Equipment has expanded into James City County. The company has invested \$1.3 million in acquiring and building an 8,400-square-foot showroom and repair shop, which opened in June in the James River Commerce Center, representing five new jobs.

Volvo Rents offers aerial, earth-moving, materials handling, construction, and lawn and garden equipment as well as items for home, work and industry. The company also has locations in Virginia Beach and central Virginia.

Marriott International recently opened the 72-suite **TownePlace Suites by Marriott** in Suffolk, at 8050 Harbour View Blvd. The hotel will operate as a Marriott franchise, owned and man-

All employees of **Druck** **Port News** have moved to this address: 11824 Fishing Dr., Newport News 23606.

The city of **Portsmouth** and **Roads Transit** have introduced a new shuttle service for downtown Portsmouth that uses hybrid buses for fuel efficiency.

The **Loop** will offer access to shopping, retail and entertainment options in downtown Portsmouth and will also connect the downtown of Portsmouth and Norfolk use of the ferry that operates the Elizabeth River. Service is expected to begin by early 2008.

The **Peace Plate**, a special license plate proposed by the Association for Community Resolution, has been accepted by the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles. The plate is a dove perched on a branch with the word "Peace." At the bottom of the plate are the words, "Community Resolution Building."

The cost of the plate is in addition to the normal registration fee. Of that, \$15 will go toward conflict resolution programs of VACCR.

Outer Banks Concierge has added to include online fishing, entertainment reports for the area. The service, at www.outerbanksconcierge.com, makes travel arrangements, including finding rentals, wedding planning and recommendations for groceries.

Transactions