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NewsWatch: Baseball, softball training facility opens in Upper Marlboro

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Extra Innings is opening an indoor baseball and softball training facility in Upper Marlboro. The 17,000 site includes 11 batting tunnels, a members-only training area, private lessons, a pro shop and party ar

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A grand opening is planned for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at 401 Prince George'

“It was a good central location to reach as many of the youth leagues and area h we could,” said Frank Kosa, who co-owns the business with Mike Miller.

Extra Innings, of Middleton, Mass., has 21 franchises, including one in Hagersto
Extra Innings revenue in 2006 was \$6.6 million and the company is projecting \$ 2007.

Rockville debt firm makes major sale

Great Seneca Financial Corp., a Rockville debt purchasing company, has agreed billion portfolio comprised primarily of credit card accounts to Englewood Cliffs, N.J., debt collector \$300 million in cash, company officials said.

The sale is the largest in terms of purchase price in the accounts receivable management industry, said director at Kaulkin Ginsberg Co., a Bethesda consulting firm that advised Great Seneca on the deal. A found in less than two months, a short time for the size of the portfolio and market, he said.

Boy Scout council, Hispanic chamber partner

The Mid-Atlantic Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, headquartered in Germantown, is partnering with



of America's National Capital Area Council to increase scouting programs among youth.

The agreement is important to help "raise academic performance for Hispanic youth and provide alternatives to counteract the proliferation of juvenile gangs, Jorge Ribera, CEO of the chamber, said in an email.

The agreement is a first for the Bethesda-headquartered council, said Alan Laney with the Boy Scouts Rockville office. The partnership will work to bring Scout programs to Hispanic families across the area, he said.

Private equity firm to acquire BioReliance

Avista Capital Partners, a New York private equity firm, has signed a \$210 million deal to acquire BioReliance Corp. of Rockville, a biological testing and diagnostic services organization that provides testing and other services to pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries.

BioReliance, a business unit of Invitrogen Corp. of Carlsbad, Calif., is Avista's latest investment in the healthcare industry after the company's investments in Nycomed and MedServe of Houston, Texas, in 2006.

TVI Corp. wins \$2 million for troop services

Signature Special Event Services, a division of TVI Corp. of Glenn Dale, a supplier of emergency response products, event shelter and equipment rentals, has been awarded a contract valued at more than \$2 million.

The company will provide temporary facilities at Fort Stewart, Ga., and Fort Belvoir, the U.S. and Canadian militaries.

InfoZen wins contracts totaling \$6 million

InfoZen Inc. of Rockville, which provides consulting, engineering and risk assessment and management services, won three new prime federal contracts worth a total of more than \$6 million.

The Department of Defense hired InfoZen to help support its new commercial travel information management system. The company will also support the development of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's system to regulate nuclear reactor applications.

American Bank to buy Grange Bank

American Bank Holdings Inc. of Silver Spring and The Grange Bank of Columbus have made an agreement for American's subsidiary, American Bank, to acquire The Grange Bank. The Grange Bank is a wholly owned

of the Grange Mutual Casualty Company.

In the transaction, American Bank will acquire approximately \$95 million of home equity lines of credit, home equity loans, commercial business loans and commercial real estate loans, as well as approximately \$100 million of deposits.

Rexahn compound to be tested for epilepsy

Rexahn Pharmaceuticals of Rockville has signed an agreement with the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke allowing the company's compound RX-10100 to be evaluated for its potential to protect against Parkinson's disease and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or Lou Gehrig's disease.

RX-10100 is one of the first compounds to be selected in the institute's Anticonvulsant Screening Program. The compound will be tested and evaluated for its potential ability to be used as a biodefense product.

Greenbelt company acquires Crofton firm

Privately held Stinger Ghaffarian Technologies Inc. of Greenbelt, an aerospace services company, has acquired Performance Network Engineering of Crofton, which provides network and information technology consulting services.

Stinger Ghaffarian has more than 900 employees, including about 12 from the acquisition, and has projected revenue of \$150 million for 2007. Clients include NASA, the Defense Department and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Sunny's files for bankruptcy protection

Sunny's Great Outdoors, which has 15 stores in Maryland, Virginia and Delaware, has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

The company has between 200 and 999 debtors, according to court documents. Its estimated assets are between \$50 million and \$100 million, with estimated liabilities between \$1 million and \$100 million.

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