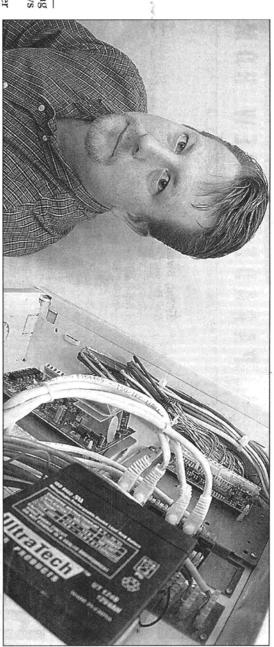
Hub of house is where you want it to be

By Judy Swanson

everything from home theatres to home automation, says Troy Gair of Raetech Communication. Today's techno-literate home buyers are demanding

your home, you'll pay from 700 to more than 100,000. Depending on how much control you need to exert over

chasers," said Gair. "It's standard in custom homes today are responding by offering more high-tech options to pur-"People are becoming more educated and home builders



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Troy Gair with state-of-the-art integrated home network system housed in a closet of a new home.

but it is working it's way down to ordinary homes as well." Gair's Surrey company installs "structured wiring" in

tions to enter the home at a central hub. tems, cable, telephone and high-speed Internet connecall the lines connecting such things as home security sysboth single family and multi-family projects that brings

security. telephone, cable and computer hook-up locations plus Gair said the basic systems allow you control over the

up to 256 PCs from a single modem with a single fee. This "integrated home network" means you can run

he said. "Your kids can play games between each other rom their own PCs in their own rooms with this system." "It's your own local area network, like in a large office," The hub contains one feed from Telus, from which you

can have multiple lines.
"You decide which line rings in which location."

rately wired. Media rooms and multi-room sound systems are sepa-

tem, either monitored on un-monitored. Secondary wiring via the hub handles the alarm sys-

cal room or basement but they can be placed where-ever the homeowner wants. Hubs are frequently installed in the home's mechani-

In multi-unit projects most builders decide what you

connections if only for re-sale. "It's far cheaper than trying to retro-fit it later," he said in all the toys, the expert advises at least roughing in the But if you're building and wondering should you put