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## **PacifiCare**

PacifiCare Health Systems announced that **Chris Wing**, acting president of PacifiCare of Utah, has been named president of PacifiCare of Washington, one of the state's largest health plans, and regional vice president for the Northwest region, comprised of PacifiCare's Washington and Oregon plans. Wing will replace **Brad Bowlus** as Washington plan president who recently became president of PacifiCare of California. Wing will lead the commercial and Medicare risk operations, providing health care services to more than 150,000 members.

## **Free Ride Zone**

A new bike shop, Free Ride Zone, has opened for business in the Columbia City neighborhood. The nonprofit shop has a unique mission, to teach young people how to fix bikes and provide affordable bike repair for the community. Participants in the Earn-a-Bike program will get a free recycled bike in exchange for donating their time fixing bikes in the community. Proceeds from the shop will support bike programs for youth and bike recycling. **Suzanne Carlson** is program director. The shop is located in an old house at 3709 S. Ferdinand St. The site was purchased and renovated by Free Ride Zone board member **Craig Lorch**.

## **ATL**

ATL Ultrasound, Seattle, announced that the HDI 5000 ultrasound system will be aboard the International Space Station when it is launched in 2000 for 10 years in orbit. The HDI 5000 technology will be used by the astronauts to perform medical diagnostics aboard the Space Station. The images will be transmitted to earth for scientists to study the effects of zero gravity on bloodflow, the heart and other organs.

## **Pathways**

The Pathways Group, Woodinville, has signed a letter of intent regarding the formation of a business relationship with RACOM Systems of Greenwood Village, Col. RACOM is a designer, manufacturer and integrator of Smart Cards, and Smart Card Reader/writer devices, with primary focus on "Contactless" paradigms. Pathways provides solutions for creating, capturing and processing data and electronic transactions.

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