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Richmond News

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SCHOOLS

Eight teachers re-hired

By Mike Thomas

Eight of 11 elementary school teachers laid off by Richmond school board in June have returned to the work force in the district but not to the teaching of their former students.

While leaving one school and moving one another to an adjacent one, a handful of other teachers will be making even bigger adjustments.

One full-time teacher who was earning \$34,000 last year has had her hours cut in half, while a part-time teacher has had her hours cut from four full days a week to two and a half.

Other teachers are still in limbo, and at least one who knew she wouldn't be rehired managed to get a job in another district, said Linda Owen-Whalen, president of the Richmond Teachers' Association.

"I remember — not too long ago — when the school board would have a number of 10 new teachers to meet demand in the district in September," Owen-Whalen said. "Now that number is six."

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Steveston bank robbed again

Monday's heist at the CIBC was the third in 16 days

3:30 p.m. Monday: The owner of Francis and No. 1 bank Monday morning. As in the first and third CIBC robberies, the suspect also had a weapon and was wearing a mask. No one was injured.

The suspect, who had interrupted the CIBC's robbery, was seen by the bank's security camera. The suspect was seen running away from the bank. The suspect was seen running away from the bank.

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News

New stations banking on Richmond

By BOB MACKIN
News Reporter

The broadcast media landscape in the Lower Mainland is changing and Richmond is playing a major role.

Saturday saw the debut of CHKG, Fairchild Radio's FM 96.1, the first new FM radio station in the market since Richmond's Z95.3 FM signed on in 1991.

On Sept. 19, CIVT — Vancouver Television — will go on the air, bumping Seattle PBS affiliate KCTS off channel 9. The Baton-owned station will be the first new local TV outlet since CKVU, now known as Global, aired 20 years ago.

Fairchild's mix of 15 languages is anchored by Cantonese and Mandarin, which comprise 114 hours a week.

The company, which owns AM1470 and Aberdeen Centre, is banking on Richmond's substantial Asian community to be among its core listeners. That was evident when Richmond Mayor Greg Halsey-Brandt spoke at the opening ceremony before a Vancouver city councillor was introduced in Aberdeen Plaza on Broadway in Vancouver.

FM 96.1 will, however, have a strong English-language presence.

International program director Cal Koat and disc jockey Rob Daniels co-host the World Beat Wakeup program weekdays from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. Caribbean, Latin American and Italian programming from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. will also include



BOB MACKIN/RICHMOND NEWS
Radio, radio: Roger Charest (left) applauds Fairchild Thomas Fung minutes before Saturday's launch of FM 96.1 Vancouver's first commercial multicultural FM radio station. A majority of programming is in Cantonese and Mandarin but English is among the 15 languages featured.

English-speaking hosts, ratings champion within the next two years.

Vancouver Television, which was granted a licence last January, has caused a major shakeup of the local TV scene. It's expected the station will displace the mighty BCTV as the local

A Richmond bureau, of six in Lower Mainland suburbs, is located near North 3 Road on Cambie. It will be staffed by reporter Olivia Lum and cameraman Tom Huang.

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