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Eastside Digest

Wastewater spill at Willows Road

Redmond

An equipment malfunction in a wastewater pipeline near Redmond spilled 150,000 gallons of wastewater out of an underground vault, across Willows Road and onto agricultural land in the Sammamish Valley on Wednesday.

King County crews were on site within an hour of the first report of the spill and began collecting and transporting wastewater to the South Treatment Plant for proper disposal.

The county diverted wastewater from the pipeline to the West Point Treatment Plant in Seattle. Willows Road was closed briefly for cleaning, and crews were posting signs to warn people of the spill.

Don Theiler, director of the county's wastewater-treatment division, said the cleanup should be completed by this morning.

Kirkland

Senior center gets new name

After months of community brainstorming, the Kirkland Community Senior Center has a new name: Peter Kirk Community Center.

The City Council voted on Tuesday to approve the recommendation from the city's Senior Council, which received 83 ideas from 149 people.

Suggestions included: the Kirkland Primetime Pavilion, the Swing On Inn, Geezerville and the Third Age Center.

The city's senior center launched the name search last year with hopes that eliminating the word "senior" could encourage the wave of baby boomers turning 50 and other active older residents to use the center.

Bellevue

Defendants enter not-guilty pleas

Two defendants in Bellevue criminal cases entered not-guilty pleas to the charges at their arraignments Wednesday and face further court action April 19, when case-setting hearings are scheduled.

The pleas were entered by Jarrod Wayne Bandy and Augustine J. Cita.

Bandy is accused of vehicular homicide and vehicular assault as a result of a March 25 traffic accident in downtown Bellevue that resulted in the death of Robert Vasen.

Cita is accused of multiple counts of first-degree robbery and attempted first-degree robbery in connection with 10 incidents at area hotels since March 5, including an attempted robbery March 27 at the Bellevue Hyatt Regency.

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