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**Workers return after sympathy strikes**

Ports in Tacoma and Seattle report business as usual Friday after wildcat sympathy strikes spread across the state from a strike in Longview. Operating Engineers union members were working Friday in Longview, doing jobs usually done by Longshore Union members.

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**Thurston County has a zip line**

The grand opening for a playground featuring Thurston County's first zip line was held Friday at LBA Park in southeast Olympia.

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**ESD layoffs planned**

**16% BUDGET CUT:** About 390 positions will go away

BY ROLF BOONE  
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The state Employment Security Department plans a 16 percent budget cut that will affect several divisions and result in layoffs, according to an email sent to employees this week from Commissioner Paul Trause.

Trause wrote that the depart-

ment will eliminate about 390 full-time-equivalent positions. That doesn't necessarily mean 390 jobs will be cut, and the specific number of positions to be cut won't be known until October, he said.

"Nearly all of the reductions will occur in the first year of the biennium," Trause wrote. "We expect to carry out two agency-wide layoffs — the first in mid-January 2012 and the second next summer."

A spokeswoman for the ESD

could not be reached Friday.

The process for the first layoffs will begin Oct. 21 and end Jan. 16. First, positions will be eliminated. Then, employees who were bumped by those with more seniority will lose their jobs.

There's been less planning for the second round.

"We have not yet established a timeline or identified all of the positions that will be eliminated in the summer 2012 layoff," Trause said.

"We will make those decisions next spring."

Employment Security's budget was turned inside out to determine which services to keep and which to reduce or eliminate, and that task was made more difficult by the lack of congressional agreement on a budget for the next federal fiscal year, he said. The agency also plans to reduce the budget for customer

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**Nisqually now an aquatic reserve**



TONY OVERMAN/Staff photographer

Peter Goldmark, second from right, state Commissioner of Public Lands, arrives Friday at the Nisqually Reach Nature Center near Lacey for ceremonies to create the Nisqually Reach Aquatic Reserve. Conservation, education and scientific research will be top priorities in the new designated area.

**15,000 ACRES:** State lands will receive increased scrutiny for development

BY ROB CARSON  
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Washington's effort to restore the environmental health of Puget Sound by 2020 received a significant boost Friday.

In a ceremony at the Nisqually Reach Nature Center near Lacey, Commissioner of Public Lands Peter Goldmark officially designated as an "aquatic reserve" nearly 15,000 acres of south Puget Sound that fan outward from the Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge on the Nisqually Delta.

The new Nisqually Reach Aquat-

ic Reserve includes all state-owned aquatic lands surrounding Anderson, Ketron and Eagle islands and stretches to the south shore of McNeil Island.

In all, it includes nearly 39 miles of shoreline.

The reserve's management plan applies only to the state-owned aquatic lands, not to private waterfront property and tidelands.

Policies governing the reserve won't stop people from fishing, boating, crabbing and pursuing other recreational pursuits within the boundaries, according to the state Department of Natural Resources.

Scientists have identified the Nisqually Reach as an area important for fish, aquatic mammals and

bottom habitat.

The new designation means increased government scrutiny for development proposals in the area, which recently have included commercial fish pens, shellfish farming, commercial docks and the disposal of dredge material.

Conservation, education and scientific research will be the top priorities in the area, according to the management plan.

The reserve is the seventh aquatic reserve created in Puget Sound under a marine-conservation program launched in 2000. Management goals of the reserve include:

- Enhancing environmental education activities at the Nisqually Reach Nature Center, Anderson Island parks, Tolmie State Park and

Solo Point at Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

- Identifying and removing derelict fishing gear, creosote pilings and abandoned utilities.

- Working with the six marinas and public docks within the reserve to make sure they are doing all they can to keep pollution and wastewater from entering marine waters.

- Supporting shoreline and habitat-restoration projects, including recovery of some of the small estuaries that provide critical habitat for juvenile salmon. The reserve includes 18 small bays, six of which are blocked by dikes and fills.

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**64 structures in state lost, but firefighters gaining**

**SATUS PASS:** 4,215 acres burned; weather no help

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**GOLDENDALE-** Washington residents in tinder-dry forests near Satus Pass got word Friday that 64 structures had burned in a major blaze, a harsh reminder Friday that the area's wildfire season is far from over.

Hundreds of residents in the south-central part of the state have been evacuated because of the fire, which has burned more than 6 square miles in an area about 20 miles north of the Columbia River and 10 miles north of Goldendale.

Firefighters gained some ground Friday, and the fire was 20 percent

contained. More accurate mapping reduced the fire's overall size to 4,215 acres.

Though winds were light, conditions were far from ideal for firefighters on the lines, with high temperatures in the 90s, low humidity and terrain that ranged from flat lands of dry grasses to steep canyons with thick stands of pine trees. Exactly how many of the 64 structures were homes remained unclear, but fire officials had earlier confirmed that nine homes had burned, and that number was certain to grow, spokesman Guy Giffords said.

Many evacuated residents had been shown maps of areas that have burned, he said, and were aware whether their homes had

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**Case against manager at DOC moves forward**

**ETHICS:** Belinda Stewart transferred during probe

BY JORDAN SCHRADER  
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The head of the state's prisons agency says he will temporarily "reassign" an administrator, Belinda Stewart, after outside investigators found cause to believe she broke ethics laws by doing work for nonprofits on the state's dime.

After emerging from a closed-door meeting Friday morning, the state Executive Ethics Board voted 3-0 to declare there is reasonable cause to believe ethics violations were committed that warrant a fine of more than \$500, a threshold for the board.

Investigators will now seek a response from Stewart, communications director for the Department of Corrections, to their 26-page report, and will schedule a hearing in her case.

State Sen. Mike Carrell sent a letter to Corrections Secretary Bernie Warner after the vote, asking him to fire Stewart.

"I would hope that he would be using this as a reason to clean house," said Carrell, a Lakewood Republican who filed one of three ethics complaints against Stewart. "This didn't happen in a vacuum. It was condoned by people up the food chain."

The ethics board has the authority to fine Stewart but not to

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