

THE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2009 | A PASSING SHOWER ▲ 75 ▼ 49 | WWW.SPOKESMAN.COM

“(Phillip Paul) was not the only murderer at the fair yesterday.”

Greg Davis, president, Washington Federation of State Employees, Local 782

Field trip for escapee flies in face of ruling

Timeline

Key developments in Phillip A. Paul's legal history:

► **APRIL 1987:** The gasoline-soaked body of Ruth Mottley, 78, is found in a shallow grave near her Lower Yakima Valley home, her throat slit and neck broken. Phillip Arnold Paul, who lived nearby, told deputies “voices” in his head instructed him to “kill the witch on Emerald Road.”

► **JULY 1987:** A paranoid schizophrenic, Paul is found not guilty by reason of insanity in Mottley's murder and ordered held indefinitely at a “state mental institution for the criminally insane.”

► **AUGUST 1990:** Paul refuses his medication and later escapes from Eastern State Hospital. He's arrested near Fishtrap and while being booked into the Spokane County Jail, overpowers a deputy, shattering the law enforcement officer's shoulder. A jury later orders the state to pay the deputy more than \$100,000.

► **EARLY 1992:** Paul enrolls at Spokane Falls Community College and is allowed to leave Eastern State Hospital to attend classes. During the

See **TIMELINE, A7**



JEFF FERGUSON Special to The Spokesman-Review

Phillip A. Paul poses for a portrait in downtown Spokane in 2008, when he was living at The Carlyle, an assisted living facility.



DAN PELLE danp@spokesman.com

DSHS Secretary Susan Dreyfus listens to Dr. Rob Henry, director of forensic services at Eastern State Hospital, answer questions about the escape of Phillip A. Paul.

Hospital CEO: Paul not ‘extremely dangerous’

Notification delay: There's no ‘good answer’

By Kevin Graman and Sara Leaming
Staff writers

A judge ruled earlier this month that a paranoid schizophrenic killer who remained at large Friday after walking away from a supervised outing was a threat to public safety because he had become more aggressive and less aware of his psychosis.

Nevertheless, mental health professionals at Eastern State Hospital determined Phillip A. Paul was safe enough to take on a field trip to the Spokane County Interstate Fair along with 30 other patients from the hospital's forensic ward.

The forensic ward, known as “2 South 1,” is inhabited by mental patients who have been determined by the courts to be not guilty of serious crimes by reason of insanity, or people judged to be incapable of assisting in their own defense.

“He was not the only murderer at the fair yesterday,” said Greg Davis, president of Washington Federation of State Employees,

See **ESCAPE, A7**

@ **On the Web:** Read court documents about Phillip A. Paul's commitment to Eastern State Hospital and his conditional release, as well as previous coverage at spokesman.com/tags/phillip-arnold-paul

Fair officials plan policy change after incident

Director says restrictions will be put in place for group visitors ‘considered a risk’

By Jody Lawrence-Turner
jodyl@spokesman.com, (509) 459-5593

A killer escaping a field trip to the Spokane County Interstate Fair has become a wakeup call for fair officials, who say they plan to change policies for visiting groups.

Although Eastern State Hospital purchased a block of tickets for a group visit, as it has in the past, fair officials weren't told any-

thing about the 31 patients who would be visiting, said Rich Hartzell, fair director. “If we had, the answer would have been no,” he said.

By working with the fair board and Spokane County commissioners, the fair director hopes to come up with a policy that will provide relevant information without being discriminatory.

Fair officials want groups to go through an

application process. The documents would ask about mental illnesses, types of disabilities and criminal acts.

“We will be putting restrictions on any group who have people who are considered a risk,” Hartzell said. “If a person has committed violent criminal acts, the answer will be a ‘no.’”

See **FAIR, A7**

Users of denture cream who overdid it are suing

By Curt Anderson
Associated Press

MIAMI – When he began getting weak, 61-year-old Ronald Beaver figured he might just be feeling his age. Eventually his problem was traced to a serious blood disorder caused by low levels of copper.

“I didn't know what to

think,” Beaver said of his illness three years ago. “I had no idea. I was just scared to death.”

It wasn't until several weeks later – after the moving company employee from Tamarac, Fla., started getting daily doses of copper – that Beaver's doctor mentioned that getting too

See **DENTURES, A5**



FILE Associated Press

Alice and Ronald Beaver are among a growing number of people suing manufacturers over zinc in denture creams.

Military strikes taking toll on al-Qaida leaders, camps

By Paisley Dodds
Associated Press

LONDON – Recent targeted attacks that killed militants in Somalia, Indonesia and Pakistan have chipped away at al-Qaida's power base, sapping the terror network of key leaders and experienced operatives who train recruits and wage attacks.

Intelligence officials said Friday that the military strikes have reduced al-Qaida's core leadership to only a handful of men and diminished its ability to train fighters. This, they said, has forced al-Qaida to turn to its global affiliates for survival.

The killings of Saleh Ali Saleh

See **AL-QAIDA, A5**

>> Business, A8 >> Classifieds, C10 >> Comics, E6 >> Lotteries, A2 >> Movies, E7 >> Obituaries, C10 >> Opinion, B4



75 cents (\$1 in some areas)

DON'T LET SNOW SLOW YOU DOWN



Save now through September 30

SAVE \$200 ON POWER MAX MODELS*

\$100 Instant Ace discount
\$100 Toro factory rebate



POWER MAX®

Starting at \$1,399⁹⁹

– \$100 ACE Instant Discount
YOU PAY \$1,299⁹⁹

– \$100 Toro Mail In Rebate

\$1,199⁹⁹ FINAL COST



POWER CLEAR®

Starting at \$799⁹⁹

– \$60 ACE Instant Discount

\$519⁹⁹ FINAL COST



Count on it. www.toro.com

Valley, South Hill, Francis, Ash & Rowan, Post Falls

Only available on select PowerMax models at participating Toro Dealers. For purchases made between 8/1/09 - 9/30/09. See store for details.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

ESCAPE

Continued from A1

Local 782, which represents Eastern State Hospital workers.

Davis said hospital workers "have repeatedly over the years opposed administration policies and practices that allow the kinds of field trips like the one Paul took to the fair."

The union local president said hospital workers accompanying the patients on the field trip notified their superiors at the hospital "within two to three minutes" of discovering Paul's escape.

"It was the administration in Medical Lake that waited some two hours to notify law enforcement authorities," Davis said.

Rob Henry, the director of the hospital's forensic ward, said Friday that the hospital followed all required protocols for an escaped patient.

Hospital CEO Hal Wilson said that Paul, 47, was not a serious threat to public safety and that a "treatment team" of mental health professionals approved his participation in the field trip.

"We don't consider him extremely dangerous," Wilson said. "Although we would certainly like to have him apprehended and back in custody."

He could not explain the delay in notifying police that Paul had slipped away from staff at the fair.

"I don't have a good answer at this time," Wilson said, adding that the secretary of the Department of Social and Health Services, Susan Dreyfus, had ordered an investigation into the incident.

At a news conference in Spokane Friday, Dreyfus said she has launched a statewide inquiry into the security and procedures for patient outings from Eastern, as well as from the state's other psychiatric hospital, Western State Hospital in Lakewood, Wash. Dreyfus said a patient escaped from that hospital's secure forensic ward just last week, but was apprehended an hour later by police.

"These incidences, separate and coincidental, have raised serious questions in my mind," Dreyfus said.

Dreyfus said the security review, in conjunction with the state Department of Corrections and the Washington State Patrol, will focus on "what are the issues and cautions that go into keeping our communities safe and secure on the edge of our campuses."

Paul was committed to Eastern State Hospital in July 1987 after being found not guilty by reason of insanity of killing a 78-year-old Sunnyside, Wash., woman in April of that year.



DSHS Secretary Susan Dreyfus, left, and Dr. Rob Henry, second from right, of Eastern State Hospital, meet with U.S. Attorney Jim McDewitt and Spokane County Sheriff Ozzie Knezovich after the press conference addressing the escape of Phillip A. Paul.

Paul, who was 25 at the time, attacked Ruth Mottley, snapping her neck and slashing her throat twice. He then doused her body with gasoline and buried her in her own flower garden. Paul told authorities that the voices in his head told him Mottley was a witch who was casting spells on him.

On Friday, law enforcement agencies led by the Spokane County Sheriff's Office continued to search for Paul, focusing their attention on homeless camps along the Spokane River and railroad corridors.

"All we know is that he is on foot with \$50 in his pocket, headed somewhere," said Sgt. Dave Reagan, Sheriff's spokesman. They believe Paul is headed to Sunnyside, but still launched an air search over Spokane, as well as west along the railroad line toward the Tri-Cities, Reagan said.

The Department of Social and Health Services informed law enforcement on Friday that Paul had received his most recent injection of medication within the past few days, which should keep him stable for a couple of weeks. It had been reported, apparently in error on Thursday, that his medication would become ineffective in 48 hours.

But whether he was in any condition to be allowed on outings still remains unclear.

"He is in a bad mental state," Paul's brother, Tom Paul, told the Associated Press on Friday. "Why would they load him on a bus and take him to the fair?"

Davis, the local union representative, said that field trips to such public events as fairs, baseball games, circuses and the Ice Capades routinely include "murderers, rapists and pedophiles committed to the hospital as criminally insane."

Henry acknowledged that the field trips to the fair are an anticipated and annual event for patients.

The field trips are considered part of therapy, and only those who exhibit good behaviors and are compliant with their treatment regimens are allowed to go, officials said.

"Some are doing well and with proper medication and treatment are ready to re-enter society," said Davis, who has worked at Eastern State Hospital for more than 30 years, including about 23 years in the forensic unit. "But only the ones doing well."

Paul, he said, wasn't one of them.

"Several of my members were surprised that Mr. Paul was approved to go to the fair," Davis said.

Wilson, head of the hospital, said Paul had been "a fairly model

patient." But court documents dated Sept. 4 show the judge overseeing Paul's case continues to harbor reservations over his progress, concluding that Paul still represents "a threat to public safety, because, regardless of the reasons, his condition has deteriorated."

Although judges have rejected Paul's repeated attempts to win full release from his court-ordered commitment, he has been granted numerous conditional releases allowing him to live outside of the state hospital. All, however, have ended in Paul being ordered back to Eastern State, usually for refusing to take his medications and becoming increasingly defiant.

During one of his conditional releases, Paul began dating a woman in Spokane who became pregnant with their child. The child now is in state custody, court documents show. "I want to get out of the hospital, marry my girlfriend and live with my parents and raise my boy at Sunnyside on the farm," Paul wrote to Yakima County Superior Court Judge Bob Thompson in October 2006 during one of his petitions for release.

Following that court hearing, Paul was allowed to return to the The Carlyle, an assisted living facility in downtown Spokane, in October 2007. But in January 2009 he was ordered back to the

hospital and in March a senior hospital committee recommended revocation of Paul's conditional release order because he did not take his medications on time because he believed they were poisoning him, professed that he was not mentally ill and became more aggressive.

Though Yakima County Superior Court Judge Michael Schwab did not revoke the conditional release, on Sept. 4 he concluded that there were enough concerns to keep Paul at the state hospital while his medications were adjusted and his condition stabilized.

At a news conference Friday, Henry, who is in charge of the forensic unit, stated he wasn't aware of the Sept. 4 order.

On Friday, Gov. Chris Gregoire, who was in Spokane when Paul escaped a day earlier, issued a statement on the incident.

"I am asking the same questions that the residents of the area are asking: How do we catch this person as soon as possible? Why was he allowed to take such a trip? Why did they go to a location that was so heavily populated with families?" Gregoire said.

Yakima Herald-Republic staff writer Mark Morey and the Associated Press contributed to this report.

TIMELINE

Continued from A1

next two years he also works part time at the Spokane Goodwill store and at an antique furniture shop downtown, sometimes for 30 hours a week.

► **OCTOBER 1994:** Paul seeks release from his court-ordered commitment at Eastern State Hospital. A Yakima judge refuses.

► **1998:** Paul seeks approval to return home to live with his parents in the Yakima Valley and is allowed to spend two weeks at a time at the family home, then return to Eastern State Hospital to receive his medications before doing another two-week transition.

► **JUNE 2000:** Paul is approved for a full-time return to his family home in Yakima Valley, but within a few months his counselors begin expressing concerns over his progress.

► **OCTOBER 2000:** Paul is ordered back to Eastern State Hospital after treatment providers notice threatening and delusional behavior. Among other things, Paul tells counselors of someone he thinks is a "witch."

► **OCTOBER 2005:** After five years back at Eastern State Hospital, Paul is approved for a conditional release to The Carlyle, an assisted living facility in downtown Spokane. He begins dating a woman who becomes pregnant and has a baby boy in 2006.

► **FEBRUARY 2006:** Paul is ordered back to Eastern State Hospital after refusing to take his medications.

► **OCTOBER 2007:** Paul is approved again

At large

Police are searching for Phillip A. Paul, 47, who escaped from Eastern State Hospital staff during an outing at the Spokane County Interstate Fair on Thursday. Paul, a schizophrenic with a violent history, is 5-foot-8 and 220 pounds, with brown hair and blue eyes, and has a goatee. He was wearing a red windbreaker over a blue T-shirt and faded blue jeans. Paul is believed to be headed to Sunnyside, Wash. Anyone with information about his whereabouts should call 911 immediately.

@ **On the Web:** Read court documents about Phillip A. Paul's commitment to Eastern State Hospital and his conditional release, as well as previous coverage at spokesman.com/tags/phillip-arnold-paul.

for release to The Carlyle, but counselors report he begins exhibiting increasingly defiant behavior.

► **JANUARY 2009:** Paul is ordered back to Eastern State Hospital after refusing to take his medication and being spotted in a pawnshop that sells firearms and other weapons, which is prohibited under terms of his release.

► **SEPT. 17:** During a field trip to the Spokane County Interstate Fair with other "criminally insane" patients, Paul escapes. A manhunt remains under way.

SOURCE: Yakima County Superior Court documents

FAIR

Continued from A1

Meanwhile, the fair is entering its final two days, and continued success is expected.

"Everything considered, we are feeling we are doing pretty well," Hartzell said. If you throw out 2008's free day, which brought record numbers, "it's actually very close to last year's attendance through yesterday."

The fair broke records this year in pre-fair group sales, which also helped attendance numbers, said Erin Gurtel, fair marketing director. Fair officials have been assured by law enforcement that there's "no way" Paul is still on the fairgrounds. Said Hartzell, "our security and law enforcement have done thorough searches including looking inside the cars. They continue to search. Security will be heightened and on alert until he's in custody."

"I would hope that people would real-

"We will be putting restrictions on any group who have people who are considered a risk. If a person has committed violent criminal acts, the answer will be a 'no.'"

Rich Hartzell
Fair director

ize that safety is of a primary concern to us," he said.

Attendance Thursday - following Paul's escape - was down by 1,000, Hartzell added. If it hadn't been for that incident, "we probably would have been up."

Spokane Chrysler
SERVICE CENTER
CALL FOR YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY!
(509) 926-1501
800-458-4404
6818 E. Sprague, Spokane Valley
www.spokanechrysler.com
Service Department Open Monday - Friday 7:30am - 5pm • Saturday Oil Change 8am - 12pm
Some vehicles may be extra or excluded. Taxes and shop charges are additional. Coupons and/or discounts can only use one per repair item.

Spokane Chrysler Fall Saver Packages

BRAKE FLUID FLUSH 15.00 off •AND/OR• BRAKE JOB 159.95 <small>Brake job per axle includes new pads, clean & adjust, resurface, rotors expires 10/30/09</small>	COOLANT DRAIN & REFILL <small>w/1 gallon coolant</small> 59.95 •AND/OR• OIL CHANGE 26.95 <small>up to 5 qts SW30/5W30 w/FREE Tire Rotation expires 10/30/09</small>
---	--

GARAGE & YARD SALE FINDER
Make Garage Sale Shopping Easy
For details look under classification 496 and 497 in The Inland NW Classifieds or visit www.spokesmangaragesales.com To include your sale in the Finder, call 456-SELL and ask for the Garage & Yard Sale Finder. An ad must be placed under classification 496 or 497 to qualify your sale for inclusion in the Finder.

Outside Washington:
1-800-388-8801
Phone Hours:
7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.,
Mon-Fri
Deadlines:
Friday insertion:
Wed 5:30 p.m.
Sat and Sun insertion:
Thurs 5:30 p.m.

SOUTHEAST	NORTHWEST	SPOKANE VALLEY
1114 E 27th Ave 9-4	119 W Joseph Ave 9-5	16006 E 16th Ave 9-4
630 E High Dr 9-3	5520 N Moore St 9-3	13718 E 41st Ave 8-12
904 E 32nd Ave 8:30-11:30	2125 W Gordon Ave 9-7	12024 E Valleyway Ave 9-5
3513 E 62nd Ave 10-5	3408 W Alice Ave 9-4	422 N Bates Rd 9-5
2527 E 35th St 9-4	12014 N Country Club Dr 9-2	11611 E Sinto Ave 9-4
2211 E North Altamont Blvd 8-5	3608 W Walton Ave 9-7	4124 N Willow Rd 8-5
5105 S Dearborn Rd 8:30-?	2723 E 33rd Ave 9-3	5518 N Northwood Dr 9-4
4017 E 4th Ave 9-4	5727 N Walnut St 9-5	1421 S Woodward Rd 9-4
225 E 29th Ave 8:30-4	3806 N Belt St 10-5	2703 N Laura Rd 9-6
4607 S Hogan St 8-7	3015 W Francis Ave 8-4	8016 E Glass Ave 9-4
4117 S Hatch St 9-1	8416 N Pine Meadows Ln 8-4	1412 N Bowditch Rd 9-3
1231 S Ferrall Ct 8-4	2811 W Sharp Ave 8-3	16405 E Eastland Ct 7-4
3702 E 6th Ave 9-5	6206 N Belt St 9-5	14223 E Trent Ave 10-4
4724 E 14th Ave 8-4	424 W Columbia Ave 8-3	AIRWAY HEIGHTS
2327 S Pittsburg St 8-2	4911 W Rosewood Ave 8:30-4:30	1003 S Hazelwood Rd 8-3
1607 E 16th Ave 9-4	5514 N Greenwood Blvd 9-2	DEER PARK
3505 E Leisure Ln 9-5	3104 W Dalton Ave 9-3	937 N Oasis Ave 9-3
1808 E 60th Ave 7-4	SPOKANE VALLEY	FAIRCHILD AFB
3805 E 24th Ave 9-4	10314 E Dean Ave 7-2	1819 N Fairchild Dr 9-4
SOUTHWEST	12004 E Alki Ave 9-4	MEAD
711 S Cedar St 8-3	13011 E 27th Ave 9-4	3102 E Carlson St 9-3
NORTHEAST	15115 E 11th Ave 8-3	4228 E Chris Ct 9-4
44 E Sanson Ave 9-5	17221 E Mission Ave 9-4	15112 N Mckinnon Rd 7-3
22 E Sinto Ave 8-4	1708 N Glenn Rd 8-6	MEDICAL LAKE
5440 N Addison St 10-6	13324 E 7th Ave 8-4	104 S Jefferson St 9-5
1634 E Lacrosse Ave 8-5	1407 N Wilbur Rd 9-4	OTIS ORCHARDS
823 E Courtland Ave 8-4	5408 N Davis Rd 7-4	20909 E Euclid St 8-2
5617 E Commerce Ave 8-5	13220 N Sanson Ave 9-4	SPANGLE
1743 N Lacey St 9-3	2511 S Bannen Rd 9-12	17909 S Stentz Rd 10-6
2624 E Central Ave 9-5	6915 E 5th Ave 9-5	VERADALE
	5723 N Fruit Hill Rd 8-6	14815 E 13th St 8-4
	5315 N Davis Rd 8-3	
	3606 S Schafer Rd 10-1	