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Bomber

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digital camera that included pictures of Harpham at the parade, pictures of young black children gathering for the march and of a Jewish man who was wearing a yarmulke.

A key was discovering huge numbers of postings by Harpham, using a pen name, over a period of years on a white supremacist website called Vanguard News Network.

"He told others he was a white supremacist and white separatist," said assistant U.S. Attorney Joe Harrington.

The bomb was planted "to further his racist beliefs," Harrington told the judge.

The judge asked Harpham if he placed the bomb in an effort to hurt people because of their race,

color or national origin.

"Yes," Harpham replied.

Ormsby said Harpham has offered no explanation for why he chose to commit a hate crime now.

The plea deal charged Harpham with attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction, and the hate crime of placing the bomb in an effort to target minorities. Harpham spoke in a clear voice when he said "guilty" to each of the two counts.

He will be sentenced Nov. 30.

"Hate-fueled incidents like this one have no place in a civilized society," said Thomas Perez, assistant U.S. attorney general for civil rights. "Thankfully, no one was injured by this man's depraved act."

Public defender, Roger Peven,

did not answer questions outside the courtroom and was not available for comment later.

Harpham originally was charged with committing a hate crime, using a firearm in relation to a crime of violence, attempt to use a weapon of mass destruction and unauthorized possession of an unregistered explosive device. He could have faced up to life in prison.

A resident of Addy, Harpham is an Army veteran who has extensive ties to white supremacist groups but no record of past crimes.

The Southern Poverty Law Center, which tracks hate groups, has said that Harpham made more than 1,000 postings on the Vanguard News Network. The

center also has said that Harpham belonged to a neo-Nazi group called the National Alliance.

Harpham served from 1996 to 1999 in the U.S. Army at what is now Joint Base Lewis-McChord, near Tacoma. His lawyers have said Harpham had not been recently employed.

He has remained in the Spokane County Jail without bail since his arrest.

Federal prosecutors will argue for a 32-year sentence. Harpham's lawyers will seek 27 years. If Quackenbush recommends a higher or lower sentence, the case still could go to trial. Under the deal, Harpham would remain on probation for the rest of his life once he leaves prison.

Jail

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en this commitment and extend its duration to 2030.

"With this agreement the City can be assured of space nearby for their pre-trial inmates, and the County can be assured of a certain stream of revenue to maintain jail operations and facilities," said Executive Constantine. "The Mayor and City Council have been great partners in working with us on our shared interest in controlling costs and maintaining safer streets."

Since the King County Jail is located adjacent to the Seattle

Justice Center, the proposed contract would maintain significant operational advantages for

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The proposed contract also reflects the long-standing interest by the City and the County in a wide variety of diversion, alternative and re-entry programs. These programs ensure efficient use of public funds by safely keeping low-risk populations out of jail so that capacity is available for those who pose a serious risk to public safety. Through the proposed contract, the City and County would maintain and strengthen their collaboration on diversion, alternative and re-entry programs as well as on jail population forecasting.



C O M M U N I T Y C A L E N D A R

SEATTLE SEPTEMBER 2011



If you have an event you want to share with the community, email it two weeks in advance to *The Skanner* at info@theskanner.com

Thursday September 8

TALL SHIPS LADY WASHINGTON PUBLIC DOCKSIDE TOURS: Self guided tours aboard Lady Washington and/or Hawaiian Chieftain hosted by crew members in period costumes. \$3 donation per person is appreciated. Noon - 5 p.m. Center for Wooden Boats, 1010 Valley St.

Friday September 9

KIDS "KRAZY" CARNIVAL: Last family fun Friday of the year! Join us for activities, games and prizes. Children must be accompanied by an adult. \$4.75 adults, \$3.25 youth/Sr. Mounger Pool, 2535

32nd Ave. W. 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Friday - Sunday September 9 - 25

DO THE PUYALLUP FAIR: Fair opens September 9 at 10 a.m. and runs thru September 25. Hours are as follows Sat - Sun 10 a.m. - 11 p.m. Sun - Thurs 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. Admission is adults \$11, seniors (62+) \$8, students (6 - 18) \$8 and children under 5 are free.

Saturday September 10

5TH ANNUAL SKYWAY CAR SHOW AND COMMUNITY FESTIVAL: Throughout the day activities featured will include arts and crafts, clowns, carnival games and much more. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Roman Casino Parking Lot, 11829 Renton Ave. S, Seattle

Sunday September 11

EXPLORE, EXPERIENCE AND ENJOY LIVE ALOHA HAWAIIAN CULTURAL FESTIVAL: Experience the festive spirit of the Islands while you learn their true history. 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. in the Fisher Pavilion and Fisher Rooftop and the South Lawn.

Wednesday September 14

SEATTLE CAREER FAIR: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Meet companies hiring in your area. Hilton Sea-Tac Airport, 17620 International Blvd.

BELLEVUE CAREER FAIR: Many companies will be at this career fair. Bring your resumes and be ready for an interview. 11a.m. - 2 p.m. Red Lion Bellevue 11211 NE Main St. Bellevue.

Saturday September 17

LOW COST LIFE JACKET SALE: \$20 FOR YOUTH LIFE JACKETS, \$30 FOR ADULT SIZE LIFE JACKETS. Buy a life jacket. Wearing a life jacket saves lives. Green Lake Community Center, 7201 E. Green Lake Dr. N. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Saturday - Sunday September 17 -18

SEATTLE FIESTAS PATRIAS: A CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE FOR EVERYONE: Fiestas Patrias show cases Latin American art, music and culture. In addition, festival goers enjoy the flavors of tradition and contemporary Latin American Foods. Saturday hours are Noon - 11 p.m. Sunday Hours are Noon - 5 p.m. Seattle Center, Center House, Fisher Pavilion.