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## Y man pleads guilty to rape in Internet kidnap case

eaded guilty Tuesday to peatedly raping a 15-year-old rl who said she was abducted m Massachusetts by two her people and held hostage V.W. Norton and ra week in New York.

Michael Montez, 35, of ew York, faces a minimum nine years in prison at his w. 19 sentencing, according Betsy Herzog, a spokesoman for the Queens district

NEW YORK (AP) — A man attorney's office. A telephone 41, of Hampton Bays, and Beth call to Montez's lawyer, Michael Siff, was not returned Tuesday.

Montez kept the girl in his apartment and repeatedly raped her over a two-day period in August after the girl was forcibly taken to New York, allegedly by a Long Island couple who befriended her in an Internet chat room.

The couple, James Warren, rape her.

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mackage] meets the criteria, we will then call in the zmat Team," Ward said. The package is then confiscated and sent to a

stal inspection station in Houston. Ward said the U.S. Postal Service recently sent

tapostcard to everyone in the nation explaining criteria for spotting a suspicious piece of mail. "If you receive something which looks funny, not shake, bump or sniff it," Ward said. "Wash ur hands and then call 911.'

According to Dr. Rita Moyes, a 1981 A&M duate in microbiology and A&M lecturer and crobiology laboratory director, anthrax is not

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s set to cancel Bonfire.

"I've been frustrated in the st because student leaders we not stood up to the adminration, but this time students ant to get out and do someng about it," Long said. "I int it to be known that students erwhelmingly support onfire, and that we're more an willing to work with owen to make this happen." Other students signing the tter include Jorge Barrera, esident of the Residence Hall ssociation, Beth Weems, 2002 ass council president, Chris rham, 2003 class council esident, 13 student senators more than 20 others.

do everything in your power to make sure that an Aggie Bonfire burns in 2002. We accepted a two year hiatus, agreeing that it would be best for Texas A&M. Now it is time to proceed," the letter states. "Please do whatever it takes to fulfill your commitment to an Aggie Bonfire in 2002. Don't extinguish the Bonfire flame forever."

"Dr. Bowen, we urge you to

In 2000 Bowen said Bonfire would return in 2002 but under strict parameters — including a single-tier stack, professionally cut logs and a design by licensed engineers. Planning for Bonfire is underway, but efforts to finalize a design have been hindered by the University's inability to find a safety firm. Two firms have already backed out of

Loschin, 44, of Farmingdale, were arrested Aug. 10 and are awaiting trial.

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Warren and Loschin drove the girl to New York, sexually abused and beat her and then lent her to Montez for several days, investigators said. At the time, investigators said Montez kept the girl nude in a closet and dragged her out only to

caused by a virus, but by a bacteria.

You can come in contact with it in three ways - through the skin, inhalation and intestinal, which is contracted through contaminated meat," Moyes said.

Once an individual comes in contact with the anthrax bacteria, it can have an incubation period of about seven days, she added.

"A treatment of drugs needs to start right after the first signs appear," Moyes said. "Antibiotics kill some of the time, but due to toxins the antibiotic can sometimes have no effect."

Ward said approximately thirty parcels have been collected in Bryan-College Station and surrounding areas, most turning out to be scam and diet letters, Ward said.

> negotiations, citing liability issues and lack of student involvement. Bowen is set to decide in January whether Bonfire 2002 will occur.

Student Body President Schuyler Houser, a senior industrial engineering major, said she was unaware of the letter but that as Bowen nears a final decision on Bonfire, it is important students share their views and concerns with administrators.

"I think this is the sort of feedback the University wants, and I really hope students pay attention to what's going on and give their input," Houser said.

Bowen and other University officials have made every effort to ensure a safe Bonfire that includes student support and participation, Houser said.

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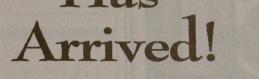
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