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## The morning after

### FDA approves sale of emergency contraceptive pills to be taken

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration today allowed the first-ever sales and marketing of a kit of emergency contraceptive pills that women can take the morning after unprotected sex to prevent pregnancy.

The PREVEN kits will be available by prescription by the end of September, said Roderick Mackenzie, chairman and founder of Gynecetics Inc. of Somerville, N.J., which won the first approval to advertise and sell morning-after pills.

The FDA has long told women, and doctors, how to use standard birth control pills in this manner, and the agency last year gave out specific information about which pills and dosages were effective as contraception up to 72 hours after unprotected sex.

But today's approval, for the

first time, allows a pharmaceutical company to advertise and to sell special morning-after packets that

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women can keep in their medicine cabinets.

"It's not only a scientific but an ethical advance," said Arthur Caplan, director of the Center for Bioethics at the University of Penn-

sylvania. "Women now have more options, and have long deserved to have the rights to prevent unplanned pregnancies."

Anti-abortion groups, however, have criticized the method.

The morning-after pills are different from RU-486, the French abortion pill, which actually ends a pregnancy several weeks after it has begun.

Gynecetics had said the company would market the emergency kit last year, becoming the first U.S. company to take action since the FDA approved using contraceptive pills for emergency birth control.

In February 1997, the FDA said six brands of birth control pills were safe and effective as morning-after pills, the first federal acknowledgment of the emergency birth control method that Euro-

pean women have

scribed for years.

Until now, however, the Tap, a

positive manufacturer, sells the form of

control here, citing political fears.

The pills prevent fertilization, experts said. The pills could possibly fertilized egg from the uterine wall so that it

into an embryo. If an embryo is ed and growing, the pills will have no effect with RU-486.

The FDA said the new op- fective 75 percent of the time consists of taking the new way ceptive pills without a doctor's protected sex, and the pills 12 hours later.

## Late selling ends stock market rebound

NEW YORK (AP) — A late bout of selling today cut short the Dow industrial's bid to extend Tuesday's rebound from August's scary selloff.

The Dow Jones industrial average, down 512.61 on Monday and up 288.23 Tuesday, fell 45.06 to close at 7,782.37. The average of 30 blue chips had been holding onto gains until the final minutes of trading.

At one point, the Dow was up as much as 125.13 at 7,952.56, or 44 points above where it began the year, at 7,908.25.

Some broader indicators rose, however, including the Nasdaq composite index, which added to Tuesday's record point gain.

Tuesday's 288-point rise was the second-biggest daily point gain ever for the Dow and came on record trading of more than 1.2 billion shares on the New York Stock Exchange. Trading was heavy today, but volume of 891.6 million was well below Tuesday's frantic pace, when the Dow gained 3.8 percent.

Today's decline left the Dow 16.7 percent below its record of 9,337.97 set on July 17.

Trading was a bit calmer today than during the past two sessions, which were buffeted by huge swings.

At its low of the day, the Dow was off 59.73 points, or 185 points below its high for the day. In contrast, Tuesday's turbulent session at one stretch of trading had the Dow rocket almost 588 points from its low point to its high point.

Wall Street's dramatic rebound Tuesday also sent Asian and European stocks rising today, but some analysts had wondered whether the rallies could be sustained against a gloomy outlook in many economies.

New York traders were slow to recognize the potential fallout from the financial troubles in Asia and Russia, and uncertainty might hang on for some time in markets that now lack any firm sense of direction, said Jeremy Batstone, an

analyst at NatWest Stockbrokers in London.

"Sentiment is finally beginning to crack," Batstone said. "The market is beginning to wake up."

President Clinton sought to reassure investors during a joint Moscow news conference today with Russian President Boris Yeltsin.

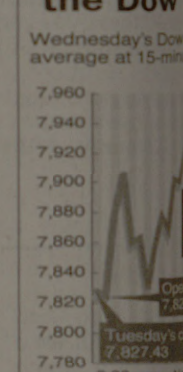
"The volatility in the world markets, including in our stock market, I think is to be expected under these circumstances," Clinton said. "The right thing to do is to try to restore growth in the economies of the world where there isn't enough growth."

Clinton said "America must maintain a leadership role of active involvement."

Some investors perceived the recent price drops as good opportunities to buy quality stocks, analysts said, but many figured the markets are a risky proposition at present.

In Tokyo, the 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average rose 6.99 points, or 0.05 percent, for a close of

### Tracking the Dow



Source: AP research  
14,376.62, which was a record for the day.

Although it was the third straight day that many people still own shares have a long way to go before sinking to a 12-year

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