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1-roommate needed for 3brdm/3bth waterfront duplex, 1/2mile to campus. \$341.60/mo +1/3utilities. Call Melissa at 979-694-1722.

1brdm available, \$375/mo. and \$200/deposit. Fully furnished except bedroom. Call Camille 979-777-2297.

1F roommate, fall/spring. 2brdm/1.5bth condo, \$500/mo, all bills included, fully furnished, w/d, on shuttle. Carina, 485-0288.

2-F needed. Wonderful 3bd/2.5ba townhome, W/D, fenced yard, shuttle, rsvd parking, \$450/mo (cable/ internet incl) +shared utilities. Andrea: 832-692-1201 afriedel@houston.rr.com

2-F roommates needed, fall/spring, 3brdm/2bth house off Rock Prairie, \$500/mo. all bills paid, furnished or unfurnished, pets negotiable. Call Shannon 214-801-2006.

4brdm/2bth house, Shenandoah subdivision, \$325/mo. +1/4bills. Call 979-775-6160.

All bills paid. M/F roommate needed. Townhouse on Navarro, still new. \$300/mo. Call Andy 281-787-2481.

Available now, non-smoking roommates for 4/3 new home, 904 Bougainvillea, w/d, \$375/mo. +1/4utilities. Call Jacob at 979-690-7781 or 512-557-7576.

C.S., Southwood Valley, need 1-roommate in nice 3/2 house, \$425/mo. +1/3bills. Avail. 8/1. Call 979-693-3248.

F-roommates needed for 3bd/2ba house. \$350/mo +1/3bills, non-smokers. Close to TAMU, mall, Wolfpen Creek Park, and restaurants. Fully furnished except birms, shuttle directly in front of house. 361-387-3059 361-537-4745.

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Female roommate. New 4brdm/4bth luxury townhome, furnished, w/d, cable, internet, bills paid, gated. \$450/mo. 972-989-6590.

Female roommates needed, \$325/mo. +utilities, all appliances included, on Dominik. 979-739-1160.

M-Roommate needed for 3brdm house off Coastal, \$322/mo. +bills, pets ok. 979-324-7355, 214-641-2416.

M/F, 2brdm/2bth, \$260, bus route, split bills, non-smoking. Jared, 574-8669.

Male roommate needed for 3brdm/3bth duplex, \$365/mo +1/3 bills. In south C.S. on a cul-de-sac. Jason, 979-820-0114.

Male roommates needed. 2 bedrooms available in 3brdm/2bth house. On bus route. \$300/mo. Chris 903-918-2402.

Male/Female roommate needed ASAP! 3brdm/2bth townhouse, fenced yard, \$350/mo. 808-779-5448.

Male/Female roommate needed asap. 3brdm/2ba. townhouse, close to campus, on Anderson. Master brdm/ba. available. \$300/mo. Emily, 713-296-9239.

Mature, responsible F-roommate needed, 2brdm/2bth, \$300/mo. +1/2util, available 8/1/04. Call 229-5948.

Need female roommates. \$250/mo., \$250/deposit, share utilities. Rennie 979-676-0274 or Carol 903-882-8203.

North Bryan 4brdm/2ba. house to share on ranch. \$550/mo. +bills. 777-7150.

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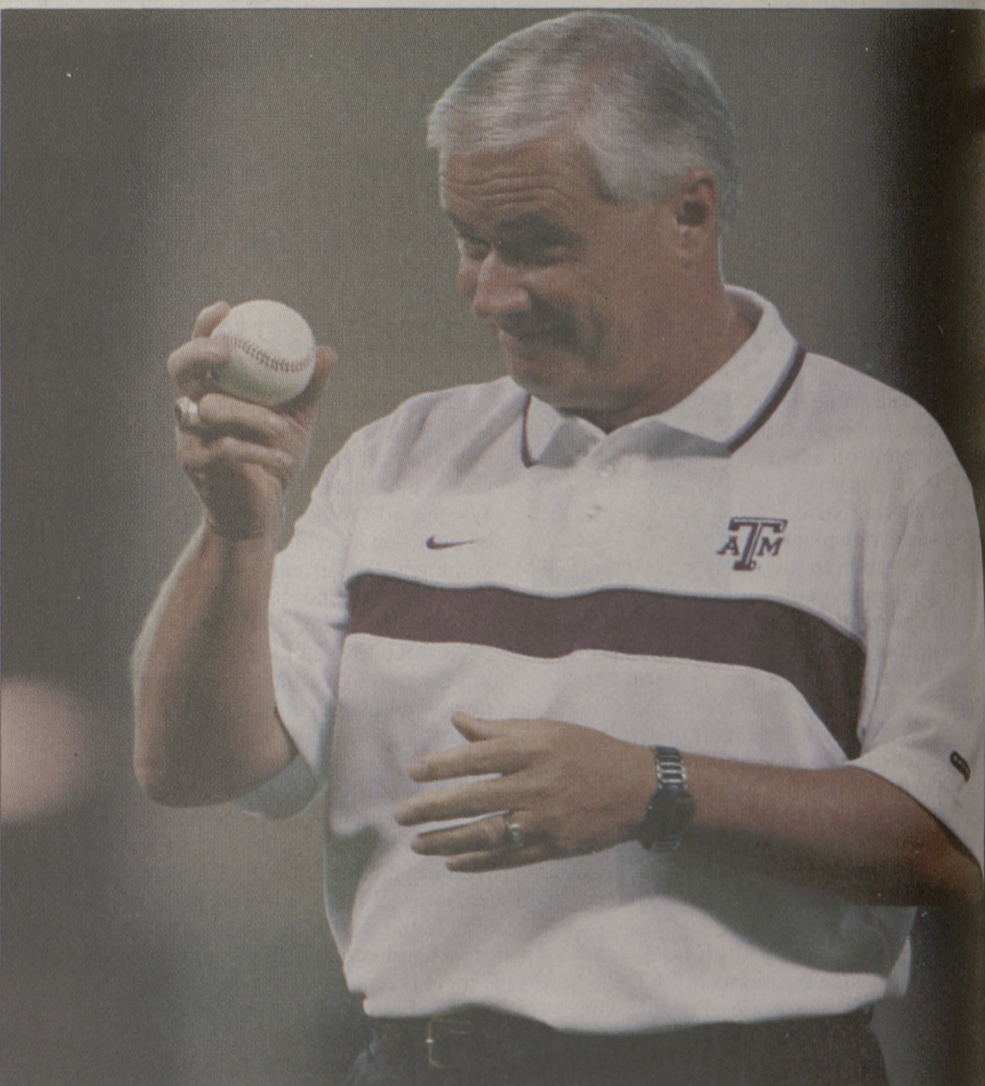
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**Government decides not to intervene and force down AIDS drug prices**

By Lauran Neergaard  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The government on Wednesday refused to override patents on the AIDS drug Norvir, effectively allowing a quintupling of the price to stand despite consumer groups' accusations of price gouging.

Patient groups and some members of Congress had pushed the National Institutes of Health to take the unprecedented action, arguing it was warranted under a special law because Norvir's discovery was partially funded by taxpayer dollars.

But the NIH decided that such an extraordinary step could have overly broad effects on the pharmaceutical market, and would exceed that law's intent.

"The issue of drug pricing has global implications and, thus, is appropriately left for Congress to address legislatively," concluded Dr. Elias Zerhouni, NIH director.

Abbott Laboratories raised the price of the 8-year-old Norvir to \$8.57 a day from \$1.71 late last year.

The impact reached far beyond that one drug: Low doses of Norvir are used to boost the effects of other anti-HIV medicines, meaning patients taking a wide array of AIDS drug cocktails faced substantially higher bills.

Consumer advocates decried that the increased price applied only to the United States, leaving Norvir 5 to 10 times cheaper in other countries. They also called it anticompetitive, because it only applied when Norvir is added to other companies'

AIDS medicines, not Abbott's own Kaletra medicine with Norvir built into the pill.

The price hike came amid already warring debate about why Americans pay much more for prescription drugs than do patients in such countries as Canada and Britain.

Citing the \$3.5 million NIH grant that had led to Norvir's discovery, the consumer group Essential Inventions petitioned the government to grant licenses for other companies to make the medicine, too. Their aim: driving the drug price down.

The 24-year-old Bayh-Dole Act enables NIH to claim patents of inventions partly funded by government if companies don't bring them to market in ways that "achieve practical application." But the government has never invoked so-called march-in rights.

"It's a horrible decision," said Robert Weiss, general counsel for Essential Inventions, said of the NIH ruling. The decision means drug makers can put government-funded inventions on the market at any price whatsoever without facing the possibility of a march-in."

NIH concluded that Norvir meets the intent of the law. The drug is widely sold and offers the agency no health reason to intervene, said Bonny Harbinger, deputy director of the Office of Technology Transfer.

Does that mean NIH would never declare the price of a federally subsidized drug too high? "That's very hypothetical for me to try and answer," Harbinger said, adding that other factors are considered, too.

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