

## White House takes grim perspective on therapy ad

WASHINGTON (AP) — White House officials are not happy about a full-page newspaper advertisement showing President Clinton in an ad for physical therapists. "Could physical therapy help you?" the ad asks.

The ad, run by the American Physical Therapy Association in USA Today, shows Clinton in a wheelchair after knee surgery, on crutches and then walking normally. "Now, after a little more than two months of treatment by physical therapists, Bill Clinton is walking again. Looking good, Mr. President," it said. "Could physical therapy help you?"

Actually, the president is using a cane these days.

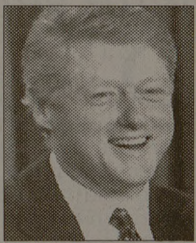
"It's against White House policy to use the image of the president for the endorsement of a product, regardless of its merits," presiden-

tial spokeswoman April Melody said.

Melody said the White House counsel's office probably would write a letter to the therapists' association. "The counsel's office takes a dim view of it," she said.

The ad was a one-time advertisement "on physical therapy and President Clinton's recovery," said association spokeswoman Alexis Waters. Another spokeswoman, Pearson Brown, said she did not think anyone sought White House permission.

The White House said the cost of the president's care is approaching \$7,000.



Clinton

## FDA proposes crackdown on ephedrine dietary supplements

### Miracle drugs linked to at least 17 deaths

WASHINGTON (AP) — After at least 17 deaths and 800 illnesses linked to ephedrine-laced dietary supplements, the government said Monday it will crack down on the pills, tablets and teas that promise to help people lose weight, build muscle and feel more energetic.

The Food and Drug Administration plans to dramatically cut the dose of the herbal stimulant that can be put into any dietary supplement, and to ban the marketing of ephedrine-containing products as weight-loss or bodybuilding agents.

In addition, many of the supplements would bear warnings that too much of the product can kill, the FDA announced.

No one with heart disease, high blood pressure or neurologic disorders should use ephedrine supplements because the amphetamine-like stimulant can cause heart attack, stroke, seizure or death, the FDA said.

But the FDA found case after case of previously healthy young people who were injured after taking ephedrine supplements, so it proposed new regulations Monday that would affect how dozens of brands are manufactured and marketed.

"Consumers should be aware that just because a product is labeled 'natural' or from an herbal

source, it is not guaranteed to be safe," said Dr. Michael Friedman, FDA's acting commissioner.

The FDA didn't go as far as Florida and New York, which banned ephedrine supplements after pills with such names as Herbal Ecstasy and Ultimate Xphoria promised a "natural high." The bans came when a 20-year-old college student died after taking Ultimate Xphoria last year.

The FDA already had moved to stop companies from promoting supplements as alternatives to illegal drugs. But Monday's proposals cover traditional dietary supplements sold in health-food shops, convenience stores and gyms.

"The industry recognizes that the safety issues surrounding ephedra need to be effectively addressed," acknowledged the Council for Responsible Nutrition. However, the industry group said some of the proposals go beyond its own recommendations and will need further evaluation.

Ephedrine has a long history of safety, countered Nutri/System Inc., the weight-loss chain that sells "herbal phen-fen," a supplement alternative to the diet pill phen-fen. Nutri/System's pill, to be taken daily, contains 40 milligrams of ephedrine, above the 24-milligram dose the FDA set Monday as safe.

"Our clients like it. We have had no problems," said Nutri/System spokesman Joseph DiBartolomeo.

The FDA detailed how a previously healthy 23-year-old Boston college student used an ephedrine-

containing "protein drink" for bodybuilding for two years. One day he dropped dead because, the coroner ruled, the drink killed portions of his heart.

A 35-year-old woman had a heart attack after using ephedrine-containing pills for about 11 days, and a 35-year-old man took just five capsules before a workout and had a heart attack, the FDA added.

Ephedrine also sells under the names Ma huang, Chinese ephedra and ephedra. It is a compound extracted from plants and used for centuries by Chinese practitioners as a medicine.

But a 1994 law forbids the FDA to control dietary supplements unless a particular one proves dangerous. Monday, the FDA called ephedrine supplements dangerous, and proposed:

—Banning supplements with more than 8 milligrams of ephedrine or related alkaloids per serving, and setting the maximum daily dose at 24 milligrams, limiting some supplements calling for users to ingest up to 109 milligrams in a single sitting.

—Prohibiting use of ephedrine products for more than seven days. That would essentially ban ephedrine weight-loss or bodybuilding supplements, because getting those purported health effects requires weeks of use.

—Require many supplements to warn: "Taking more than the recommended serving may result in heart attack, stroke, seizure or death."

—Banning caffeine or other stimulants in combination with ephedrine.

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## Shabazz grips to life; grandson held for questioning

YONKERS, N.Y. (AP) — Malcolm X's widow fought for her life Monday after being burned over most of her body in a fire allegedly set by her grandson, described by a family lawyer as "a sad little boy" with a troubled past.

Betty Shabazz was in critical condition with third-degree burns over 80 percent of her body.

"The injuries are catastrophic. She is in a life-threatening situation and will be for a long period of time," said Dr. Bruce Greenstein at Jacobi Medical Center in the Bronx.

Shabazz, 63, was sedated, on a ventilator and receiving fluid replacement. Artificial skin grafts may be considered if her vital signs remain stable, but until the wounds are covered with new skin, she is in danger of going into shock, Greenstein said.

Her 12-year-old grandson, named Malcolm for his famous grandfather, appeared briefly in court Monday and was held in a juvenile detention center, charged with juvenile delinquency.

Family lawyer Percy Sutton told the judge he needed the consent of the boy's mother to continue representing him, and the judge agreed to postpone the hearing until Tuesday. The mother, Qubilah Shabazz, was due to arrive from Texas on Monday night.

Malcolm wore jeans and a sweatshirt, sitting calmly between Sutton and a psychiatrist who is a family friend. He gave his name as "Malcolm," and said nothing else.

Sutton said Malcolm "is a sad little boy. He's a child, just a child who's been through a lot of trauma in his life. He loves his grandmother very much and he expressed that love for her. He said how sorry he is."

Malcolm was arrested a few hours after the fire erupted in his grandmother's apartment in Yonkers, just north of New York City. He was found walking in nearby Mount Vernon, his clothes smelling of gasoline. Gas was used in the fire and police were investigating whether Shabazz encountered flames in the hallway outside her apartment or if she was set afire.

Thirty-two years ago, Shabazz witnessed the assassination of her husband at the Audubon Ballroom in Harlem. Qubilah Shabazz, then 4, also saw her father gunned down on Feb. 21, 1965.

After her husband's death, Shabazz went on to raise six daughters and to become a university administrator and spokes-

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### Coretta Scott King Widow of civil rights leader Martin Luther King

woman for civil rights.

Coretta Scott King, widow of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., prayed at Shabazz's bedside on Monday. Shabazz did not speak, but King said she felt "a response without words."

"It pains us deeply to see what happened," she said. "She is a great fighter, a great fighter."

NAACP Chairwoman Myrlie Evers-Williams, widow of slain civil rights leader Medgar Evers, called her "one of my dearest friends."

"Betty Shabazz has not been given the amount of credit she deserves in shaping America's civil rights movement. She has been a

source of strength and encouragement not only to myself but to millions of Americans," Evers-Williams said in a statement.

Shabazz had long believed that Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan played a role in her husband's assassination. The two reconciled in 1995 — the same year Qubilah was indicted for allegedly plotting to hire a hit man to kill Farrakhan.

Farrakhan denied any role in Malcolm X's death. Three men with ties to the Nation of Islam were convicted in the assassination.

The charges against Qubilah Shabazz were dropped last month under an agreement that required her to undergo drug treatment.

Malcolm Shabazz lived with his mother in San Antonio for five months earlier this year, but she had recently sent him to his grandmother's house in Yonkers.

Police reports in Texas show a half-dozen calls over the past two years about Qubilah Shabazz, often alleging drunkenness.

Two recent calls concerned Malcolm. In February, his mother told police he attacked her and that she wanted him committed to a mental hospital. Malcolm in turn told police he was "angry because Qubilah had been drinking again."

## Jury selection proceeds slowly in flight attendants' smoke lawsuit

MIAMI (AP) — Jury selection began haltingly Monday in a \$5 billion class-action lawsuit filed on behalf of 60,000 flight attendants who say secondhand smoke in the cabin made them sick.

Lawyers asked prospective jurors their views on the dangers of secondhand smoke and whether smoking should remain legal as they tried to agree on six jurors and an undetermined number of alternates for the first secondhand smoking case to come to trial.

Trial participants had hoped to deal with 50 potential jurors called Monday out of a pool of 250 candidates, but had dismissed or reserved only 25 by midafternoon. Fifteen were released immediately based on answers to a questionnaire and another seven were dismissed after individual questioning.

"It's going a lot slower than I thought it would go," Circuit Judge Robert Kaye conceded.

The defendants plan to call two former U.S. surgeons general and several doctors to testify about the health effects of secondhand smoke.

The tobacco industry denies that credible evidence exists to prove secondhand smoke causes any disease and says it had no duty to warn attendants of any danger.

One rejected jury candidate, a dredge worker who smokes, called concern over secondhand smoke "nonsense." Asked if he believes it can cause disease, he said he didn't think so.

"I could have quit my job if I thought secondhand smoke was going to hurt somebody," he said.

The names of jurors are secret, and the only public information about them comes from courtroom question-and-answer sessions.

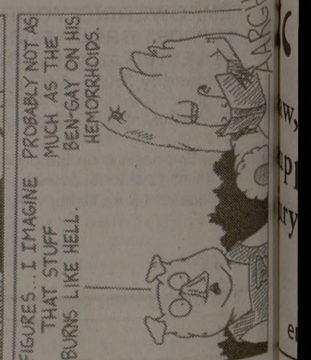
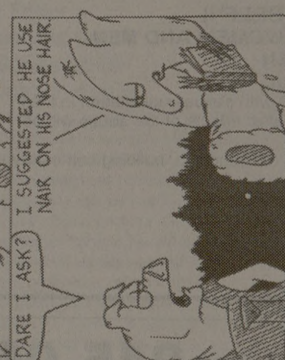
A female smoker, who quit temporarily because "I got to coughing and I didn't like that," was not immediately dismissed from the pool.

Lawyers did reject a college student who said airlines, not tobacco companies, were responsible for smoke on their jets, as well as a minister who said smoking "appears to be unhealthy.... It's a sin."

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### Rejected juror and smoking dredge worker

## Sketch



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