

## Glass bottles, plastic packs may deter drug tampering

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SALT LAKE CITY—Putting nonprescription drugs in glass bottles and enclosing the bottles in plastic packs may be the most effective way to deter tampering, according to University of Utah experts.

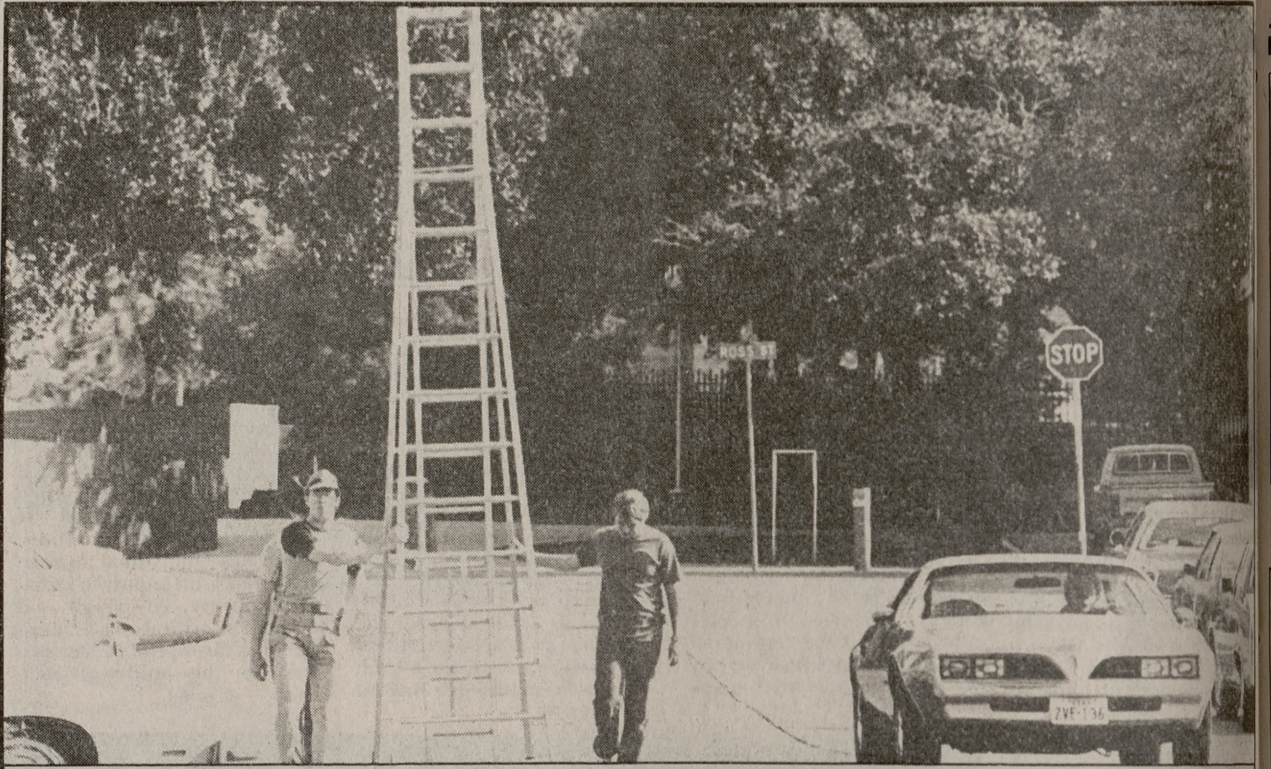
But they agree no container is completely tamper-proof. They also think packaging improvements need to be combined with education to help consumers recognize the signs of tampering.

Their suggestions include:

- Put a bottle inside a blister pack (molded plastic covers placed over a product that's been mounted on a piece of cardboard), said William Kennedy, industrial engineering professor. The pack is hard to penetrate with a hypodermic needle and will keep people from twisting the lid off a bottle and putting something inside.
- Poison Control Center

acting director Dr. Brent Ekins said a simple measure is a peel-off strip around the bottle cap. The method could be a deterrent as long as the original strip can't be put back, and as long as a manufacturing design is irrefutable so a substitute seal can't be put in.

• Doug Rollins, assistant professor of internal medicine and pharmacology said to put each pill in a separate, sealed compartment.



It'll get there, sooner or ladder

staff photo by David Fisher

Amid the more conventional traffic on campus Sunday was this ladder. Richard Strayer, left, a junior theater arts major from San Antonio, and Randy Lemmon, a junior from Houston studying

journalism, push away while faster traffic zips past. The students needed the ladder to move new lights from the rehearsal labs in the Academic and Agency Building to Rudder Theater.

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MIAMI — Four high-ranking Cuban officials, including the head of the navy and the ambassador to Colombia, were indicted with 10 others in a multi-million dollar smuggling operation that used Cuba as a loading station to get drugs into the United States.

U.S. Attorney Stanley Marcus, in announcing the indict-

ments Friday, said the drugs were shipped from Colombia to Cuba, loaded onto ships and sent to the United States. From 1979 to 1981, 5 million methaqualone tablets and several thousand pounds of marijuana were shipped through Cuba, he said.

Marcus said the methaqualone had a street value of \$30 million. The value of the marijuana was uncertain.

and marijuana. The drug smugglers given haven by the Cubans also shipped guns to Latin American leftist guerrillas, authorities said.

The Cubans indicted were Aldo Santamaria-Cuadrado, head of the navy and a member of the Communist Central Committee; Fernando Ravelo Renedo, ambassador to Colombia; Gonzalo Bassols-Suarez, a former staff member at the Cuban embassy in Colombia; and Rene Rodriguez-Cruz, Central Committee member and president of the Cuban Institute of Friendship with the People.

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