

# JAZZ ENSEMBLE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING



**MUSIC ROOM IN COMMONS**  
(NEXT TO SNACK BAR)

**MONDAY - SEPT. 17th**  
**— 7:00 P.M. —**

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'Depleted' wells recoverable

### Drained wells yield oil

United Press International  
PORTLAND, Ore. — A nuclear physicist said Tuesday he has found a way to unlock vast oil and gas resources within the United States that could make the nation independent of foreign oil.

Physicist George Merki, based in Houston, told the Portland Rotary Club his process already was at work recovering heavy crude oil from wells classified as depleted by oil companies.

"When wells are considered

drained, they still have 70 to 90 percent of their oil in the ground, but it can't be removed by conventional methods," Merki said. "We can get 70 to 80 percent of what's left."

Merki said the oil is recovered by inserting into the wells an inorganic material, a polymer of hydrogen and silica. The agent goes in without pressure and dissolves and disperses the clay that prevents oil from flowing out of wells, he said.

The method will work on oil shale and sands as well, he said.

Merki estimated the United States has enough oil to last 700 years, and enough natural gas for 500 years, if they could be extracted from difficult geological formations.

Merki said the cost of the process is negligible — \$3 to \$5 per barrel of oil. He said he has formed a corporation to exploit the method and that two wells in Pennsylvania and Ohio are demonstrating its practicality.

### 5 arrested in \$1.2 million N.Y. con game

United Press International  
NEW YORK — Five women, including one from Houston, have been arrested and \$1.2 million in stocks, bonds and cash recovered in what is being billed as the biggest con job in the city's history.

Police Wednesday were seeking a man described as the brains behind a team of female con artists who bilked the \$1.2 million out of an 80-year-old Park Avenue woman.

The man escaped following a shootout, police said, in which he and a companion allegedly tried to run down police officers with a car.

Detective John Hawthorne of the Manhattan senior citizens robbery unit said the man operated out of a Bronx apartment and used a team of women who bilked their victims, mainly old people, with the classic "pocketbook drop" con game.

One of the female con artists approached the woman on the street and showed her a roll of bills she said she had found on Friday. The woman promised to share the loot if her target put up her own security as a sign of good faith, police said.

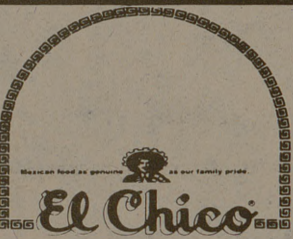
The victim, whose name was withheld, turned over \$1.2 million in cash, stocks and bonds under the illusion that she was going to get an even larger amount in return. On Friday night, she discovered she had been fleeced and contacted the police.

When she did not properly sign one of the securities, one of the alleged con artists contacted her on Monday, asking for the signature.

Police were called and when Valerie Arnez Lott, 23, of the Bronx arrived at the elderly woman's apartment, she was arrested.

Geraldine Dickerson, 30; Tee Redmon, 20; and Roslyn Waggoner, 18, who came to New York recently from Houston, were arrested in the apartment and charged with grand larceny and possession of stolen property, police said.

A fifth suspect, identified as Murphy Redmon, was traced to the Stadium Motor Lodge.



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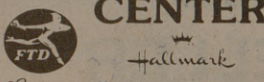

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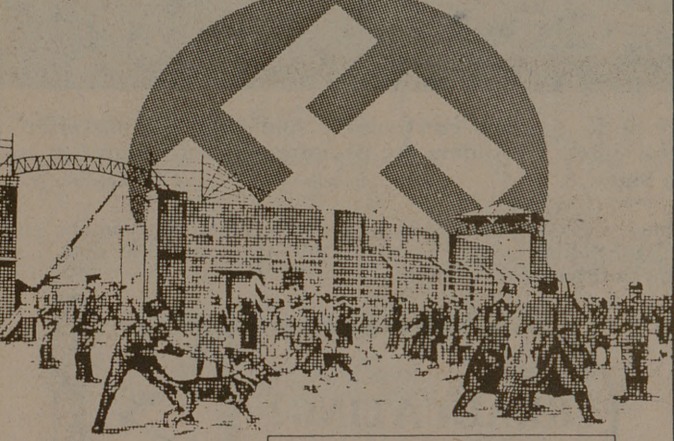
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