

# Life, liberty and the pursuit of criminals

by William Holt

During recent incidents involving a "flasher" on campus, whose victims were all male, thoughtful persons may have wondered what police policy dictates in the case of a citizen who may attempt to physically subdue a person committing indecent exposure.

Detective Sgt. Lonnie Barrett of University Police said that if such a person could prove that his forceful subduction was an effort to perform a citizen's arrest, his actions would be justifiable in the eyes of the law.

This means that unsuspecting men attending UNLV no longer need to remain helpless. The UNLV flasher can be brought to justice and serve for months as

tabloid trivia, if only his next victim will take the initiative and abide by the legislation provided for by the law under "Arrest by a private citizen."

According to the Nevada Revised Statutes, section 171.126, a private person may arrest another in three instances: 1) when a public offense is committed or attempted in his presence, 2) when the person to be arrested has committed a felony,

although not in his presence, 3) when a felony has in fact been

committed, and he has reasonable cause for believing the person to be arrested has committed it.

According to section 171.132, a person making the arrest may summon assistance.

Section 171.134 provides that if the arrested escapes or is rescued, the arrestor may immediately pursue and retake him at any time and in any place within the state.

From section 171.136: arrest may be made on any day and at any time of day or

night if the offense charged is a felony or a gross misdemeanor. If it is a misdemeanor, arrest cannot be made between the hours of 7 p.m. and 7 a.m., except: a) upon the direction of a magistrate, endorsed upon the warrant; b) when the offense is committed in the presence of the arresting officer; c) when the offense is committed in the presence of a private person and he makes an arrest immediately after the offense is committed; or d) when the offense charged is battery committed by a person upon his spouse and any bodily harm has occurred.

Complete details contained in the legislation dedicated to "Arrest by a private person" may be obtained by request at the UNLV department of Public Safety.



## This year, thank your lucky stars

by Gena Atkinson

If you've been bothered by the burning question, "Why is Thanksgiving always on Thursday instead of a specific date like Valentine's Day or Christmas?" look to the stars for your answer.

Over 3,000 years ago astrology took root in human affairs by associating patterns in nature with patterns of human events. The Thanksgiving holiday is celebrated each year on the fourth Thursday of November, although the actual Pilgrims did not celebrate on that day. What is the astrological significance of this?

The pilgrims left their mother country in pursuit of religious freedom and traveled across the Atlantic Ocean to a new world which promised such freedom. These motives and actions are ruled by the Ninth House in an astrological horoscope. The Ninth House rules the areas of philosophy, religion and long-distance travel. The sign Sagittarius is the natural ruler of the Ninth House while the planet Jupiter is the ruler of the sign Sagittarius. In effect, the planet Jupiter influenced the pilgrims' activities.

The date of Thanksgiving has been changed several times over the years.

First, George Washing-

ton proclaimed the holiday to be Nov. 26 in 1789, but the date was not popular and was eventually ignored as a holiday.

In 1863, Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday of November as Thanksgiving Day.

Franklin Roosevelt then changed the holiday to the third Thursday in November, in 1939.

Finally, Thanksgiving was given its permanent home on the calendar by Congress in 1941, when a resolution was passed that Thanksgiving Day be celebrated nationally on the fourth Thursday of November.

Jupiter is the ruler of Thursday. Anyone born on a Thursday is considered a Jupiter Baby. Hence the fable, "Thursday's child has far to go."

The fourth Thursday of any November falls on a date between the 22nd and the 30th of the month. It is at this time that the sun moves into the sign of Sagittarius.

Astrologers see this as significant. Why was Thanksgiving chosen to be on a Thursday when the sun is the strongest in the sign of Sagittarius?

Jupiter is the largest planet in our solar system, so it is fitting that during the Jupiter season, and especially on Thanksgiving, we tend to over-cook and over-

eat. Over-indulgence is evident in our shopping and partying during the holidays.

Jupiter also rules that scrumptious turkey most of us dig into on this Jupiter-ruled day. The traditional turkey, by the way, is served as a reminder of the four wild turkeys served in the very first Thanksgiving feast.

Thanksgiving is a preview of our holiday season. Jupiter is associated with good fortune, good luck and good times, essential parts of our holidays.

As all good things must come to an end, so must the fun and indulgence we experience while the sun is in Sagittarius and moves into Capricorn. The planet Saturn is Capricorn's ruler, and is the planet of restriction and structure. It is at this time that most begin making resolutions, start thinking about diets and getting back to business.

This Thanksgiving, eat lots of turkey, look forward to a Jupiter-filled season of fun-times and give thanks for all there is to be thankful for, all in the name of Jupiter.

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to her car parked in a parking lot at night, the panic switch can scare off an attacker by causing attention," Dilauro said.

"Our main customers are those age 18-25. At that age, music seems to be very important to our customers. Because they install expensive stereo systems, many purchase car alarms to protect their investment. People who buy car alarms have either had a stereo stolen or know a friend who has had his stereo stolen."

"You just never know when it comes to car theft," said Jennifer Haugh, a sophomore majoring in business. "I always set my alarm just to be on the safe side. I hope it may scare off amateur thieves, although I know if someone really wants to steal my car, they'll find a way."

In agreement, Sgt. Cervantes of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police auto theft department, said, "Alarms can be circumvented, yet the run-of-the-mill criminal will avoid cars with alarms. Auto theft in the Las Vegas area is up 6.5 percent and auto theft has been the number one increase in crime nationwide. An auto alarm should be viewed as a deterrent, not as a full-proof guard against theft."

If car alarms are theft and vandalism deterrents, it should follow that auto insurance companies would offer discounts for car alarm purchasers. However, the three most competitive insurance companies in Las Vegas don't offer any incentive to their insured to obtain anti-theft devices.

Car alarms can work, but simple preventative steps can be equally effective in most cases.

"The primary problem on the UNLV campus is personal items in cars being stolen. I urge people to take preventative steps. Do not leave valuables in plain view or in the car at all," Barrett said.

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the water used in America. A good amount of water used in raising cattle eventually drains off these farms, which use huge quantities of pesticides and fertilizers. Due to this, 17 pesticides have been found in the network of groundwater systems in a study conducted in 23 states.

A few organic farmers have found a better alternative. These ranchers produce beef without the variety of chemical pollutants such as pesticides and fertilizers by using crop rotation, composting and natural fertilizers such as manure, and leave out the synthetic "fattening" agents. Their techniques are still environmentally "unhealthy," but they are a step in the right direction and healthier to ingest.

If Americans reduced their meat intake by 10 percent, it would save enough soybeans and grains to feed 60 million people who starve to death every year.