

# Former patrolmen file suit for overtime pay

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Two Orange County men filed suit Tuesday for payment of overtime hours they worked during the three years they served as N.C. highway patrolmen.

Former Sgt. Mann Norris of Hillsborough and Geary D. Blackwood of Carrboro, claimed the state's policy of compensating overtime with time-and-a-half off violates the Fair Labor Standards Act. For overtime work, the state does not pay highway patrolmen extra wages but allows the patrolmen to take one-and-a-half times the amount of overtime off from work.

Defendants named in the suit were

Gov. James Martin; the N.C. Highway Patrol; the Patrol commander, Jack F. Caldwell; and the state Department of Crime Control and Public Safety and its director, Joseph W. Dean.

N.C. Assistant Attorney General David Blackwell said Wednesday that he had not reviewed the suit but added that the state would be filing a response soon.

The suit did not specify the amount of money the plaintiffs requested, and Blackwell said he had no idea what the sum would be.

G. Nicholas Herman of Chapel Hill,

an attorney for the plaintiffs, said Wednesday that a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision could benefit his clients' case.

In Garcia v. the San Antonio Metropolitan Transit Authority, the court ruled 5-4 that employees of publicly-owned transit systems were covered under federal minimum wage and hour standards.

The Court also extended the Fair Labor Standards Act to cover many state and local employees. Herman said contentions made by Garcia were similar to those made by his clients.

"Any notion of time-and-a-half off," Herman said, "is a direct violation and circumvention of federal law."

The intent of the suit was not to accuse anyone of wrongdoing, Herman said, but to "preserve, protect and enhance the Highway Patrol."

The state should comply with the law, as have "thousands of employers, public and private," and compensate patrolmen for working overtime, he said.

"Highway patrolmen are the most elite law enforcement agency in the state," Herman said, "and to preserve that quality, the state of North Carolina ought to comply to that law."

## Hitler envisioned a different kind of war

By RACHEL STIFFLER  
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The war brought on by Adolf Hitler's actions in the late 1930s may not have been what he intended despite the remarkable success of Germany during the first year of World War II, a noted historian of British foreign policy said Wednesday in a lecture in Person Hall.

"There are still many unsolved questions still to be answered (regarding Hitler's military intentions)," Dr. Zara Steiner said in her lecture as she presented her theory that the war that broke out in 1939 was not the kind of war Hitler had actually planned.

Steiner said the strategy Hitler announced publicly called for blitzkrieg, or lightning wars — a strategy emphasizing mobility and speed. These wars, Hitler led the public to believe, were intended to be of short duration — not the long term wars that actually occurred.

But Hitler was secretly preparing a massive buildup of arms possibly for a long-term war to be fought in 1944 or 1945, Steiner said.

That arms buildup resulted in a lack of attention to production of food and other domestic goods, she said.

"Hitler had to choose between butter and guns, and he chose guns," Steiner said, adding that in 1939, 23 percent of Germany's gross national product was used for military purposes.

But Germany entered the war much earlier than Hitler had planned and long before the armaments necessary for an extended war were ready, Steiner said.

"Except in manpower, the Allies enjoyed the advantage in all areas," she said. "Britain and France had more tanks than Germany. Germany had fewer aircraft than the Allies. There was

no contest in naval power either."

Steiner said Hitler may have entered the war early because his advisers overestimated the country's military capabilities.

"He accepted everything his advisers said, and they told him what he wanted to hear," she said.

She also said Hitler misjudged the way the Allies would respond to German aggression.

The numerous conquests made by Germany during the first year of the war were astounding, Steiner said. "The performance of the German forces was far more remarkable than their defeat."

## Carolina students steer clear of 'full'-service pumps

By ROBERT KEEFE  
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Full service at North Carolina's full-service gas stations means they only wash windows and check oil levels, according to the Carolina Motor Club.

"This is a particularly harmful situation for those drivers who think the necessary checks are being performed, when in reality many times they are not," said Orville Campbell, Reso-

lutions Committee chairman of the club. "We definitely feel that for the additional premium in price full-service customers pay, they deserve more than what they are now getting."

Campbell said that in addition to the minimum services, full-service stations should also check radiator coolant, belts and hoses, battery conditions, cables, and tire pressure and condition.

"We check oil, tires, wash windows

## MX faces final test in House

From wire reports

WASHINGTON — The House passed President Reagan's proposed funding for the MX missile in a crucial vote Tuesday, leaving opponents only one more chance to defeat the proposal today.

Successful lobbying by the White House won a 219-213 victory that approved \$1.5 billion in funding for 21 missiles in fiscal year 1985. The Democratic-controlled House will cast a final vote today that will determine whether production of the MX will continue.

### Zone's restriction disputed

WASHINGTON — Administration officials acknowledged Wednesday that Maj. Arthur Nicholson was taking pictures of a Soviet installation but said the area he was in was no longer designated as a restricted area by the Soviet military.

The officials said Nicholson and his companion, Sgt. Jessie Schatz, were not violating any restrictions by taking pictures of equipment inside a Soviet military installation because restrictions on the area were lifted Feb. 20.

### NATO backs 'Star Wars'

LUXEMBOURG — Delegates at a NATO conference declared their support for President Reagan's proposed "Star Wars" space defense

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system Wednesday.  
"We support the U.S. research program into these technologies, the aim of which is to enhance stability and deterrence at reduced levels of offensive nuclear forces," NATO defense ministers said in a communique.

### GE indicted for fraud

PHILADELPHIA — A federal grand jury has indicted the General Electric Co. of defrauding the government of \$800,000 on a \$47 million defense contract by falsifying employee time cards.

GE released a statement saying, "There was no criminal wrongdoing on the part of GE or its employees."

### Hitch for seat belt bill

RALEIGH — The N.C. Senate sent a proposal for mandatory seat belt usage back to a judiciary committee, halting the bill's progress and indicating the bill may face eventual defeat.

After a number of amendments and a good deal of debate, supporters of the bill recommended it be sent back to committee so it could be modified and resubmitted to the Senate at a later date.

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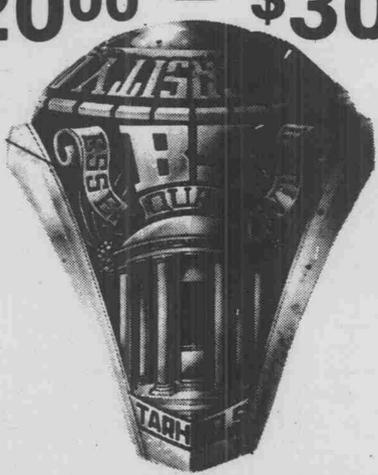
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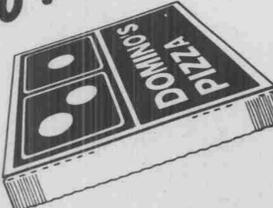
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