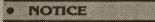
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## 3-week strike collapses at GM South Africa plant

PORT ELIZABETH, South Af-rica (AP) — A three-week strike at a say in the new local management General Motors collapsed Tuesday after the American parent company as workers streamed back after an decided to sell its South African opultimatum to return or be fired.

The company said just 219 strikers failed to come back by the 9 a.m. deadline announced Monday.

An additional 566 strikers were fired early in the walkout for staging a sit-in at the plant. The 1,800 strikers made up most

of the main plant's 2,200 hourly paid workers. Production came to a virtual halt despite the efforts of GM's 1,000 non-striking white-collar and clerical workers.

GM said those dismissed for the sit-in could reapply, except for strikers involved in violence. About 350 of the 566 already asked to return, said Robert McIlwaine, director of industrial relations.

The GM strike began over worker

eration. The sale resulted from depressed auto sales and pressure from U.S. anti-apartheid groups to pull out of South Africa.

On Mondáy, police used rubber whips and dogs to break up a crowd of about 350 strikers trying to block others from going back to work. Sixteen strikers were arrested.

About one-third of the strikers had drifted back to work by Mon-day. Facing the 9 a.m. ultimatum, most workers streamed into the plant Tuesday morning.

Freddie Sauls, general secretary of the National Automobile and Allied Workers Union, said, "Definitely, the strike has been effectively broken.

The union first said that it was a

wildcat strike, illegal and not sance tioned by the union, but Sauls later said he endorsed worker demands.

GM said it would negotiate on demands only when the strike ended.

Port Elizabeth is the nation's most depressed city. It has been hard hit by unrest in black townships and a black consumer boycott of white shops. Black unemployment is estimated at more than 50 percent. Most of the skilled GM workers

are of mixed race and are plagued by unemployment but are less organized politically than the blacks.

Apartheid, by law and custom, establishes a racially segregated society in which the 24 million blacks have no vote in national affairs. The 5 million whites control the economy and maintain separate districts, schools and health services.

### **Computer halts first shuttle test** since disaster of Challenger flight

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) ulation met all of its objectives, he the last successful shuttle flight, that - Five astronauts boarded a space shuttle Tuesday for the first time since the Challenger disaster, but the mock countdown aboard Atlantis was halted 25 seconds short of the simulated engine firing by problems

with computer software. Several other troubles also cropped up during the simulation that might have halted a real launch.

But NASA spokesman Jim Ball said officials considered the test successful because it accomplished its main goal: maintaining launch team sharpness during the long flightless period following the Challenger explosion.

The Atlantis simulation was primarily a test of the launch crews and not of the shuttle, Ball said. The simsaid.

Robert Gibson, who commanded the astronaut crew aboard Atlantis, said the simulation was a good test.

He said it was "a real morale booster for the launch team. The fact that we had problems made it more realistic.

Gibson said it was "difficult to look at the launch pad and the or-biter without flashbacks (to the Challenger accident).

I don't think we'll ever get over it," he said. "But I decided a long time ago I'm going to fly again.'

Gibson volunteered his crew to take the first trip when shuttle flights resume.

Tuesday is the same one that flew

of Columbia, which ended just 10 days before Challenger exploded Jan. 28, killing the seven crew mem-

The three remaining shuttles have been grounded, and will re-main grounded for at least an addiredesign the faulty booster rocket joint that caused the accident.

Most of Tuesday's problems were associated with workaround proce-

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tional 15 months while engineers

dures developed because of the condition Atlantis is in, minus many of its components. The software that halted the count, for example, was written specifically because the three ghts resume. main engines are missing and it would not have been used during an actual countdown, Ball said

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ies, video games and records (34 percent), d

The survey is based on 961 responses to tionnaires placed in the July issue of Wo Mother. Seventy-three percent of those wh sponded were married, 23 percent were rated or divorced, 3 percent never married percent were widowed. Those surveyed 1,043 children between the ages of 5 and 16

NEW YORK (AP) — The average American child gets an allowance of \$3.34 a week, with 5year-olds starting at \$1.40 and 16-year-olds taking in a sweet \$8.13, according to a survey of families with working mothers.

Nine out of 10 parents give their children allowances, and 70 percent of them expect some-thing like a clean room or a good report card in return, Working Mother magazine reports in its December issue.

But Blake Rosenthal, 10, of Fort Lee, N.J., groused, "I think I'm getting gypped." She re-ceives \$3 a week, 15 cents less than the national average for those her age.

According to the survey, 65 percent of parents who give allowances are happy with the way they are spent; more than half impose no restrictions.

The survey also showed:

• Most kids started getting their allowance when they were about 61/2, and more than threequarters had one by age 8.

• Boys were asked to do more chores than girls — and more often disappointed their par-ents with their performance. Boys got more than girls to start, but at age 12 girls took the lead and held it through the teen ages.

• Family income had relatively little bearing on children's allowances. "At each age level there is rarely more than 50 cents to \$1 difference between what the poorest and richest households allot," the magazine reports.

But parents with lower incomes, the survey found, expect more from their children.

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