

# Thunderbolt

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Off the DMZ



As it looked yesterday from the flying bridge when NEWPORT NEWS was fired upon by North Vietnamese coastal defense sites while she was at general quarters and in company of the USS McCormick. More pictures of the USS McCormick on Pg. 5 & 6.

Photo by PH2 Harry Doyle

NEWS BRIEFS

MEXICO CITY--The worst snow storm in decades swirled across the usually sunny deserts and cities of northern Mexico, the Rockies, the Plateau states and coated a vast area of the plains with sleet and freezing rain Sunday. The death toll continues to mount with already eight dead and hundreds of stranded cars. Up to 10 inches of snow and temperatures of 13 above were reported near here.

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POINT PLEASANT, W.Va.--Eight more bodies were recovered Sunday from the Ohio River after Army Corps of engineers closed locks at 10 dams and lowered the water level. The latest recoveries bring to 13 the number of persons known killed when the "Silver Bridge" here collapsed Friday.

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WASHINGTON--Democratic Presidential hopeful Eugene McCarthy came up with some suggestions Sunday to stop the U.S. gold drain, they include taxing French luxury products and removing the legal gold reserves backing U.S. currency.

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SENDAI, Japan--Japanese fishermen have rescued 39 crewmen from a sinking British freighter in the Pacific. Two American Para-Rescue medics were dropped aboard the Japanese vessel to attend to the freighter's chief engineer who suffered a broken back.

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LIHUE, Hawaii--A freak tornado has swept over a little sugar community on the south side of Kauai Island near here. Damage is estimated at \$1 million but there were no casualties reported. The tornado packed winds up to 400 miles per hour and was the first one ever to hit the island in history.

TOKYO--A mass outbreak of the flu is raging throughout Japan, the Health and Welfare Ministry Department said yesterday. At least 51,820 persons have been stricken with the worst type of flu to hit Japan in years.

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KUALA, Lumpur--More than 3,500 people in the southern Malayan state of Johore have been evacuated to higher ground as floods swept through their homes, farms, rice fields, rubber estates and oil palm plantations.

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HUNTYVILLE, Ala.--A tornado struck this missile city yesterday, inflicting severe damage. The U.S. Weather Bureau said 10 to 40 people were injured, some critically. The Weather Bureau said that one fire station was put out of commission. The report said the tornado struck the south end of here first and later struck in the eastern section.

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TAIPEI--President Chiang Kai-Shek and others ranking Nationalist Chinese officials expressed concern yesterday over the fate of missing Australian Premier Harold Holt. More on this story on page 3.

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WASHINGTON--South Vietnam's National Liberation Front (NLF) apparently is trying to gain international respectability as a valid political entity diplomatic sources said Sunday. U.S. officials said the latest evidence that the NLF, whose military arm is the Viet Cong, was seeking such recognition came at the weekend from a press conference in Prague. State Department officials commented that the two developments concerning NLF status in Peking and East Germany appeared to be an effort "to bolster the fiction" that the NLF is an independent political entity.

### AUSTRALIA GIVES-UP HOPE IN FINDING HOLT ALIVE

AUSTRALIA--Australian officials admitted yesterday afternoon they have "just about given up our hopes" that Prime Minister Harold Holt will be found alive. And they indicated that deputy Prime Minister John McEwen probably would assume leadership within a few hours.

Holt's Press Secretary, Tony Eggleton, said as Australia mourned today, "I would expect before the night is out there will be a statement from Canberra on the future intention of the Governor General."

Governor General Lord Casey must declare Holt presumed drowned before a successor can be chosen. In a later report, Casey did pronounce Holt drowned and asked deputy Prime Minister McEwen to take over as Prime Minister.

Holt disappeared Sunday while swimming in the turbulent waters of the Tasman Sea off the southeast Australian coast where his beach home was located.

Leaders of the world sent their regrets to the wife of Holt who was staying in Canberra when news arrived of her husband's failure to return from swimming.

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### GOOD FLYING WEATHER PERMITS HEAVY STRIKES OVER NORTH

SAIGON--A break in the weather which had blanketed the target-rich Hanoi area for six weeks continued into its fourth day and Air Force, Navy and Marine swept-wing jets screamed in on 145 missions Sunday, the most since a month ago.

The Americans lost nine planes due to ground fire and Mig attacks. But, "we gave them plenty of hell," a Navy pilot said when returned from his mission.

Meantime in the south, Vietnamese troops sweeping through the Mekong Delta uncovered the bodies of 95 Viet Cong killed by U.S. helicopter gunships in heavy fighting there Saturday. The Vietnamese troops spotted concentrations of guerrillas in positions about 50 miles southwest of Saigon and crushed the group. Later ground sweeps uncovered the damage.

Ground action was light in most areas, but an accident of war took a heavy toll of U.S. Marines near their big base at Danang. Military spokesmen said a mortar round exploded prematurely, blasting a group of nearby Marines. Two were killed and 40 wounded, 24 of them seriously enough to be evacuated.

### VIET BOUND CARRIER, KITTY HAWK BATTLES 3 HOUR FIRE ABOARD

SUBIC BAY--One hundred and twenty five sailors battled a blaze below decks in the Vietnam-bound aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk early yesterday until their oxygen ran out and they were felled by the dense smoke.

A Navy spokesman said 16 hours after the blaze started, about midnight, that one of the sailors was in critical condition and eight are in serious condition and 22 others are still undergoing treatment.

The rest have all returned to duty.

According to the spokesman, the fire broke out in a storage bin for aircraft tires. Although 1000 of the tires were destroyed in the three hour blaze, structural damage to the attack carrier was slight.

All of the sailors who required treatment after the fire were suffering from smoke inhalation. None were burned.

The spokesman said the special breathing apparatus used by the firefighters carried on a 30 minute supply of oxygen. The sailors apparently stayed on the job until the oxygen was exhausted.

At the time of the fire the carrier was tied up at Cubi Point, the Naval Air Station adjacent to the U.S. Naval Base at Subic Bay on the west coast of the Island of Luzon.

This was the second fire for the carrier while in Southeast Asian waters.

On December 6, 1965 a fire broke out while the ship was on station off Vietnam, killing two Navy sailors and injuring 29 others seriously.

Cause of the latest fire still had not been determined late last night.

The ship arrived in Subic Bay just Saturday.

Moral side of the...NEWS  
by Chaplain Walter "J" Schwartz

First published in 1468, republished in 1641, the "Prophecy" of a woman known as Mother Shipton appeared again in a Kansas City newspaper about 1850.

Mother Shipton wrote:

Carriages without horses shall go,  
And accidents fill the world with woe.  
Around the world, thoughts shall fly  
In the twinkling of an eye.  
Waters shall yet more wonders do,  
Now strange, yet shall be true.  
Through lofty mountains men shall ride  
And no horse or ass be at his side.  
Underwater, men shall walk,  
Shall ride, shall sleep, work and talk.  
In the air men shall be seen,  
In white, in black, and green.  
Iron in water shall float  
As easy as a wooden boat.  
Gold shall be found and even shown  
In lands that are not now known.  
The world to an end shall come  
In eighteen hundred and eighty-one.

It is strange that Mother Shipton, who was so right about so many things, missed on her 1881 prediction, and those of us living eighty-six years later can be glad she did. Many people have been able to foresee with startling accuracy what man may do, but it is given to no mortal to completely know in advance the mighty works of God.

In 1468, in 1881, and in 1967, it was and still is God's world, even as it was in a Bethlehem manger almost twenty centuries ago.

YOUR OPPORTUNITY  
by RD1 T. L. Kriebel  
Career Counselor

SEAVEY, Part VII

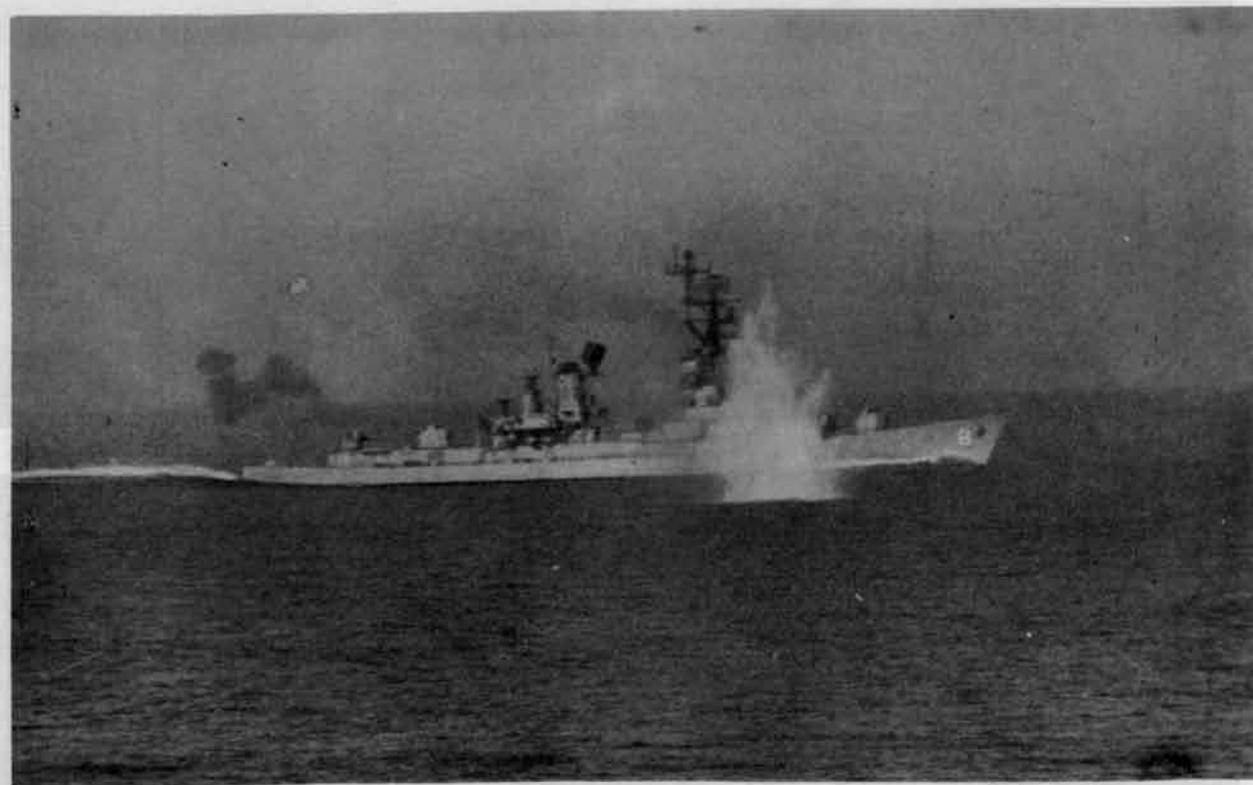
Your tour of shore duty will vary depending upon your rate and rating and in some cases will be increased by as much as one year for going to duty as a recruiter or and instructor. Check the Enlisted Transfer Manual Chapter 7 for information on your normal tour ashore. These are some considerations you might want to give before considering your choice for duty. Below is a list of Rating controllers working for you in the bureau. Feel free to write them or call to find out anything you need to know concerning a career problem.

You will notice that all ratings are not listed here, in the near future all ratings will have a controller. These are the people you may direct any inquiries to concerning your duty etc. This completes this series of articles on Seavey, keep these things in mind before you make your choices. Some ratings have not published the names of the officers or CPO, but you may write to the bureau in care of the Pers. number indicated in the chart below.

Ratings with no officer or CPO yet

<u>Pers. Number</u>	<u>Rating</u>
B-2131	Nuclear Power Personnel
B-2144	AG
B-2151	YN,PN,LI,PC,JO
B-2152	DK,SK,AK,CS,SD,SH
B-2153	SM,QM,BM,HM,DT
B-2154	MM,EN,BT,BR,MR,SP
B-2155	EM,IC
B-2156	SF,DC
B-2133	CT

<u>Pers. Number</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>CPO</u>
B-2161	FT, GM	LCDR Buggy	GCMC Spaulding
B-2162	MN, ST, TM	LT Eldridge	STCM Polisky, TMC Robinson
B-2163	ET, DS	LT Wilcox	ETCM Ware
B-2164	RD	LT Rogers	RDCM McCoy
B-2165	RM, CYN	LT Kinzel	RMCS Widdowson
B-2167	PH	LT Lacagnia	AVCM White
B-2169	HM,DT	LCDR Armstrong	PNC Terry



It all happened within a period of about ten minutes. Captain McCarty said, "When the first shell hit the water, I gave the order, right full rudder and all ahead flank." The action seen above, yesterday, was the heaviest since NEWPORT NEWS arrived on Operation Sea Dragon in the Gulf of Tonkin in early October.

NEWPORT NEWS' escort USS McCormick being  
fired upon by North Vietnamese coastal  
defense sites in yesterday's operation.  
Photos by PH2 Harry Doyle



## NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE ROUNDUP

NEW YORK--A thundering pass rush led by Deacon Jones and a superlative three-touch-down passing performance by Roman Gabriel enabled the Los Angeles Rams to crush the previously undefeated Baltimore Colts 34-10 Sunday and win the Coastal Division of the NFL.

The shockingly easy triumph by the Rams, which ruined the Colts' bid for the League's first undefeated season since 1942, sends Los Angeles against the Green Bay Packers next Saturday in Milwaukee for the Western Conference championship.

The Dallas Cowboys and the Cleveland Browns will meet in Dallas the following day for the Eastern Conference crown.

Jones and his three huge linemates--Roger Brown, Merlin Olsen and Lamar Lundy--besieged the Colts' Johnny Unitas and dumped him seven times for losses in a savage exhibition of pressure defense. Unitas was forced into two interceptions and one proved particularly costly.

Trailing 10-7, the Colts were driven toward a go-ahead touchdown when Unitas, under a strong rush from Jones, hung the ball deep in Los Angeles territory. Eddie Meador picked the ball off at the 12, returned it to the 19 and Gabriel then marched to the Rams 81, capped by a 2-yard scoring pass to Bernie Cassey.

Gabriel, who completed 18 of 22 tosses for 257 yards in an almost flawless performance, earlier had hooked up with Jack Snow on an 80-yard TD aerial and passed nine yards to Billy Truax for a fourth-quarter score.

Green Bay, Cleveland and Dallas, the other three divisional champions, each lost over the weekend. Pittsburgh upset Green Bay 24-17 as Vince rested quarterback Bart Starr for three quarters, Philadelphia defeated by a 28-24 margin a Cleveland team missing five regulars and San Francisco whipped an injury-ridden Dallas club 24-16 on Saturday.

Ken Kortas batted Starr's first pass of the game into the air and defensive end Ben McGee caught it and rumbled 21 yards for a touchdown to spark the Steelers. Rookie Don Horn played the second half, but was replaced by veteran Zeke Bratkowski in the third quarter and his fumble was picked up by Chuck Hinton who ran 27 yards for the clinching score.

## NBA ROUNDUP

NEW YORK--Wilt Chamberlain and Bill Russell, the league's two superstars, paced the teams to victory in the NBA Sunday.

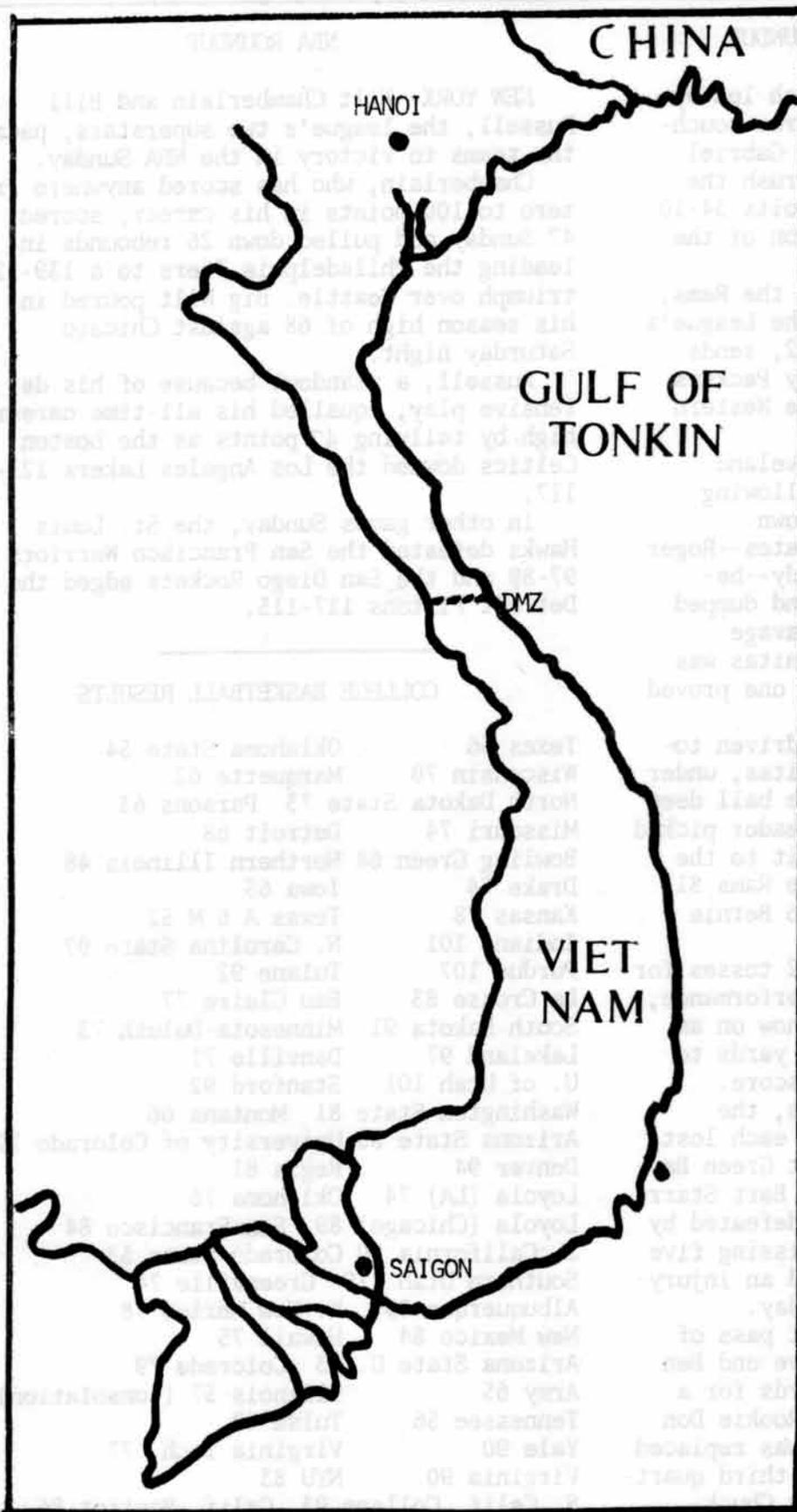
Chamberlain, who has scored anywhere from zero to 100 points in his career, scored 47 Sunday and pulled down 26 rebounds in leading the Philadelphia 76ers to a 139-124 triumph over Seattle. Big Wilt poured in his season high of 68 against Chicago Saturday night.

Russell, a standout because of his defensive play, equalled his all-time career high by tallying 47 points as the Boston Celtics downed the Los Angeles Lakers 123-117.

In other games Sunday, the St. Louis Hawks defeated the San Francisco Warriors 97-89 and the San Diego Rockets edged the Detroit Pistons 117-115.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL RESULTS

Texas 56	Oklahoma State 54
Wisconsin 70	Marquette 62
North Dakota State 73	Parsons 63
Missouri 74	Detroit 68
Bowling Green 68	Northern Illinois 48
Drake 74	Iowa 65
Kansas 78	Texas A & M 52
Indiana 101	N. Carolina State 97
Purdue 107	Tulane 92
La Crosse 83	Eau Claire 77
South Dakota 91	Minnesota-Duluth 73
Lakeland 97	Danville 71
U. of Utah 101	Stanford 92
Washington State 81	Montana 66
Arizona State 83	University of Colorado 79
Denver 94	Regis 81
Loyola (LA) 74	Oklahoma 76
Loyola (Chicago) 89	San Francisco 84
S. California 70	Colorado State 53
Southern Utah 119	Greenville 74
Albuquerque 89	W. New Mexico 78
New Mexico 84	Hawaii 75
Arizona State U. 83	Colorado 79
Army 65	Illinois 57 (consolation)
Tennessee 56	Tulsa 48
Yale 90	Virginia Tech. 77
Virginia 90	NYU 83
S. Calif. College 93	Calif. Baptist 86



----- PERSPECTIVE -----

NEWPORT NEWS yesterday re-armed from the AE-16, Mt. Katmai. Record setting re-arming was set at close to 4 minutes with the first hoist rigged and operating.

Later in the day NEWPORT NEWS went to general quarters and it was here she met with the heaviest engagement yet encountered on Operation Sea Dragon.

NEWPORT NEWS and the destroyer escort USS McCormick exchanged hundreds of rounds of gunfire with Communist coastal gunfire batteries about 20 miles southeast of Than-Hoa. No injuries were acquired by NEWPORT NEWS or the destroyer escort.

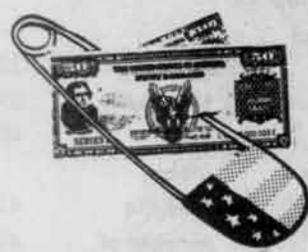
The action came shortly after we carried out our afternoon gunfire objective against several military targets located well inland.

A combined total near 1000 rounds were poured on the coastal defense sites by NEWPORT NEWS and the USS McCormick.

NEWPORT NEWS received several near misses which splashed water on our main deck, forward and aft.



Star-spangled way to help your baby's future



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GOBBLERS		
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### U. S. Savings Bonds And New Freedom Shares

"I wouldn't, and I'll tell you why."



**ACROSS**

**DOWN**

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| 9. Barnyard fowl  | 3. Look at        | 22. Adore      | 38. Van Winkle    |
| 12. Malt drink    | 4. Test           | 23. Mimicked   | 39. Lawsuits      |
| 13. Mistreat      | for flavor        | 24. Pair       | 40. Low female    |
| 14. Fruit drink   | 5. Follow orders  | (abbr.)        | voice             |
| 15. Glad          | 6. Unexploded     | 26. Find the   | 41. Highway       |
| 17. Big           | shell             | number of      | 42. Sound quality |
| 19. Pigpen        | 7. Since          | 27. Stockings  | 43. Expectant     |
| 20. Skated        | 8. Sunny colors   | 28. Mined      | desire            |
| 21. Roofing       | 9. Difficult      | products       | 45. Kettle        |
| material          | 10. Rim           | 29. Try        | 46. Sight organ   |
| 24. Poke          | 11. Lack          | 31. Chest      | 47. Scatter       |
| 25. Gallop        | 16. Fall flower   | of drawers     | seeds             |
| 26. Gang          | 18. Help          | 33. Is painful | 48. Take to court |
| 27. Very warm     | 20. Large         | 36. Street     | 51. Louisiana     |
| 30. Work too hard | 21. Lacking speed | (abbr.)        | (abbr.)           |

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