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SATURDAY, JANUARY 4



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## Sabres Mid Season Report

The positives:

- 1) Jack Eichel has finally emerged as the wunderkinnd he was touted to be. While not quite the generational talent he has been magnificent this season. With a new found commitment under his new coach the defensive oriented Ralph Kruger, Eichels' back checking plays have sometimes been more spectacular than his goals. His plues 16 rating is remarkable considering that he has been a career minus play-
- 2) The team as a whole has been excellent defensively. Opposing teams have to earn their goals unlike last season.
- 3) Linus Ullmark has emerged as a solid number one goalie.
- The negatives: 1) With five goals in their last four games that's pretty obvious. They have a great deal of difficulty scoring. Their forwards have an aversion to getting into the scoring areas in front of
- the net. 2) The team still slides into a mentally weak game. Their last game in Toronto which was a good example of this. The Sabres looked like they weren't ready to start the game. Their forecheck-ing was nonexistent. The Leafs cycled the puck successfully and dominated the Sabres building a 3-0 lead after 40 minutes. Buffalo woke up for the 3rd period but by then it was too late. Con-

nor Shearys' lame poke check was a personal low for embarrassment as Auston Matthews went around him like he was a cigar store Indian and scored.

3) They have a real problem with goaltender Carter Hutton who will need to be replaced soon if he doesn't stop giving up 5 goals a game.

4) Their faceoff record is the worst in the league.

5) The penalty kill is 3rd worst. The league has been swept by new power play tactics over the past season and they don't defend against it well.

6) The team has too many FOJs' (Friends of Jack) who are not helping; Evan Rodrigues who hasn't scored a goal and Jimmy Vesey who isn't much better. I can't imagine ERod getting another contract here. They could have kept Jason Pominville for another season and even brought Thomas Vanek back. Both of

these guys could get 15 goals. I know Vanek has slowed down and was never very fast but either of these guys would be an upgrade over ERod.

7) There is a glaring need for a scoring center on the 2nd line. The plan is for Dylan Cousins to take that spot next season. Fans are clamoring for a trade here but it's not wise to surrender assets and then pay \$5-7 million for a scoring center when Cousins will fill that role for rookie money. That is the road to salary cap hell.
8) What's really sad is

watching the two losses against Boston last week. The Sabres matched Boston for effort but just do not match up to the Bruins talent. With one championship and two game 7 losses in the finals the B's have had more success in the last 8 seasons than the Bills and Sabres combined in 119 seasons. They do a superior job of evaluating talent and finding and developing good players. Their recent successes have come without any #1 or #2 picks. David Pastrnak was drafted 25th overall and he has outperformed #2 pick Jack Eichel by a substantial margin over his career. We need to be more like the B's.



Linus Ullmark Buffalo Sabres.

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## The Blotter Felonies

From "D" District

#### North Buffalo **December 28, 2019**

Hertel Avenue - Complainant stated he stopped on Hertel Avenue and left his credit card on the slot at the counter. By the time complainant noticed it was missing an unknown person had already made a couple of charges to the said credit card. The credit card had \$27,000 worth if purchasing power. One of the charges made at the location in the amount of \$7.73. The complainant does want to press charges if suspect is found. There is footage available upon request. The manager was not on duty but will be in and can get the footage if available.

#### **December 27, 2019**

Delaware Avenue - Complainant reports while inside Immediate Care unknown suspect(s) did enter his locked vehicle and did take without permission his vehicle from parking lot. Vehicle was last seen south on Delaware Ave. Video will be available in morning for detectives. Vehicle recovered in rear parking lot at 2249 Delaware Avenue parked unoccupied and locked. Case closed as complainant no longer wishes to press charges.

#### **December 27, 2019**

Linden Avenue - Complainant reports known suspect(s) did enter his locked rental vehicle and did take without permission. The vehicle was filled with his property (5 credit cards, \$500.00 cash, clothing items valued at \$2,900.00. P-26 also filed for detectives.

#### West Side **December 28, 2019**

Bird Avenue - Complainant reports unknown suspect did ignite a fire on his front porch while he and three other family members were home. Complainant did extinguish the fire before Buffalo Fire arrived. Fire Marshal did respond to the scene and interviewed the complainant and his

two sons. Fire Marshal will submit samples of the fire debris to the lab to attempt to determine type of accelerant used. Fire Marshal reports accelerant K-9 will respond to assist with investigation. Total cost of damage to the porch structure \$500.00.

#### **December 27, 2019**

Grant/Breckenridge Streets - Complainant states that while at the corner of Grant and Breckinridge two unknown males did approach him striking him in the back of the head and kicking him multiple times while he was on the ground. One of the suspects did go inside the complainant's left pocket taking his wallet containing \$40.00 cash inside. Suspects then fled in a white small SUV.

#### **December 26, 2019**

Hoyt/Auburn Streets -Officers were responding to a call of threats and harassment at the Corner Store at the corner of Hoyt St at Auburn Avenue. Upon arrival two males fit the description and were questioned. The defendant did smell like marijuana and a pat down for weapons ensued. Upon patting down, officer did feel a bulge that felt like a handgun and at that time a handgun was recovered out of the front right hoodie pocket and a small beg of marijuana out of the left pocket of his hoodie. The firearm is a Phoenix Arms, model Raven, .25 caliber. Firearm was loaded with one round in the chamber and two rounds in the magazine.

#### **December 26, 2019**

Elmhurst Avenue - Complainant reports that suspect did slash the two passenger side tires on her vehicle. Complainant has suspect on video.

#### **December 26, 2019**

Potomac Avenue - Complainant stated unknown suspect smashed out his passenger side front window taking several Christmas gifts and also

the complainant's credit card which was used at a corner market. There was also a \$1,000.00 laptop stolen as well.

#### Riverside **December 27, 2019**

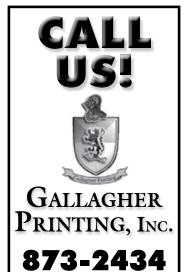
Hertel Avenue - Defendant did get into a domestic dispute with his wife/complainant and did throw a air hockey game at her striking her in the shoulder. Defendant the pulled complainant to the ground and did throw a Christmas tree on top of her. Defendant then left the house and was located on Farmer Street and then taken into custody. Defendant the stated to officer that "tomorrow when I get out of here, I'm going to beat the f\*\*\* out of my wife." Complainant does have video of incident.

#### **December 27, 2019**

Elmwood Avenue - Complainant for Top's reported defendants did take \$81.93 worth of merchandise and did pass all points of purchase.

#### **December 27, 2019**

Beaumaris Place - Complainant reports the defendant and co-defendant came to his house and began banging on his door. When complainant opened the door the deimmediately fendant started punching him and dragged him out of the house. The complainant reports the co-defendant was recording the entire incident on Face Book along with scratching and punching him. Both defendants showed up and fled in a vehicle that was located by police on Parkdale in the driveway. Both defendants apprehended. Complainant taken by ambulance to ECMC for complaints of head and eye injury.



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#### **King** Crossword **ACROSS** 1 Big fish story? 5 Chart 8 Chow -12 Reverberate 13 Commotion 14 Loosen 15 Sense 16 Result of canonization 18 Liberty 20 Supermarket section 21 Fellow 22 Former M&Ms color 23 O. Henry's specialty 26 Realm 30 Distant 31 Compete 32 Rage 33 Hollywood DOWN 11 Alaskan city 35 Campus VIP 1 Comic 17 Flatbread of 36 Pitch

- hope 36 140-character Foxworthy 2 Computer message 38 Conger, e.g. brand 3 Roller coaster 22 Dead heat 39 Prohibit 40 Islamic outcry decree 4 Grave 5 Lawyer played 25 Man-mouse by Burr 6 First
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- 41 On 42 Genealogy display
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37 Mechanic's

39 Layered ice

cream treat

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40 Crazes

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## Northwest Buffalo Beat

by Joe Bortz

## Summer of '50

As a 15 year old lad in high school, good old Grover Cleveland, it was summer time. A time to relax and enjoy the warmth and sunshine after a hard year at school. We have great summer weather in Western New York. Vacation time, our two month break. Up to that point delivering the Courier Express newspaper was my only source of income. It was a daily morning paper and with that my working day started at five AM and was over at seven AM. Nothing to do but spend the day hanging out and trying to stay cool. That meant spending time near water, any water. In my case it was the foot of Ferry Street and the Niagara River. You have to be old if you remember the ferry boat that carried passengers and cars across the swift river to Canada. The ferry boat

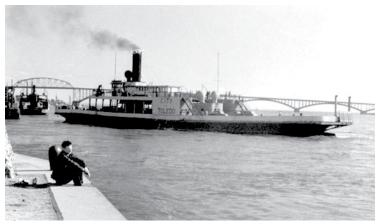
docked on the American side, down the hill, across the canal and at the very end of Ferry Street.

Where the boat docked was an indentation on a continuous wall that runs the length of what was then called Squaw Island. A long wall anyway. So when the boat was not there this indentation was a perfect place to fish as the current backed into this one spot. Used to catch Yellow and Blue pike in that space. So did lots of others as at night we were like two feet apart. Not so much during the day. Used to go down in the early morning and take a dip in the River. Go home, eat lunch, go back, swim again and then fish for a while. Hoping I would catch some fresh fish for supper. My dad loved fresh fish. Whatever I caught he would fillet and eat while the tail was

still flapping. He liked it that fresh

One day I was spending

some time fishing in the spot where the ferry boat docked. When the boat pulled in we had to reel in our line and wait till it was gone before we could continue. Here I was standing on the wall with my line pulled, fishing pole in hand waiting for the boat to dock. It comes in front first and the back end comes around with the current. Watched it happen many times. This time was different. Noticed there was no one on the back end to tie it up when it came around. I was a pretty big kid at 15 and kind of smart. Out of nowhere the purser, man who collected the money, yells down to me, "hey kid you want a job?" Who me? He said if I did jump on the boat and tie up the back end. Aye Aye sir. As the boat neared the wall I jumped on and was able to secure the rope to the place where you tie it up. I was awesome. I was a crew member now. They asked if I would stay the summer. Paid one dollar an hour. Are you kidding me, I did not make that in a day. I accepted the position. Had to use the



Ferry boats waiting to dock in the 1950's.

pay phone to call my dad. Wanted to give him the good news and to bring me some lunch. I was starving. Growing fifteen year old boys get hungry.

Remember the movie the "Summer of '42," this was my "Summer of '42" but it was 1950. I was a big kid but I was not an adult. Just had to behave like one. Totally new experience as the ferry boat was used by many people. Especially young people going to the "baby hole" a beach just on the other side in Canada. Some were my age but most were older. I looked older and being a member of the crew just seemed to make me older

acting. My first date was a 17 year old Canadian girl. She worked at the hot dog stand located on the beach. Became good friends with the other crew members and was treated like I was one of them even though I was just a kid. I matured fast. It was a great summer. Made enough money that summer to give up my paper route. Had desires to get a job on a freighter in the Great Lakes. Glad that did not happen. Would never have been able to write this column or own the paper. How would North Buffalo have survived? Then again I think it would have been fine.

## Answers to Senior Trivia Buffalo Rocket Issue 52 December 26, 2019 NEW YEAR'S TRIVIA

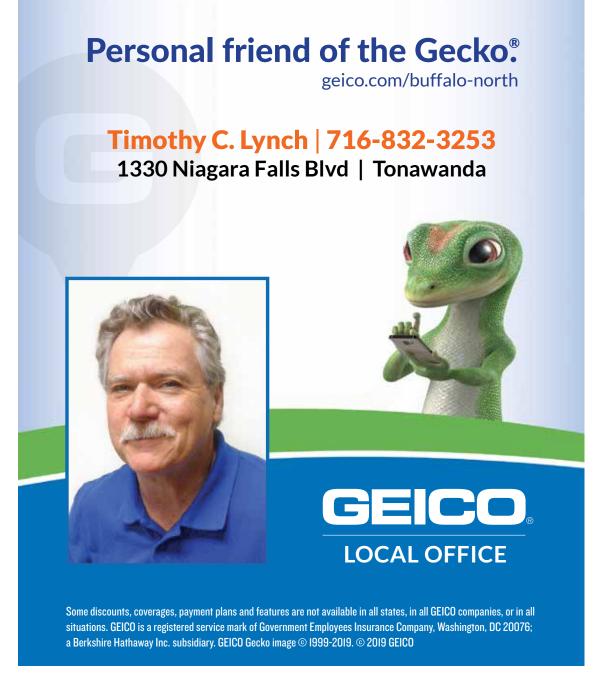
- 1) Auld Lang Syne
- 2) 31
- 3) Red Herring
- 4) 4
- 5) Champagne
- 6) Times Square
- 7) NY
- 8) Solemnity of Mary
- 9) Ball drop in New York
- 10) 5 AM

## BORTZ'S PICKS NFL PICKS PLAYOFFS

Last week we had five right and five wrong for a total for the year of 85 right 45 wrong. One pick that I am so happy to be wrong was the Patriots over the Dolphins. We watched the Bills game in Florida. This restaurant, Duffy's, has 100 screens. With all those screens it had all the games on including the Pats vs. Dolphins. Fans from all teams were there including some Patriot fans and lots of Dolphin fans. The Fans from Boston were obnoxious by nature and keep rubbing it in to the Miami people who they did not even know. They were so sure that in the end they would end up on top. Patriots were a 16.5 point favorite. Can you just imagine that place when the Dolphins scored that last touchdown? The table the Pats fans were sitting at was not big enough for them to crawl under. Loved it. Playoff picks:

Bills vs. Texans
Vikings vs. Saints
Titans vs. Patriots
Seattle vs. Eagles

Bills Saints Titans Seattle



# Grapevine

Ten Lives Club Cat Adoption Group is looking for contestants to make chili for their 11th Annual Chili Cook Off January 26 at the Lake Erie Italian Club in Lackawanna. There is no cost to enter and all kinds of chili including vegetarian, spicy, and meat are welcome. Prizes will be awarded to the chili with the most votes voted on by the attending public. All participants will receive a small prize for entering. The event is from 12:30pm to 3:00pm and admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under the age of 10. Ad-

mission includes unlimited chili, bread, with a cash bar, and desserts and nachos for sale. There will be a theme basket raffle, 50/50, and craft vendors. People can sign up to be a contestant by visiting their website at https://www. tenlivesclub.com/events/ chili-cook-off-2020 or by calling (716)-646-5577 ext. 101.



Charter School of Inquiry is holding its reg-ular monthly business meeting with the Board of Trustees on Tuesday,

January 7, 2020 starting at 4:45 pm at Charter School of Inquiry, 404 Edison, Buffalo, NY 14215. Call 716-833-3250 or email info@csicharter.org for further information. The public is invited.

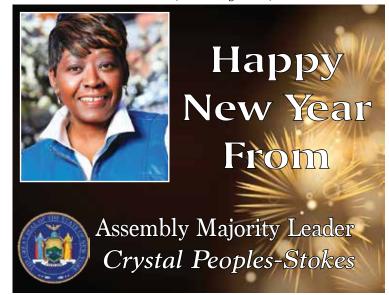


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## **BOAT TRIVIA**

- What is the front of a boat called 1)
- 2) The back
- 3) Left side
- 4) Right side
- Pole that holds the sail 5)
- 6) **Floor**
- 7) Boat with no engine or motor
- Boat with motor in it
- Boat with motor outside it 9)







## Ask Rusty-Will Foreign Earnings Count Toward My U.S. Social Security?

Dear Rusty: I am looking for advice on how our recent decision to take up work in the United Kingdom will affect our U.S. Social Security benefits. I want to understand whether we need to be prepared for a loss in future Social Security benefits, in comparison to what we'd get by continuing to work in the U.S. Signed: Working Abroad

Working Dear Abroad: I'll start by noting that the U.S. and the U.K. have a bilateral "totalization" agreement which helps those who have worked in both countries qualify for Social Security benefits in the other, but this relates only to you earning enough credits to be eligible for benefits. Your foreign earned income won't be included when computing your U.S. Social Security bene-

Under the "totalization agreement if, from your work in the U.S., you have earned only 30 credits toward the 40 needed

to qualify for U.S. Social Security benefits, and you went to work in the U.K. and earned 10 credits toward the U.K.'s eligibility requirement, those 10 U.K. credits would be added to your 30 U.S. credits to give you the 40 needed to be eligible for U.S. Social Security benefits. However, your U.S. Social Security benefit when it is claimed would be based upon your U.S. earned income only and would not include your U.K. earned income.

To determine your U.S. benefit amount, Social Security uses the high-est-earning 35 years of your U.S. earned income during which SS FICA payroll taxes were withheld from your earnings. Your lifetime U.S. earnings are adjusted for inflation and the highest earning 35 years are used to arrive at your "average indexed monthly earnings" (AIME). Your AIME is then used to determine your "primary insurance amount" (PIA), which is

the benefit you are due at your full retirement age. If you don't have a full 35 years of U.S. earnings because you spent a number of years working in the U.K., Social Security will put in enough zeros to make 35 years. Those zeros in your earnings record will reduce your U.S. Social Security benefit amount.

So, by comparison, if you were to remain in the U.S. and continue working (and contributing to SS) here, your eventual Social Security benefits will be higher, because your U.S. earnings will count toward your AIME, and will eliminate some or all of any zero years in the 35 used to compute your benefit. Conversely, your earnings from working in the U.K. will not count toward your U.S. Social Security earnings history (won't be included in your AIME), meaning you'll show zeros in your U.S. earnings record for the years you worked in the U.K, and thus your U.S. SS benefit will be lower than if you instead continued to work in the U.S. Of course, if you already have at least 35 years of U.S. earnings you will not have zeros in your work history, but your U.K. earnings still will not count toward your U.S. Social Security benefit and will not eliminate any lower-earning years in your 35-year U.S. work history.

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Keep battery-operated flashlights and radios on hand, along with supplies of drinking water and non-perishable foods.

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Stay Away From Downed Wires: Stay at least 30 feet from a downed power line.

If a downed wire comes in contact with your vehicle, stay inside and wait for help. If you must get out because of fire or other danger, jump clear of the vehicle to avoid any contact with the vehicle and the ground at the same time. Land with your feet together and hop with feet together or shuffle away; don't run or stride.

NYSEG customers should call 1.800.572.1131 to report downed power lines or other hazardous situations.

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To report a power interruption, contact NY-SEG at 1.800.572.1131

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Power Restoration Priorities:

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For additional information, including storm preparation tips, storm safety information, generator safety information, restoration priorities and emergency resources, visit Outage Central at NY-SEG.com and on the company's social media pages: Facebook: @NYSEandG or Twitter: @NYSEandG.

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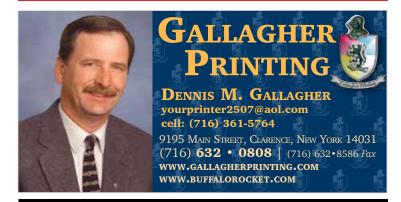
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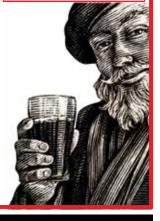
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