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Other opening round game featured a 5-4 upset win by the Czech Republic

over Russia and Canada's

4-2 victory over Finland. The

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Middlestadt Stars as USA Romps 9-0

The tournament is officially called the IIHF U20 Championship but the words World Juniors rolls off the lips of hockey fans in the know as the worlds best hockey players under age 20 converges on Buffalo for the 2018 event. Group play opened Tuesday December 26th and locals had their eyes focused on the Buffalo Sabres first round draft pick Casey Middlestadt.

He didn't disappoint scoring two goals on two shots in USA's 9-0 romp in their opening game against Denmark. The US team dominated play by such a wide margin that the game resembled a practice where the defensive team hold their sticks upside down to take away defensive pressure. Shots on goal were 37-17 in USA's favor. The attendance was listed as 7,207.

While international hockey presents some great rivalries a downside is the lack of competitiveness among the lesser teams. Although Denmark finished fourth in the 2017 tournament they were so completely outmatched in this game that it's not hard to imagine there are at least 500 US players in this age group who are more skilled than the top ranked Dane.

The Sabres released their 2015 first round pick and current Rochester player Alex Nylander to play for Team



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Sweden. His debut was a bit more difficult as he turned over the puck on a Swedish power play resulting in a shorthanded breakaway goal for Belarus and an early 1-0 deficit. Nylander redeemed himself with a pair of assists in Swedens 5-1 win.

This game was another mismatch with a strong Team Sweden dominating the shots by a ridiculous tered the net. The game was very competitive with a 32-31 shots advantage for the Canadians.

A unique feature at this years tourney is the playing of each countries goal song every time they score. My favorite is Russia's song which puts me in the uncomfortable position for hoping Russia scores more goals while also hoping they lose the game.



USA Casey Middlestadt post game.

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Buffalo Ball Drop and Fireworks

Once again, the Buffalo Ball Drop will be held at Iskalo Development's Electric Tower, located in Downtown Buffalo's Roosevelt Plaza at the intersection of Huron, Genesee, and Washington Streets. "It has been an honor and a pleasure to host the Buffalo Ball Drop each of the last fourteen years", stated Paul B. Iskalo, President & CEO of Iskalo Development Corp. "We've enjoyed watching the event grow in spectacle and attendance over this time, and we look forward to celebrating the New Year at the Electric Tower for many years to come."

"Now in its 30th year, the Buffalo Ball Drop and Fireworks event has become an annual New Year's Eve tradition that keeps getting bigger and better and all of downtown is ready to celebrate the best New Year's Eve yet," said Mayor Brown, reminding residents and visitors that the Ball Drop is a benefit for the Police Athletic League (PAL) of Buffalo. "As PAL Chair, I recognize the importance of PAL to our city and I encourage New Year's Eve revelers to continue to support this valuable organization which provides recreational, educational, cultural and other opportunities to our youth. I also thank our exceptional sponsor organizations for their continued dedication to the annual Ball Drop. Their commitment to our youth and to our city fill us with a great sense of pride as we work together to reimagine the city we love and the neighborhoods we cherish."

PAL Executive Director Nekia Kemp said, "Every year the People of Buffalo, NY come out to support the youth who participate in PAL programs. Buffalo PAL offers youth programs throughout the City of Buffalo and surrounding areas. Buffalo PAL provides a variety of year round sports programs, educational programs and mentoring in collaboration with the Buffalo Police Department. We are grateful that the City of Good Neighbors come out to celebrate with us, as we gather together to ring in the New Year in support of Buffalo's youth. Our community enjoys a family friendly safe and enjoyable concert at NO cost and all proceeds of donations and sponsorships go directly to the Buffalo PAL youth Programs."

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The NFTA is extending Metro Rail service to go past midnight, which will help a lot of people to get home after the Ball Drop - the last outbound train will leave downtown Buffalo at 2:00 am. Attendees using Metro Rail can park FREE at either of Metro's two Park & Ride locations, located at UB's South Campus on Main Street or at the LaSalle Station, on Main Street just North of Hertel Avenue. All Metro Bus and rail schedules can be found at metro.nfta.com.

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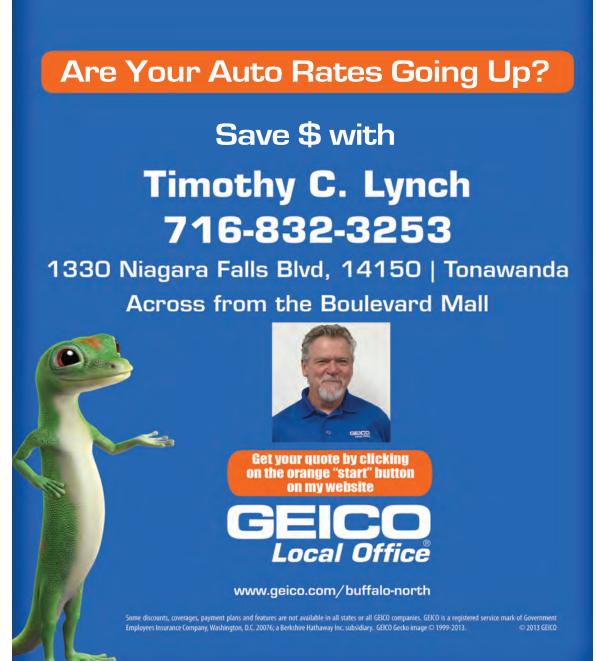
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December 17, 2017

Humboldt Pkwy. - Complainant reports unknown person(s) gained entry by unknown means. Taken, without permission, three television sets and an interior antenna.

December 18, 2017

Ramsdell Rd. - Complainant reports unknown person(s) gained

entry to his garage by breaking the lock on the man door. Taken, without permission, various hand tools, power tools and a snow blower.

Riverside

December 16, 2017

Grote St. - Complainant reports unknown person(s) gained entry by unknown means. This is the fourth time in four months the residence has been broken into. Taken, without permission, two television sets. Suspect left behind a clear fingerprint that will be processed for identification.

December 17, 2017

Prairie St. - Complainant reports witnessing the defendant rifling through parked cars and phoned the police. When officers arrived they caught the defendant on scene trying the handle on a vehicle that was not his own. Defendant was in possession of the complainant's prescription bottle with his name and address on it, and complainant's phone charger.

West Side

December 17, 2017

Tremont Ave. - Unknown person(s) smashed windows and windshields of vehicles parked on the street overnight.

December 17, 2017

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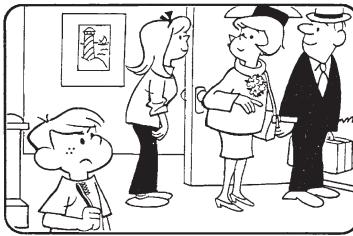
How much do you want for the item: \$ or FREE (circle) or CALL (circle)

Phone Number where people interested in your item can reach you:_

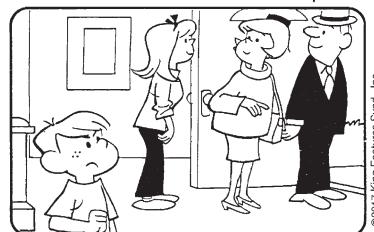
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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