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## THE GEORGIA RUNOFF ELECTION

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On Nov. 3, citizens across the country took their final opportunity to vote for the next president, and many citizens voted in their state's Senate and House elections as well.

That said, this election like this year was unprecedented in that the presidential winner was not called until four days after election day—and some still dispute Joe Biden's win because of ongoing allegations of voter fraud in many states.

Also unprecedented, Georgia's two senate races remain undetermined.

With the democrats winning the presidency and keeping control of the House of Representatives, the ratio of seats in the senate will decide if the democratic party will have control of all of the executive and legislative branches—and that ratio will be determined by Georgia's two runoff elections, which will take place on Jan. 5.

This is called the Georgia Special Senate election. In a special election, there can be more than two candidates that run for the position—and, since there were a total of ten candidates running for senator, the total votes that each candidate received was lower than an average senate race.

Louis Hall from *The Independent* defines a political runoff as



“State election officials declare a runoff election when no candidate in a given contest earns enough votes to clear the state-mandated percentage share of the vote to be victorious” (independent.co.uk).

In Georgia, for a Senate election to have a winner, one of the candidates has to have above a 50% majority of the votes.

In the first Georgia senate race, republican incumbent David Perdue received 49.7% of the total vote, while democrat challenger Jon Ossoff received 47.9% of the total vote (nbcnews.com).

Democrat Rev. Raphael Warnock earned the most votes, with 32.9% of the total vote, while republican Kelly Loeffler came in second with 25.9% of the total vote (nbcnews.com).

This is a major political moment for Georgia, since the two senate runoff elections in Geor-

gia will decide if Republicans and Senate Majority leader Mitch McConnell will keep control of the senate and will decide most of the country's bills that get passed over the next four years, or if democrats will gain control of the senate for the first time since 2008.

From Georgia turning the state blue for the first time since 1992 and the two Georgia runoff elections deciding which political party controls the senate, Georgia

is a perfect example of how important voting and making your political voice heard is.

### DID YOU KNOW...

If you were 17 on Nov. 3 but will be turning 18 before Jan. 5, you could vote in both senator runoffs, if you registered by Dec. 7.

## IMPORTANT DATES



<b>Dec. 7</b>	Registration Deadline
<b>Dec. 14</b>	Early voting begins
<b>Jan. 1</b>	Absentee Ballot Request Deadline
<b>Jan. 5</b>	Election Day

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# Guess Who?

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Hey, Warriors! "Guess Who" is a fun, quick guessing game, where you read the answers to the following questions and guess which teacher or staff member it might be.

Here is this edition's installment:

**RAAI:** What is your favorite hobby?

*GW:* Walking.

**RAAI:** What is your favorite holiday tradition?

*GW:* Elves.

**RAAI:** What is your favorite animal?

*GW:* Dogs.

**RAAI:** Where did you go to college?

*GW:* Ohio.

**RAAI:** What is your favorite food?

*GW:* Pizza.

**RAAI:** Who is your favorite author?

*GW:* Milissa L. Story.



**RAAI:** What is your favorite holiday movie?

*GW:* Elf.



*Which teacher—  
or staff member—do you  
think it is?\**

\*SEE BACK COVER FOR THE ANSWER



## The Five Stripe Freakwent

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Well... that was rough. It is very obvious to see how bad this season has been for the Five Stripes. According to statements from fans in Atlanta United's Instagram comment section, many are forgetting how this season was doomed from the start. From Covid-19 to the catastrophic injury of Josef Martinez, this season was out of our grasp.

One of the first things to go wrong started after the 2019 season ended. eleven key players that brought the club trophies and terrific performances left the club. Those eleven players consisted of Darlington Nagbe, Julian Gressel, Michael Parkhurst (retired), Leandro Gonzalez Pirez, and Hector "Tito" Villalba. Three of which ended up at clubs inside of the MLS.

Along came back to back travesties. Josef Martinez got a knee injury that cut his season short and the Covid-19 pandemic caused the MLS to halt many attempts at restarting the season. This would lead to a basically useless tournament with Atlanta losing each of their three games, resulting in the head coach, Frank De Boer, parting ways with the club.

From there, nothing much changed. The season ended with predominantly losses filling our record. However, just because this season was definitely the darkest time for the club, there were still a few bright spots.

- ◇ Jon Gallagher came back from loan with Aberdeen FC and played pretty well with all things considered.
- ◇ Marcelino Moreno was signed from Lanus for \$7M using the money obtained from selling Pity Martinez, which has seemed to be good business so far.
- ◇ Ezequiel Barco and George Bello made the 22 Under 22 list, a list recognizing twenty two exceptional players across the MLS that are under the age of twenty two.
- ◇ Martinez placed third for best selling MLS jersey despite being injured for the whole season. Barco also placed 25th.



There are more bright moments from this season, but I think it is time I switch the tone and give my opinion on the predicament that Atlanta is in right now.

First things first, they need a coach. After Stephen Glass' performance as caretaker for the club, it is clear to see they won't be winning any trophies with him at the helm.

Once they have a coach that plays a style that fans and players like we will be one step closer to being great again.

On Nov. 17, ex-Velez Sarsfield manager, Gabriel Heinze, was rumored to be linked with the club although he could be waiting for a job in Europe.

According to Dirty South Soccer, Heinze is "just like Tata Martino."

This could mean a return to a high pressing, aggressive, South American style of play. Fans could use a breath of fresh air from Frank De Boer's passive and uneventful game plan.

Second, sign impactful players. After seeing the list of players the club has let go, it is very embarrassing to see how little they did for the club. Manuel Castro, Edgar Castillo, Andrew Carelton, Lagos Kunga, Brendan Moore, Erick "Cubo" Torres, JJ Williams, and Laurence Wyke have all left the club without doing much.

Jeff Larentowicz also left, but it is debatable whether or not the thirty-eight year old will retire or continue his career with a new club.

New players with a strong presence need to be signed in order for this club to get

back on track. A few players I have in mind are Hector Tito Villalba, Yamil Asad, Hector David Martinez, and Jerome Boateng.

It is rumored that Boateng is not being given a new contract at Bayern Munchen. A move to the MLS could be

a good opportunity for his career and since the retirement of Michael Parkhurst, a leadership role needs to be filled for Atlanta.

Asad has played for Atlanta before and was the first player to ever score at the club. He seemed very comfortable playing in the Benz. After a disappointing season D.C. United gave, Asad could favor a move back to a club that will be revamping with a new coach. The same goes for Villalba as he loved playing here and we could use his pace and confident mentality on the field. Martinez is a centre-back who is quick on the ball. Something Atlanta lacked this season was pace in the back. With Franco Escobar and whoever else is at the left playing more of a wing-back role, it leaves Miles Robinson and Fernando Meza at the back, neither of which are the fastest players. Martinez wouldn't cost much and I think he would be a good push into a more South American style of play.



# The Pros & Cons of PlayStation 5 and Xbox Series X

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## PS5

The benefits of having a PlayStation include a new controller, faster game speeds and this also has a wide variety of PlayStation 5 exclusive games, including the new Miles Morales Spider-Man game.

The new controller has a slick design for which the variants of the new controller design come in either black or white—or, if you are willing to pay extra money, there are specialty designs like pink, purple and gold.

In this new console, there will be faster game speeds. For any of you non-gamers out there, this means that the game will run



faster and smoother than it used to.

Last but not least, there are PlayStation 5-exclusive games, which include Demon Souls 3, Miles Morales Spider-Man and Arkane's Deathloop. These games can only be

found on the PlayStation 5 and have gotten excellent reviews, so this is a major benefit of getting the new PlayStation 5.

The downsides of the PlayStation 5 are that it is almost impossible to get a one—and at retail price. An example of this is, if you go on eBay, you can find a PlayStation 5 for \$1799.99, which is crazy because the creators of this console list this item for \$499. That said, the console is all sold out.

Another disadvantage is that the new console towers at 15 inches high and 4 inches wide. The size also makes it so the PlayStation 5 cannot lay sideways but has to be completely vertical.

## Xbox Series X

Some of the Xbox benefits include a higher frame rate, which allows you to experience the game at a faster pace than ever before. Next, there is the fact that this new console can be set vertically and horizontally unlike the PlayStation 5.

The Xbox also has a feature called “quick resume,” which allows you to switch between two or more different games.

This feature is not included in the new PlayStation 5 which is one of the reasons that the Xbox is so unique.

The Xbox is also cheaper than the new PlayStation 5.

Some of the downsides to the Xbox, how-



ever, are that it does not have any exclusive games and you cannot play any of the PlayStation games on it. You will also have to wait until Xbox releases their own exclusives.

The Xbox is also very large in size at 5.9 inches wide and 11.8 inches tall. The console will take up a lot of space, so be warned.

In the end, both of these gaming consoles are around the same price and both have their own unique features. Both consoles would be great to have, and I hope this article helps you find the best gaming console for you.

# Rap Review

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## *No Pressure - Logic*

Logic is one of my favorite rappers in the world; and, after seeing his Instagram post announcing his retirement, I couldn't help but cry and feel happy for him. This final piece of Logic's discography is something I believe 99.9% of his fanbase was happy with. This quickly became my favorite album from him, and I loved every second of it.

Of course, as I do with every review of mine, I will stay completely unbiased when discussing the album. Just because Logic is my favorite rapper does not mean he is protected from criticism.

Without further ado, here's my review.

### Track 1: “No Pressure Intro”

I honestly couldn't think of any other way to open this album. The monologue from



Orson Welles fits so well into the song with bits of it cut out for Logic to interject to make it more personal to the listener. It's almost like Orson Welles is announcing Logic to the stage.

Once Logic starts rapping for a few bars, it is then interrupted by the voice of Solid Snake from the Metal Gear series, David Hayter.

After a funny little interjection, Logic begins to rap again, talking about his life back in Maryland and the difficulties of living in a Section Eight household. He explains that he feels “Too alive like twins in a womb” because he only has to reminisce about hating the bus because he didn't have a car, and “having powdered milk and roaches in his cereal.”

This is one of the best intros I've ever heard. It's exciting and a great way to open up the subject matter for the rest of the album. That being said, there are still fourteen tracks left, many of them better than this one.

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### Track 5: “Open Mic\\Aquarius III”

This song is portrayed as if Logic is at an open mic night. The way his voice sounds through the microphone on “Open Mic” sounds like he is actually performing on a small stage, talking about his struggling home life as a child and how he still has struggles to live a normal life as a successful artist who has heavily influenced the hip-hop scene.

Following, in Aquarius III, the beat switches from exciting boombap to what can only be described as “something more,” which is fitting, as the title of the song references a story element from Logic’s second studio album, *The Incredible True Story*.

Logic talks about how he doesn’t care about the people’s opinion on his music anymore. He cares more about raising his son and making sure he does right by him. He describes how he has found happiness off the internet and finds joy in spending time with his family.

This song is really beautiful. Not only is the meaning inspiring and motivational, but

it is also well delivered. While “Open Mic” is upbeat and builds hype and “Aquarius III” is calm and more sincere, both convey the same message of being your own person and not letting the negative comments of others get to you.

### Track 11: “Dark Place”

Logic is an open book on this song, as he talks about his feelings on what the Internet and rapping has done to his mental health.

In the song, he says, “I’m tired of searching for Logic on Google on purpose just to read that I’m worthless,” which is something that many artists probably do, but never speak about. Logic talks about the weakness and fatigue that his career has put him in and how “it’s okay to be sad sometimes,” due to that.

While he displays his weaknesses that he has dealt with throughout his career and how social media has been the cause of his depression and anxiety, Logic comes across as a strong individual. Talking about your own mental health can be hard due to fear

of not being heard, but it is even harder for Logic in this case because he is opening up about things in his life that he has never fully disclosed with his listeners before.

If you haven’t noticed it yet, there are no ratings for any of the songs listed. This album is Logic’s finale—and to put a number on it would not do how I felt about it justice. The production, the lyrics and the overall message of the album is beautiful. It made me feel like I was fourteen years old again, listening to *Under Pressure* for the first time.



## The Top 5 Gifts of 2020

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The holidays are coming faster than ever this year, and with the holidays comes a lot of gifts.

One of the most popular gifts this year is a Rotibox Bluetooth Beanie Hat. This is a beanie that can wirelessly play music, it is water-resistant and a great way to listen to music in fashion. Especially with the December weather, you can stay warm and still listen to music in style.

You can buy this item for 30 dollars on Amazon.

When talking to ninth grader Clayton Couey, he said, “That’s probably a good idea because headphones being squished against your ears are uncomfortable.”

Another popular gift is the iPhone 12. With technology getting more and more popular, having the newest models is always important. This is the newest iPhone model and it has many new features. It has a ceramic shield, which will protect it from drops, it has a new camera and it even has 5G. These iPhones have always been popular, and I don’t think it will stop soon. This could be a great present for anyone into technology.



Dumbbells are another great present this Christmas. With Covid-19 around, some people do not feel comfortable going to a gym. A solution to this is getting workout equipment at home, such as dumbbells. You can use dumbbells for many basic activities that will keep you in good shape over the quarantine.

If you prefer cardio over weightlifting, a treadmill or an exercise bike would be the perfect gift for you. These can both be very useful for staying in good shape over quarantine.

Another gym-related alternative is the Portable Home Gym 2.0. The Portable Home Gym 2.0 is a board with several attachments that allow you to do many exercises such as weighted squats, curls,

weighted pushups and many more full-body workouts. It also has attachments where you can connect bands and use them in certain ways that can really make for a good workout.

Ninth grader Jaden Wong says, “I think that the Portable Gym would be a good idea because you don’t have to go anywhere to do the same workout.”

I agree with this and think that everyone should try their workout with a Portable Home Gym 2.0.

The final gift I would recommend is the Oculus Quest 2 VR Headset. With this virtual reality headset, you can put it on and play many different games. For those of you who don’t know, a virtual reality is a box-like object you put on your head, and you can see things in the third dimension. The Oculus Quest is cheaper than most consoles, and you can immerse yourself in a whole new world by just using it. You can also take it anywhere, it is portable and does not require a console for it to run. The graphics are beautiful and is something that every gamer should try.

Happy shopping!

## The Best Cookie Recipes

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With the holidays coming around as fast as ever, many of us might be baking cookies for Santa—and others might just be making Christmas cookies for fun. I will be showing you two recommended recipes so you can make the best cookies possible—one chocolate chip cookie recipe and one Christmas cookie recipe.

Ninth grader Clayton Couey says, “Chocolate chip cookies are more consistent; but, if you have the right Christmas cookies, they are better.”

The first recipe I recommend is for normal chocolate chip cookies. This will take 15 minutes of preparation, it can serve 48 people and the total time it will take is one hour and thirty minutes.

The ingredients are 2 1/4 cups Gold Medal all-purpose flour, 1 teaspoon of baking soda, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1 softened cup butter, 3/4 cup granulated sugar, 3/4 cup packed brown sugar, 1 egg, 1 teaspoon of vanilla, 2 cups semisweet chocolate chips and 1 cup coarsely chopped nuts.

The first step for this is to heat the oven to 375°F. In a small bowl, mix flour, baking soda and salt. After that, in a large bowl, beat softened butter and sugars with an electric mixer on medium speed, or mix with a spoon for about 1 minute or until it is fluffy. The third step is to beat in the egg and vanilla until the mixture is smooth. Then, stir in flour mixture just until it is blended. Stir in some chocolate chips and nuts as well.

After you have finished, drop the dough by rounded tablespoonfuls 2 inches apart



do is to preheat your oven to 350°F. Beat the butter and sugar until it is blended. Keep going until it's light and creamy. Then beat in an egg, some vanilla, some flour and baking powder just until blended.

For the second step, divide the dough into 4 equal pieces. Wrap each piece with plastic and refrigerate it until it's firm. For your third step, roll 1 piece of dough until it's around 1/8 inch thick. Then cut the dough into as many cookies as possible.

onto your cookie sheets. The fifth and final step is to bake for 8 to 10 minutes, or until the cookies are light brown (centers will be soft). Cool for 2 minutes, then remove the cookies from the cookie sheet to the cooling rack. Cool them for about 30 minutes. After this, you should have some amazing cookies.

The second recipe is going to be for Christmas cookies. Most people usually eat chocolate chip cookies. For example, ninth grader Jaden Wong says, “I don't really know the difference between chocolate cookies and Christmas cookies because I have not had Christmas cookies.”

If you have not tried Christmas cookies yet, I would recommend this recipe.

The total time it will take to make is around one hour. The ingredients are one cup of butter, 1/2 a cup of sugar, 1 large egg, 1 tablespoon of vanilla extract, 3 cups of all-purpose flour, 1/2 a teaspoon of baking powder, some colored granulated sugars for decorating, and Ornamental Frosting.

For the directions, the first thing to

Then, place your cookies 1 inch apart, on a large cookie sheet and sprinkle them with colored sugar, or with Ornamental Frosting after baking. The fourth step is to bake cookies for 10 to 12 minutes until they are lightly browned. Let them cool. Prepare Ornamental Frosting if you like, and use it to decorate cookies as desired. Sprinkle colored sugars as desired on frosting before it dries. Allow frosting to dry completely, about 1 hour.



# December Word Search

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- COOKIES
- MILK
- CHRISTMAS
- PRESENTS
- HOLIDAYS
- FAMILY
- STOCKINGS
- SNOW
- DECEMBER
- GIFT



# Holiday Horoscopes

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Horoscopes are based on the placement of your sign relative to the sun, planets, and constellations in the month of December. Read the paragraph under your sign to discover your December horoscope!

*(Disclaimer: These horoscopes were made up for fun, and they're for entertainment purposes only!)*

## Aries (March 20 to April 19)

Aries, You might find that the month of December for you will be chaotic. Trust in your instincts when it comes to decision-making and juggling your responsibilities vs. relationships. You have plans to travel this month. As you do this, look for new opportunities for growth and lessons you might need to learn about yourself. Also, hold the people you love close this month. They are your source of stability in changing tides. Your spontaneous and risky spirit will serve you well.

## Leo (August 22 to July 22)

Leo, you are very strong this month. This is a month for positive change and personal development. Let your fiery spirit and courage guide you this month. Immerse yourself in artistic pursuits. Be open with the ones that you love this December. Remember, it's okay to show weakness and insecurity sometimes. The people who love you will accept you regardless. Trust in your strength and ability to lead others. This is a period of balancing freedom with responsibility for you. Don't forget who you are and your abilities. You are courageous and fierce—yet, try to keep an open mind to what you learn about yourself.

## Cancer (June 20-July 22)

Cancer, this month, focus on healthy collaboration with others. This is vital to accomplishing your growth this December. Try to tame your strong will. It is okay to ask for and accept the help you might need from others. You will see shifts in your family life and social activities this month. Try to let go of your reliance on others for security. You can't place your mental stability upon the consistency of your relationships. Exercise trust this month with your significant other or close friendships. You don't need to prove yourself to people so



they will love you. The people who truly love you will be there for you regardless of the attitudes you present. Everything will work out fine. Breathe deep.

## Pisces (February 19-March 20)

Pisces, the month of December will be thrilling for you. Hold on to the things that keep you steady. Explore new topics. Don't let the stressors that surface this month interfere with your mental health. Your self-will will drive you. Reach out to new people. You might find the love you have been seeking in a place you would have never expected it to be. Imagine yourself in the future. What steps will you take this month to reach your goals? Think deeply about your relationships this December. It is possible that one of your friendships is bringing negative energy into your life. You accept the love that you believe you deserve, so learn to set higher standards for yourself as you expand in self-love this month. You don't deserve to be weighed down by someone who does not value you. A beautiful month is ahead of you. Try to stay positive.

## Scorpio (October 22-November 21)

Scorpio, December is likely to be a month of good fortune for you. You will probably make a lot of money this month and want to spoil yourself with your newfound fortune. However, try to tame your impulsive money tendencies as much as you can. During this month, you will find yourself having to learn to rely on and develop your sense of self-worth during times of stress. Don't be surprised if December turns out as a month of great character development. Be

open to advice from others and don't be afraid to make the confrontations that you will need to make.

Focus on your communication skills.

## Sagittarius (November 23-December 21)

Sagittarius, Happy Birthday! A lot of attention will be directed toward you this December. Use your powerful spirit to achieve what you want this month. You might be surprised by who you are becoming and how much you are changing. Assure yourself that all change is natural and work through this change with positive steps in the direction you want to go. This month is a month of possibility and power for you. You are limitless and you can achieve anything you put your mind to. Don't doubt yourself.

## Taurus (April 19-May 20)

Taurus, you are likely to meet someone very special this month. Your craving for love and intimacy this month will drive you to step out of your comfort zone and take new risks. As you get to know this person and explore the upspring of new relationships, try to tame your neediness. You can sometimes have a strong reliance on feeling needed or needing other people. This has the potential to create codependency issues in your relationships. Try to grow within yourself personally and take care of yourself. Stay positive. Sometimes when everything seems confusing, things are actually working out exactly as they should. Stay true to yourself and take a leap of faith this December. You might just meet someone who will change your life forever.







"GUESS WHO" ANSWER: MRS. GRAVES!