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ESB News & Happenings

by Col Drego Tensa

Here's What's happening at ESB:

Promotions:

<u>Rank Earned</u>	<u>Stardate</u>	<u>Officer</u>
2 nd Lieutenant	050313	T'Pel Kestra
1 st Lieutenant	032913	Lance A. Wilson
Colonel	042513	Greg Campbell Logan Kale Karen Welkin

Assignments:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Stardate</u>	<u>Officer</u>
SIMM Team Leader	050413	Shayle Carter
Asst SIMM T L	050913	Khan N. Singh

The Simm's Ship Name:

ESB Recreations' 25-name poll to give the SIMM ship a name has yielded a hands-down winner: **USS Legacy!** She'll be boarding soon for lots of action and adventure!

New Department Sections:

ESB Recreations has been further subdivided into the **Entertainment** and **Officer Resources** sections.

Department Jobs:

Jobs throughout ESB Recreations are now available. Be sure to check the Department Job Openings board.

Watch for announcements of future developments!

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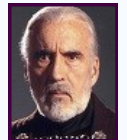
My Top 15 Star Wars Characters

by Col Y'Wanna

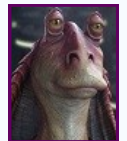
15. Darth Maul – He's just an instrument of Palpatine. I suspect his only real purpose in the show is to look cool as the embodiment of the dark side of the Force. He was doomed from the very beginning. "Fear! Fear attracts the fearful... Fear is my ally."



14. Count Dooku – Another instrument of Palpatine made unforgettable by Christopher Lee. "Unless one of you happens to be carrying Yoda in his pocket, I hardly think I shall need one (chance)."



13. Jar Jar Binks - The comic relief of the saga. I hear many fans dislike him, but honestly, I have no idea why. "Better dead here than deader in the Core. Ye gods, whatta meesa sayin'?"



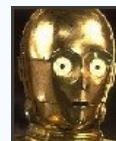
12. Qui-Gon Jinn – Mentor to Obi-Wan and killed by Darth Maul, Qui-Gon Jinn had very little screen time in the overall saga, but he's the one that discovered Anakin Skywalker. A true Jedi master, as only Liam Neeson could portray. "That is the sound of a thousand terrible things headed this way."



11. Chewbacca – While he may never say a word one can understand, one can't help loving him.



10. C-3P0 – He makes a funny pair with R2. "I beg your pardon, but what do you mean, 'naked'?"



09. R2-D2 – He's the only character in the whole saga to know everything that's going on, and he never says a word. Though he whistles from time to time. [R2D2 beeps] "My parts are showing? Oh, my goodness, oh!"



08. Palpatine – Pure dark evil hidden in a robe. There wouldn't be any Star Wars without him. "And now, young Skywalker... you will die."



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07. Leia Organa – A princess with a mind of her own and funny hairstyles. She is a leader of her people, a strong woman, and a lost Skywalker... Maybe a little arrogant and the strongest-minded in the family. "I don't know who you are or where you came from, but from now on you'll do as I tell you, okay?"



06. Padmé Amidala Skywalker – Queen of planet Naboo, wife of Anakin Skywalker and mother of twins Luke and Leia. Her fate was a tragic one. "I will not condone a course of action that will lead us to war."



05. Luke Skywalker – The Rescuer. The ultimate hero. Luke helped his father return to his true self, saved the universe, and helped lead a rebellion to victory... He inherited his father's karma but, unlike his father, he overcame it. Luke spotted the emperor's weakness in a second: "Your overconfidence is your weakness."



04. Anakin Skywalker/ Darth Vader – "You were the Chosen One! It was said that you would destroy the Sith, not join them! Bring balance to the Force, not leave it in darkness!", spoken by Obi-Wan. - He's kind of the main character of the entire series. The fallen hero, seduced by the dark side. He's probably got the most difficult karma of all the characters. In the end, he returns to the "bright" side, thanks to his son's faith in him: "You were right about me. Tell your sister... you were right..."



03. Obi-Wan – One of the greatest Jedi that ever lived, played by two of the greatest actors in the series. Wit, humour, power and charisma, all mixed together. "You can't win, Darth. If you strike me down, I shall become more powerful than you can possibly imagine."



02. Han Solo – One of the coolest characters in the Star Wars saga. He might have never had a laser sword, but he saved the universe (in a way), got the girl, befriended a Wookie and flew a ship named Millennium Falcon. And he ended up being a good guy despite his efforts. He's also got some of the best lines of the show: "You said you wanted to be around when I made a mistake. Well, this could be it, sweetheart."



And, the winner is....

01. Yoda – Cause I have a weakness for old little green Jedi masters with pointy ears and funny accent. "May the Force be with you!" One must admit, whatever he does, Yoda steals the show without the slightest effort. Must be the Force's fault!



Which Bar Was First?

by LtCol TwoWolves

I'd like to open this article with a question. Of the two science fiction power houses, Star Wars and Star Trek, which one was the first to develop the concept of a full-fledged bar?

On *Star Trek: The Original Series*, there was no bar on the Enterprise. There was only what was called a "Rec Room", where crew members passed their off duty time. If one wanted to engage in consuming adult beverages, they did so in the privacy of their own quarters where they had their own private stash. Dr. McCoy was infamous for having "Saurian Brandy" in both his quarters and Sickbay.

The first time a bar was seen in the Star Trek series was in "The Trouble with Tribbles" on Deep Space Station K7.* A humble establishment, it's where tribbles and trouble followed the infamous Cyrano Jones.

However, the full concept of a bar was not fully introduced to sci-fi fans until the first Star Wars movie, *Star Wars Episode IV: A New Hope*, circa 1977. This bar was actually classified as a cantina. Though the scene was brief, it made a lasting impression on science fiction fans the world over. To date, the phrase "Star Wars Bar" conjures up memories of a hodgepodge number of alien races packed together in a small, dimly lit, smoke filled room with drinks aflowing. And, who could forget that live band?

But, these cantinas hid more sinister purposes and motives. As defined in Wookieepedia, "Cantinas" were places where spacers, smugglers, and other denizens of the nearby area came to drink and play various board games such as pazaak or sabacc.** As seen in *Knights of the Old Republic*, cantinas had fighting rings. They were located on almost every major planet and were often the center of criminal activity such as smuggling and spice trading. They were typically located on smuggler-affiliated planets, such as Atzerri, Abregado-rae, Tatooine, Nar Shaddaa or Nal Hutta."**

On Star Trek, there were no bars until *The Next Generation* introduced Trek fans to Ten Forward; the first official bar and lounge on Captain Picard's Enterprise. Later on *Deep Space Nine* there was "Quark's Bar." Both concepts were diametrically opposed to one another. One was a safe haven for the Enterprise crew. The other? Let's just say even though Odo kept a close watch on Quark, he still did shady business on the side.

Which one was your favorite?



The Mos Eisley Cantina on Tatooine

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My First Star Wars Experience by C0L.Y'Wanna

When I was in kindergarten, the teachers used to take us to the small town ancient cinema to watch cartoons every Monday. But once, accidentally I guess, instead of cartoons, we saw Star Wars. I did not understand too much, except that it was a battle between the good guys and the bad ones. And the lightsabers were the most amazing thing I'd ever seen. I had no doubt the good ones would win. They always won. Until I saw the fight that marked my childhood: Darth Vader vs Obi-Wan Kenobi. When Vader killed the good old man, I couldn't stop my tears. At first, I couldn't believe that he was actually dead. I kept waiting for him to return from the ashes to kill the bad guy. But it didn't happen. I could feel Luke's pain as if it were my own. Only then did I realize that the good ones don't always win. I was five years old. It was my first encounter with Star Wars. That fighting scene and the laserswords have remained very much alive in my mind ever since.



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Vader vs Obi-Wan from 1ms.net

Later, in my teens, I found the Star Wars trilogy written by Alan Dean Foster, D. Glut and James Kahn. I loved all three books. *The Empire Strikes Back* was my favourite because Yoda made quite an impression on my adolescent mind. And at the end of *Return of the Jedi*, I have grown to feel compassion towards the unfortunate Darth Vader, who turned out not to be the incarnation of pure evil after all.

What's your first Star Wars experience? I dare you to share it with us and thus fulfil your destiny!
The will of the Force it is!

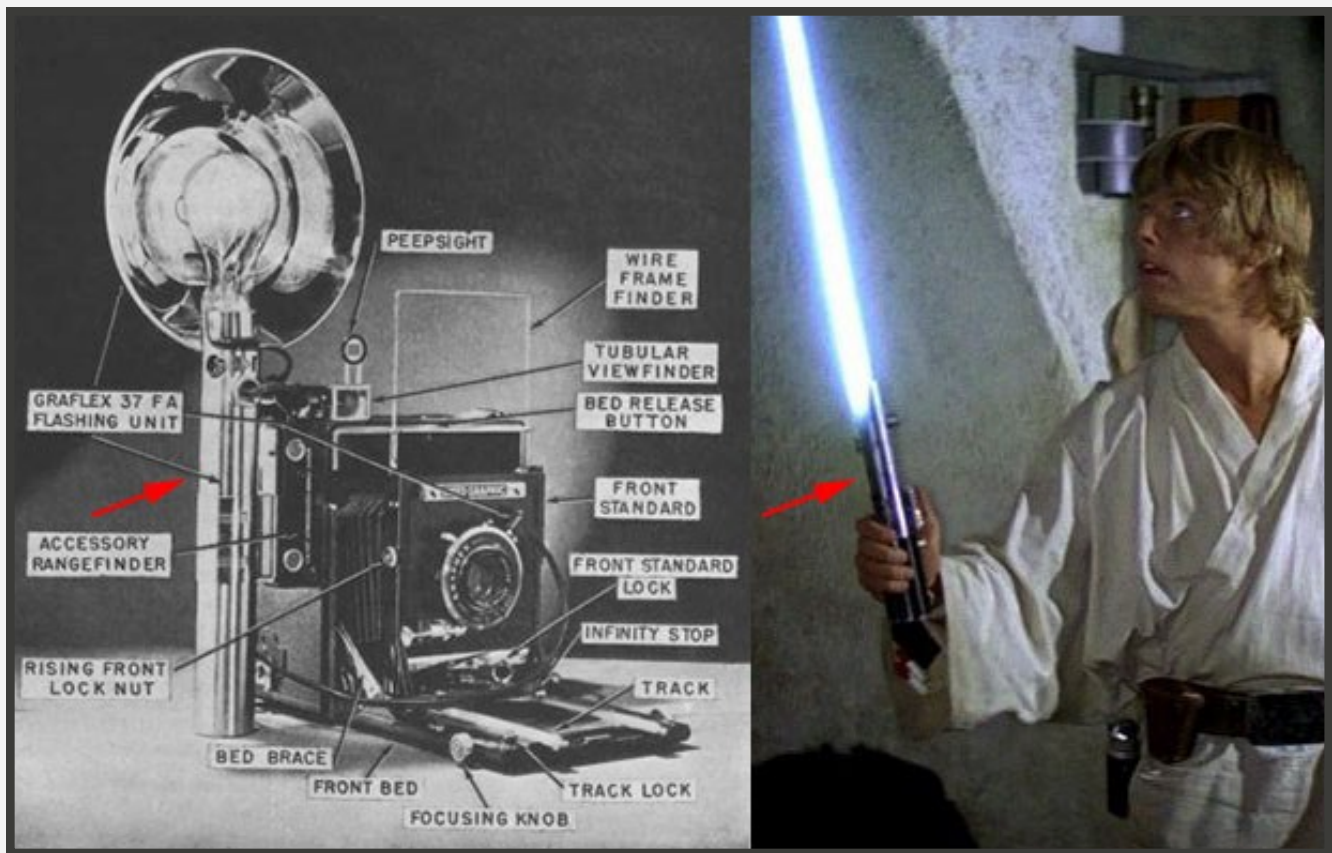
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Pug Yoda from nerdist.com

Star Wars Nugget

by Col Logan Kale



Did you know that the original Star Wars lightsaber was made using antique camera parts? *For *A New Hope*, the original film prop hilts were constructed by John Stears from old press camera flash battery packs and other pieces of hardware. The 3-cell Graflex flashgun was modified and used as the prop for Luke Skywalker's lightsaber in *Star Wars: A New Hope* and *The Empire Strikes Back*. A black grip was added and the circular bulb housing was obviously removed, but little else was changed to create the lightsaber prop.*

*Source: <http://petapixel.com/2011/07/11/star-wars-lightsabers-were-originally-made-from-camera-parts/>



Not so Long Ago, in a Country Not so Far Away...

by Col Karen Welkin

The Force is strong in my family. My father has it, I have it, and my sister too.[1] Yes. In my blossoming years, a Jedi Apprentice, I was. Rigorous training my discipline required. Hmm. However, scarred was my path to enlightenment by my sister's inclination to the dark side. Fought battles on opposing fronts we have. My mind cultivated torment. To become a Jedi, I failed.

In a desperate attempt to unearth my true nature, I exiled myself. Tatooine seemed to be wretched enough to suit my sorrow; remote, barren, depraved. Yes. A desert, as far as the eyes could see. Moisture farmers, scavengers and bounty hunters, holed up in crooked dens, drinking their lives away. Along I drank. Into a bottomless pit my universe transformed and endlessly I fell. Lost I longed to be, lost I did become.

One night – if night it was – out of Mos Eisley's Cantina I shambled clumsily. From the spaceport lights I tottered away, heedless, aiming for the desert. The Jizz rhythms slowly died out as my weight I pulled mechanically through the back alleys. Quite high I must have been for not remembering whether it was burning hot or freezing cold outside. What did it matter? Tihaar ran through my veins. Comfort did the Mandalorian drink bring me. A human wreck I may have been, wasted and useless, but a blithe one nonetheless. All because of the kilted Stormtrooper's generosity. What a fool he was. All his credits I had stripped in a game of Sabacc.

As if thinking of the buckethead could materialize him in front of me, there he stood around the corner, mere seconds before he struck my temple with the butt of his blaster rifle. Topple over I did, blood streaking from the wound. "Take her back to base,"[2] was all I heard before dozing off.



Next thing I knew, I rode face down in the shaggy hair of a bantha. These horned giant quadrupeds were used as mounts by one species alone: Sand People. Ruthless creatures they were. Ambushed the Stormies on their way to the Imperial outpost they must have. And now, their prisoner I had become. Tied up behind my back, my hands were. The Force I could summon, but poor were my chances of survival now that the Jundland Wastes we had reached. Even if I did find a way to escape the rocky canyons where the Sand People dwelt, dozens of kilometres of arid, uncouth dunes stood between me and the nearest sign of civilization. "I have a bad feeling about this,"[3] I thought, still playing dead.

How could I have plumbed such depths? Destined for greatness I was. A Jedi Knight no less, fighting on the side of light. Everything, I had lost everything. "You must unlearn what you've learned,"[4] To life the words of my former Jedi Master sprang back. From shallowness grew awareness. From emptiness grew earnestness, and finally, from everything I was free.

Among the Jawas I sojourned until fit to travel. Then to the sky I returned, filled with a new hope.



[1] Quote from Luke to Leia in Return of the Jedi.

[2] Quote from a Stormtrooper to his colleague, speaking of Leia in Return of the Jedi.

[3] Quote you find at least once in any Star Wars movie.

[4] Quote from Yoda to Luke in The Empire Strikes Back.

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Jedi Wisdom Revealed

by Col Y'Wanna

If you've made it so far, young apprentices, open your minds to the wisdom of the Jedi Masters, you must. May the Force enlighten you!

Qui-Gon: "Remember, concentrate on the moment. Feel, don't think. Trust your instincts."

"Remember, your focus determines your reality."
"Keep your concentration here and now, where it belongs."

Anakin: "Attachment is forbidden. Possession is forbidden. Compassion, which I would define as unconditional love, is essential to a Jedi's life. So you might say, that we are encouraged to love."

Obi-Wan: "Be mindful of your thoughts Anakin. They'll betray you".

Yoda: "Do not assume anything Obi-Wan. Clear your mind must be if you are to discover the real villains behind this plot."

"Fear is the path to the dark side. Fear leads to anger. Anger leads to hate. Hate leads to suffering."

"Train yourself to let go of everything you fear to lose."

[**Luke:**] "I can't believe it." [**Yoda:**] "That is why you fail."

"Yes, a Jedi's strength flows from the Force. But beware of the dark side. Anger, fear, aggression; the dark side of the Force are they. Easily they flow, quick to join you in a fight. If once you start down the dark path, forever will it dominate your destiny, consume you it will, as it did Obi-Wan's apprentice."

"PATIENCE YOU MUST HAVE my young Padawan."

"Death is a natural part of life. Rejoice for those around you who transform into the Force. Mourn them do not. Miss them do not. Attachment leads to jealousy. The shadow of greed, that is."

"Ready are you? What know you of ready? For eight hundred years have I trained Jedi. My own counsel will I keep on who is to be trained. A Jedi must have the deepest commitment, the most serious mind. This one a long time have I watched. All his life has he looked away... to the future, to the horizon. Never his mind on where he was. Hmm? What he was doing. Hmph. Adventure. Heh. Excitement. Heh. A Jedi craves not these things. You are reckless."

"Once you start down the dark path, forever will it dominate your destiny, consume you it will."

"When you look at the dark side, careful you must be. For the dark side looks back."

"You will know (the good from the bad) when you are calm, at peace. Passive. A Jedi uses the Force for knowledge and defense, never for attack."

"Do or do not. There is no try."

"You will find only what you bring in."

"Size matters not. Look at me. Judge me by my size, do you? Hmm? Hmm. And well you should not. For my ally is the Force, and a powerful ally it is. Life creates it, makes it grow. Its energy surrounds us and binds us. Luminous beings are we, not this crude matter. You must feel the Force around you; here, between you, me, the tree, the rock, eve-

rywhere, yes. Even between the land and the ship."
"Ohhh. Great warrior. Wars not make one great."
"When nine hundred years old you reach, look as good, you will not, hmmm?"

"If no mistake have you made, yet losing you are... A different game you should play."

"To answer power with power, the Jedi way this is not. In this war, a danger there is, of losing who we are."

"To be Jedi is to face the truth, and choose. Give off light, or darkness, Padawan. Be a candle, or the night."

"On many long journeys have I gone. And waited, too, for others to return from journeys of their own. Some return; some are broken; some come back so different only their names remain."

"Hmm. In the end, cowards are those who follow the dark side."

Star Wars Humour

by Col Y'Wanna

Why did the chicken cross the Road?

Admiral Ackbar: All chickens - prepare to cross the road on my mark.

Wedge Antilles: I've lost both starboard engines. My fire control is out. I can't hold the chickens off any longer!

Cantina Bartender: We don't serve their kind in here. Your chickens they'll have to wait across the street.

Aunt Beru: He can't stay here forever. Most of his friends have already crossed. It means so much to him.

Biggs: At that speed, will you be able to cross in time?

C-3PO: Sir, according to my calculations, the odds of a chicken successfully navigating a road are 3,750 to 1 against.

Lando Calrissian: Why you slimy, no good, double-crossing chicken!! You got a lot of guts crossing that road, after what you pulled!

Chewbacca: Gwrrrooooooaaaaarrrrrrllllllll!

Emperor: Young fool. Only now, after getting hit by a car do you understand.

Boba Fett: What if the chicken doesn't survive the crossing? He's worth a lot to me!

Bib Fortuna: Die chicken wanga?

Greedo: You were a good chicken once; now you're Buick fodder!

Jabba the Hutt: I have little use for chickens who drop their eggs at first sign of a cross-walk.

Obi-Wan Kenobi: Cross the road, chicken. Let go, chicken. Chicken - trust me.

Princess Leia: The tighter your grasp, the more chickens will slip through your feathers!

George Lucas: You'll have to wait for the next set of movies, 1-3, to find out the real reason why the chicken crossed. The whole point of the current releases, 4-6, is the story of the chicken's redemption crossing.

Admiral Ozzel: Lord Vader, the chicken has crossed the street and is preparing to... acgh! wheeze! cough! THUD!

Source: <http://www.hehe.at/funworld/archive/sortedjokes.php?category=whyicken&joke=417>

Star Wars - A Child's Fantasy

by Col Karen Welkin

A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away... An uncanny way to begin a science fiction saga wouldn't you think? A long time ago... In the past. What kind of respectable science fiction series occurs solely in the past? No time travel involved, just the good old days. Peculiar. Makes me wonder... What if Star Wars was more of a fantasy tale than a scifi adventure? Hard to believe right? Yet, it's all about swashbuckling knights saving queens and princesses using swords and magic. A child's fantasy really. Let's dig deeper into this line of thought shall we?

SORCERERS – There are two kind of sorcerers in Star Wars; those who fight on the side of light and those who have fallen to the dark side.

The protagonists are called Jedi Knights. They share close ties with Medieval Knights: elite warriors with a strong sense of duty and loyalty, unparalleled bravery, following a code of conduct in capes and swords. In Star Wars, the swords - made out of laser beams – are referred to as lightsabers. But why put up with close combat weapons when blaster rifles improve one's safety by launching laser beams from a distance? Because it's chivalrous of course!

The Jedi Knights are opposed by Dark Lords. Once again, there is a connection to medieval times for "Lord" was a honorific title for rulers in feudal societies. They also wear capes, even the technologically enhanced Darth Vader.



NOBLE DAMSELS IN DISTRESS – Queen Amidala and her daughter, Princess Leia, represent the beauty and nobility you'd find in a Middle Age fantasy tale. They bring a classical touch of romance to an otherwise action-packed adventure.

ROBOTS – Contrary to most science fiction movies including robots, Star Wars' droids are not necessarily evil. Take R2-D2 for instance. Tiny, witty and bleepy. What child wouldn't want to have him as a friend? Robots are fascinating creatures for youngsters and Star Wars has a whole jumble of them. Hard to picture them as fairies though.

MAGIC – The Force is the equivalent of magical powers. The best example I have in mind is Emperor Palpatine throwing lightning from his bare hands. He looks a lot more like a dark mage than a technologically advanced tyrant.

TREE HOUSES – Kashyyyk and the Forest Moon of Endor... Two destinations I'd list in a kid's travel guide. Entire villages built on treetops – à la Robin des Bois - sheltering giant teddy bears. Who'd want to miss that?



In retrospect, I believe that Star Wars is not a typical space opera. It is unique in the sense that it mixes both science fiction and fantasy, like no one had done before...

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Fiction

Off the Parade Ground - 3

by Col Drego Tensa

Lieutenant Roger Kennison closed his clear-channel communicator and placed it back in its niche. Picking up the particle rifle, he looked it over slowly, appreciatively, from the butt of the stock to the tip of the barrel, paying particular attention to the sight. *This weapon's an absolute masterwork*, he thought to himself. *This is no ordinary rifle. And what of the mysterious missing sleeve?* He brought it up to his shoulder and peered through the scope, aiming it at a distant object outside the window. *I could rewrite the record books at the range with this*, he mused. Unaware of the smile that had crossed his lips, he admired the rifle a moment longer, then he put it back in its case, closed the cover and placed it on a high shelf in his closet. *The mystery will have to wait*, he conceded mentally as he closed the closet door. *First things first! I'm hungry!*

Leaving his quarters once again, Kennison headed for his car. As he neared the new Dart Astro, a lilting, feminine voice behind him exclaimed, "Oh No! This can't be happening!"

Turning around, he saw a lithe young woman, not quite as tall as he, with short, dark chestnut hair, dark brown eyes, and golden tan skin. He discerned strength of character in her expression and demeanor. She was standing next to a land car with a flat right rear tire; the car's aft stow lid was open.

He walked over to her, caught her gaze and said, "Need help with the spare?"

"If I had *air* in the spare, I could put it on myself! But it's flat," she complained.

"Well then, let's just take both tires into town in *my* car and get 'em fixed. We can grab a bite while we're waiting," he offered.

"That'll solve *both* my problems," she said. "I was on my way to get some lunch when..."

"Say no more," he chimed, keeping his gaze on her. "It's off to lunch we go! I'm Roger Kennison, by the way," he added as he held out his right hand.

Shaking his hand firmly, she replied, "I'm Melanie Sencindiver, Mel to my friends."

"Mel? Why not Lanie," he asked, half in jest.

"What's more MACO? Lanie or Mel," she quizzed.

"Point taken," he responded with a smile. "Now, shall we flip a coin to see who jacks up the car?"

First she laughed, then he laughed. Then Roger held out his right hand again, and Mel handed him the jack.

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"The lady will have a B.L.T. with French roast coffee and I'll have the same, thank you," Roger Kennison said with a smile to the petite, young, strawberry blond waitress.

"I'll have your order in a jiffy, sir," she replied cheerily, then turned, and hurried off toward the kitchen.

Looking into her eyes, Roger asked, "How do you like your Tempo, Mel?"

"I love it! My dad got it for me second hand when we found out I was accepted into the academy. It's been very good to me since then. You're pretty lucky to be driving a new Dart Astro," she commented, smiling.

"You have no idea," he told her. "I started out intending to buy a used Tempo earlier this morning, but the key to the Astro was dropped into my hand instead."

Eyebrows raised, she asked, "How'd you manage that?"

"Let's just say I have a benefactor with deep pockets and leave it at that," he replied evasively.

Smiling slightly, she said with a wink, "Understood."

The waitress returned just then with their meals and coffee. Each took a sip and started eating.

Melanie looked into Roger's eyes. "Have you been assigned yet?"

"Yes, I have. Looks like I'll be based right here in San Diego, at least for the time being," he replied, matching her gaze. "What about you?"

"I've got thirty days furlough. Then I'll take charge of a squad on board the science vessel, *Northern Lights*. I'm a little nervous," she confided.

"You'll do fine," he assured her. "Just don't let 'em see you sweat," he added with a chuckle.

"Don't let 'em see you sweat," she echoed quietly, grinning. "I Like that."

"I only asked for a week's leave," he continued. "So my career starts officially a week from Monday. You going anywhere in particular before you ship out?"

"My brother's coming down from L.A. for a few days to visit and to take charge of my car while I'm off gallivanting in space, but I'm staying here in San Diego until I leave."

"Holding her gaze and leaning forward slightly, Roger said to her, "Mel, you know the annual MACO Officers' Ball is next Saturday. You will honor me greatly if you'll allow me to escort you."

"Roger, the honor will be mine," she responded, a little wide-eyed. "I will be happy to have you escort me to the MACO Officers' Ball."

Easing back in his chair, he smiled a little and added, "Okay, I'll make the arrangements."

The rest of lunch went by in a blur.

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Roger put the wheel with the repaired tire back on Melanie's car, lowered the jack and placed the jack back into the aft stow with the repaired spare. He closed the lid, then turned to Melanie and said, "This has already been a most eventful day for me, due in no small part to our having met. We must do lunch again...soon."

"I'm glad I fi...I'm glad we met as well," she replied softly, "but let's have dinner instead," she added with a wink.

"Dinner works for me," he replied, with a grin. Then Roger watched her as Melanie turned and began walking toward her quarters.

Looking back over her shoulder, Melanie smiled at Roger and said, "I'll wait for your call."

Brain Benders

ACROSS

1. Courtship display areas for certain small male birds
5. Tent site, in the woods maybe.
9. Irascible
13. *Force-defined family
15. Catalan painter Joan
16. Describes precisely
18. Brought into play
19. Break off
20. Lady bighorns
22. Caribbean, e.g.
23. The "E" of B.P.O.E.
25. *A 13A
27. Charles de Gaulle's birthplace
30. Spring mo.
32. Chop (off)
33. "Aeneid" figure
34. Victorian, for one
35. Some Russians
38. H+, e.g.
39. *see 31D
41. As well
42. Ticks off
44. "Cool" amount
45. Country dance
46. Journal
47. Hospital unit
48. Bas-relief medium
49. *Friend and mentor of 53D
51. "Cut it out!"
53. Fall behind
54. "Good one!"

56. Make amends
59. Prod
61. Nickname of Britain's 8th Army in North Africa during World War II, with "the"
64. Astute
65. *Insidious mentor of Darth Vader
66. Means justifiers
67. Additions
68. Thin strip

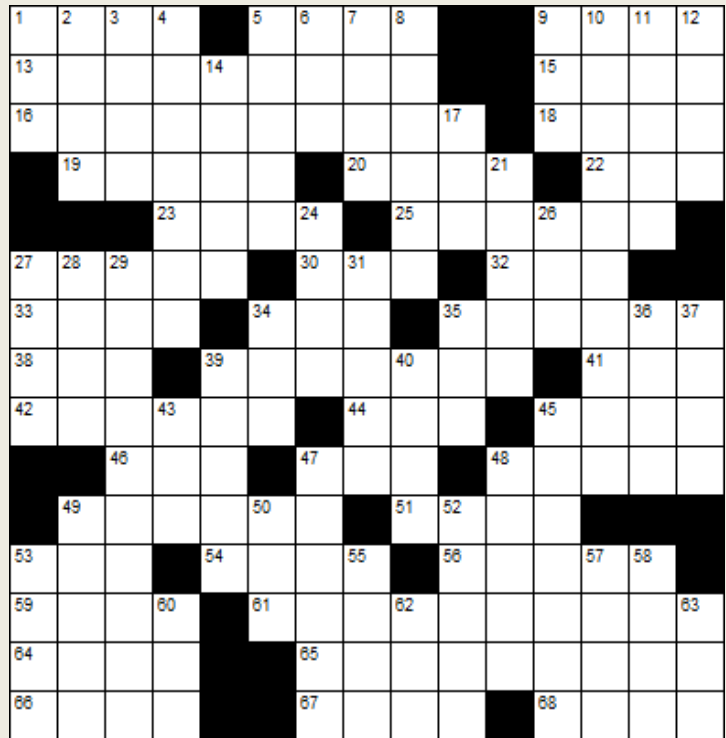


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1. "Acid"
2. Barely manages, with "out"
3. MacLachlan of "Twin Peaks"
4. Pivots
5. Court employee
6. Alias preceder
7. Allot, with "out"
8. From the 1930's
9. Cousin of an ostrich
10. Thins out, as a crowd
11. Inexperienced
12. *Of the Jedi Order, Grand Master was he
14. Anoint (archaic term)
17. One with a six-yr. term
21. Chip dip
24. Hindu wrap
26. Ornamental carp
27. *A 13A, became a 37D
28. "Pumping ____"
29. Able to run fast
31. *Born a Naberrie on Naboo, she became a 13A via 25A, with 39A
34. Dash lengths
35. "Is that ____?"
36. Denials
37. *Dashing smuggler who transported 49A and 53D
39. About 1% of the atmosphere
40. Gives a hand
43. Long, long time
45. Write-ups
47. Arm muscle
48. "____ go!"
49. ____ Vance Hammond: author of "Shoe Marks"
50. Signal at Sotheby's
52. Infield protectors
53. *A 13A
55. Jacob's twin
57. Execute perfectly
58. "Empedocles on ____" (Matthew Arnold poem)
60. "Star Trek" rank: Abbr.
62. Freddy Krueger's street
63. Match part

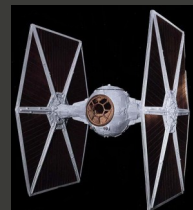
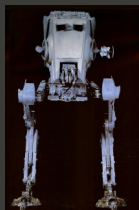
ESB Crockett's Spirited Crossword Puzzle

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Answers to Previous Puzzle

	A	C	E		A	S	T	A		T	M	I	R		
G	U	R	U		L	A	O	S		W	A	N	E	S	
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P	U	L	S	E		R	E	N	O		M	A	R	Y	
	T	P	O	L		E	R	G	S		S	H	Y		



More Brain Benders

SUDOKU PUZZLE

May 2013

Easy, Non-Symmetrical
by Tensa

3		9					6	
5			1		4		2	
			2	5				
				8				7
8			4	3	6			
		7			8		9	
						1		
	3	2	5				8	4

Solution to April's Sudoku Puzzle
Very Easy, Non-Symmetrical

1	6	9	2	8	3	4	7	5
2	8	3	7	5	4	6	9	1
4	7	5	6	1	9	8	2	3
3	5	7	9	6	8	2	1	4
8	2	6	1	4	5	9	3	7
9	1	4	3	7	2	5	6	8
7	3	8	4	9	6	1	5	2
6	4	2	5	3	1	7	8	9
5	9	1	8	2	7	3	4	6

WORD SEARCH

May's Topic:

Look for 26 "Star Wars Planets"
by Tensa

T	S	E	R	I	A	S	H	N	A	B	O	O
E	A	J	A	S	D	T	Y	T	H	O	N	I
P	H	T	G	O	O	H	P	E	M	L	E	R
A	E	L	O	G	E	R	O	N	A	I	W	E
S	E	R	O	O	H	U	R	C	H	A	C	R
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T	L	E	R	I	T	O	R	D	K	U	B	G
H	O	N	O	G	H	R	A	R	R	K	N	Q

Solution to April's Word Search:
"More Starfleet Captains"

S	C	O	T	T	M	J	E	O	X	Y
A	P	R	I	L	K	P	A	X	D	D
N	A	J	E	I	N	I	O	W	E	
D	P	E	E	T	S	R	R	K	Y	S
E	K	F	L	Y	C	B	A	K	E	O
R	I	F	K	I	N	L	M	M	R	T
S	H	E	L	B	Y	O	A	E	K	O
G	A	R	T	H	S	J	R	R	E	Z
W	H	I	T	E	U	C	T	A	K	S
D	I	E	G	O	L	E	G	A	T	O
C	U	S	A	K	U	H	G	U	M	P

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From the Ready Room

A Star Wars Legacy

by Col Drego Tensa

Luke Skywalker was a simple farm boy until his uncle bought the droids C-3PO and R2-D2. Luke was soon propelled into an adventure that changed the course of history "in a galaxy far, far away." This chance encounter led him to study the ways of the force and become a Jedi Knight, as well as a great warrior. He went on to defeat the *Galactic Empire*, to establish the *New Republic*, and to establish the *New Jedi Order*.

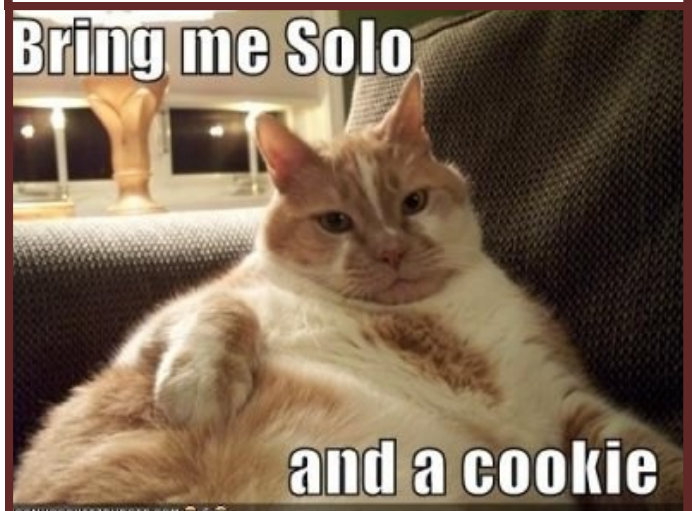
Luke's father, Anakin Skywalker, was once a great Jedi Knight but, in a moment of grave weakness, he allowed himself to be seduced by the dark side of the Force and became Darth Vader, Dark Lord of the Sith. Lord Vader feared Luke's prowess with the Force and became bent on destroying him. He tried at first to kill him, and then to bring him over to the dark side.

Luke Skywalker could not be turned toward the dark side. Instead, During the Battle of Endor, he fought Vader and turned him back to the light. Lord Vader died in Luke Skywalker's arms, but he died as the redeemed Anakin Skywalker.

Luke Skywalker could not be turned from the light as a jedi to the dark side of the Force because he had *strength of character*.

Why are you officers here at ESB, *officers* here at ESB? Because, just like Luke Skywalker, you have demonstrated beyond question that you have *strength of character*.

Jabba the Fat Kitteh



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