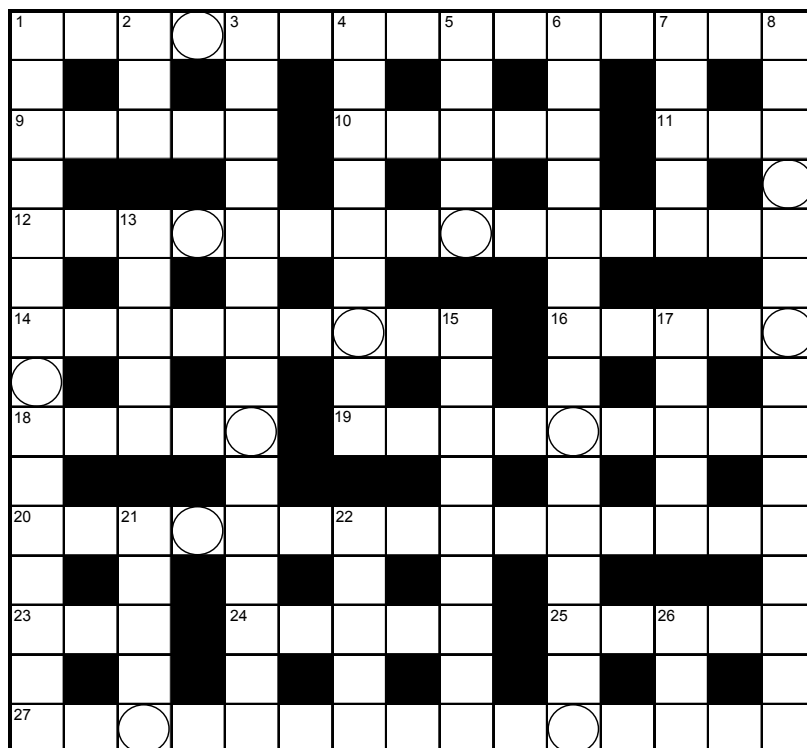


“Star Wars” by Dexter Senft

Fill in the grid based on the cryptic clues provided. Answers consist of as many as four words. Four of the answers are capitalized. When completed, the 12 circled letters can be rearranged to spell a well-known character related to the title saga. Thanks to John de Cuevas for test solving and editing this puzzle.



Across

1. Bit of good fortune resulting from reconstituting molten funnel cake without any center
9. Lady's lover quietly follows streetcar
10. Stick to one's view with no outside information
11. Serial number containing one is wrong
12. Arrange base pass for sailor leaving Oregon behind to the maximum extent
14. Exposes trade centers' tricks
16. Looking at setting type without a lead
18. Left alone with undealt cards
19. Unusual queries about Alaska becoming noisier
20. Simple matter to rewrite Aunt Donna's speech without first names
23. Anger is more elevated in East End, it's said
24. Suffuse initially with ionization made by uranium enrichment
25. Taxicab leaves with television producer
27. Women who introduce speakers with brown hair carry notes

Down

1. Injured botanist in a riot with right-to-life advocate
2. Great time in Teheran
3. Highly proficient mind reader loses time picking up one certain scientist
4. Trade shows carry certain risks
5. Scout's rider wrapped in cotton towels
6. End result if Hitler is caned improperly
7. Anonymous perp has vehicle in reverse below Security Council HQ
8. Some children are playing in dark green trees without energy
13. Fixing a flat is decisively important
15. Most sentimental hustler is disorderly, giving up right for initial sentencing
17. Skater Slutskaya spins in air
21. Disease ultimately made horrible swelling
22. Emirate of Abu Dhabi in turmoil, losing opener to Bahrain
26. Endlessly occupied making clear tables