

Clones attack box office with full force

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"The film is terrific...with a U.S. Calvary rescue to the ending that is going to have Star Wars fans standing on the seats, jumping up and down, cheering and screaming and seeing it as many times as they can."

— Joel Siegel, "Good Morning America"

Given the magnitude and energy of the latest installment in the Star Wars universe, the *Attack of the Clones* is sure to be the best film since *The Empire Strikes Back*. This latest film was amazing. Not only did George Lucas make the movie dark, but he was successful at developing the relationship of two of the most important characters in the story, Padmé Amidala (Natalie Portman) and Anakin Skywalker (Hayden Christensen). These characters, along with Obi-Wan Kenobi (played by Ewan McGregor), are the cornerstones to this galactic adventure that Lucas unfolds before our very eyes.

Attack of the Clones takes place ten years after *The Phantom Menace* (Episode I). This film introduces important details to the story that will not be fully realized until after the completion of Episode III. Yet, many of these details tie in directly to *A New Hope* (The original Star Wars movie-Episode IV). We are presented with more details about the Jedi Order, how the Jedi maintained peace during the reign of the Republic, background information about Padmé and her family, and information pertaining to the future reign of the Sith, along with the development of the Empire. This movie allows us to see and feel how darkness infiltrates the peaceful Republic and transforms it into the Empire, which the Emperor and Darth Vader control in Episodes IV, V, and VI.

We see many of the same characters introduced during Episode I, except these characters have grown and developed into more interesting and influential people. Anakin is no longer a small, naïve slave boy from the scorched, desert planet of Tatooine, but he has become a

young, bold Jedi who desires power. At one point Anakin says, "One day I will be the most powerful Jedi ever." This statement explains how he is drawn into darkness and how one day he will become Darth Vader.

Padmé has become a beautiful Senator for the planet of Naboo. She has traded her royal robes in for more attractive outfits that define her as a woman instead of as a teenage girl. Even Obi-Wan Kenobi has changed. His personality is less rigid and he seems more comfortable as a Jedi Master. We learn the origin of Boba Fett and the Clonetroopers. This movie is a multi-faceted gem of epic proportion.

Love, passion, obsession, genocide, anger, hatred, action, war, fear and lies, this movie has it all. All who enjoy movies should experience this timely, epic story. Combined with an outstanding score by John Williams, this film has all the necessary ingredients to be the best Star Wars adventure yet. I agree with Joel Siegel: "Star Wars fans will be standing on their seats jumping and screaming," when it opens nationwide on May 16.



Internet photo

Senator Padme Amidala (Natalie Portman) has blossomed into a woman and is ready to take on the planet of Naboo.

Horoscopes

by Maggie Jirasek

Aquarius (Jan. 21- Feb. 19):

Your self-image might be somewhat exaggerated right now. Stop repeating yourself, Aquarius! People get the message by only hearing it once. Your lucky day: Tuesday. Your lucky food: Garden salad. Your lucky place: Sauna.

Pisces (Feb. 20 - March 19):

You need to work on you communication skills this week. A series of miscommunication might get you in trouble. You will handle the situation well though. Your lucky day: Wednesday. Your lucky food: Granola bar. Your lucky place: Clackamas Community College.

Aries (March 20 - April 20):

Don't be scared to ask for help. You know you screwed up somewhere down the road, so now is the time to fix it. Your lucky day: Monday. Your lucky food: Beans with sour cream. Your lucky place: Kitchen.

Taurus (April 21- May 21):

You don't like it when people play games with you. So why is it that you play games with others? Find a way to capitalize on all your positive energy. Your lucky day: None this week. Your lucky food: Salsa. Your lucky place: Fitness studio.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21):

Right now you are best in the role of the observer. Sometimes, it's better not to get involved. Remember that! Your lucky day: Friday. Your lucky food: Bagel with cream cheese. Your lucky place: Coffee shop.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22):

It's time to throw a party for those who matter in your life. Pay attention though, someone likes to spread rumors about you. Stop it before it's too late. Your lucky day: Sunday. Your lucky food: Potato soup. Your lucky place: Any place in the sunshine.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22):

Focus on the future and not on the past. Someone you cared for has disappointed you, but life goes on. A rare animal will come and visit you. Your lucky day: Tuesday. Your lucky food: Shrimp. Your lucky place: CCC library.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)

You feel like you are on top of the world. But remember that when you are high, there is always the danger of falling. A family member will be annoying to you this week. Your lucky day: Friday. Your lucky food: a burger with green ketchup. Your lucky place: Gas station.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)

You begin the day with an edge. At the end of the day you finally gain control over things. Now is the time to take over and not let anything happen without your permission. Your lucky day: Sunday. Your lucky food: Cottage cheese. Your lucky place: Couch.

Scorpio (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)

You aren't in the mood to be around closed-minded people. Just avoid those who are trying to catch you spirit; it's that simple. Your lucky day: Any day. Your lucky food: Banana. Your lucky place: Hawaii.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

Sometimes it's hard to believe that friends are the ones blocking your progress. Let clear communication be your guide and throw in a dash of honesty for good measure. Your lucky day: Saturday. Your lucky food: Yogurt. Your lucky place: Shoe store.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

Instead of complaining about a certain matter all the time, try to jump in and get busy. Hurry, there is no time to waste. Your lucky day: Tuesday. Your lucky food: Popcorn. Your lucky place: Hollywood.

Star Wars, Episode II: The Attack of the Clones

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