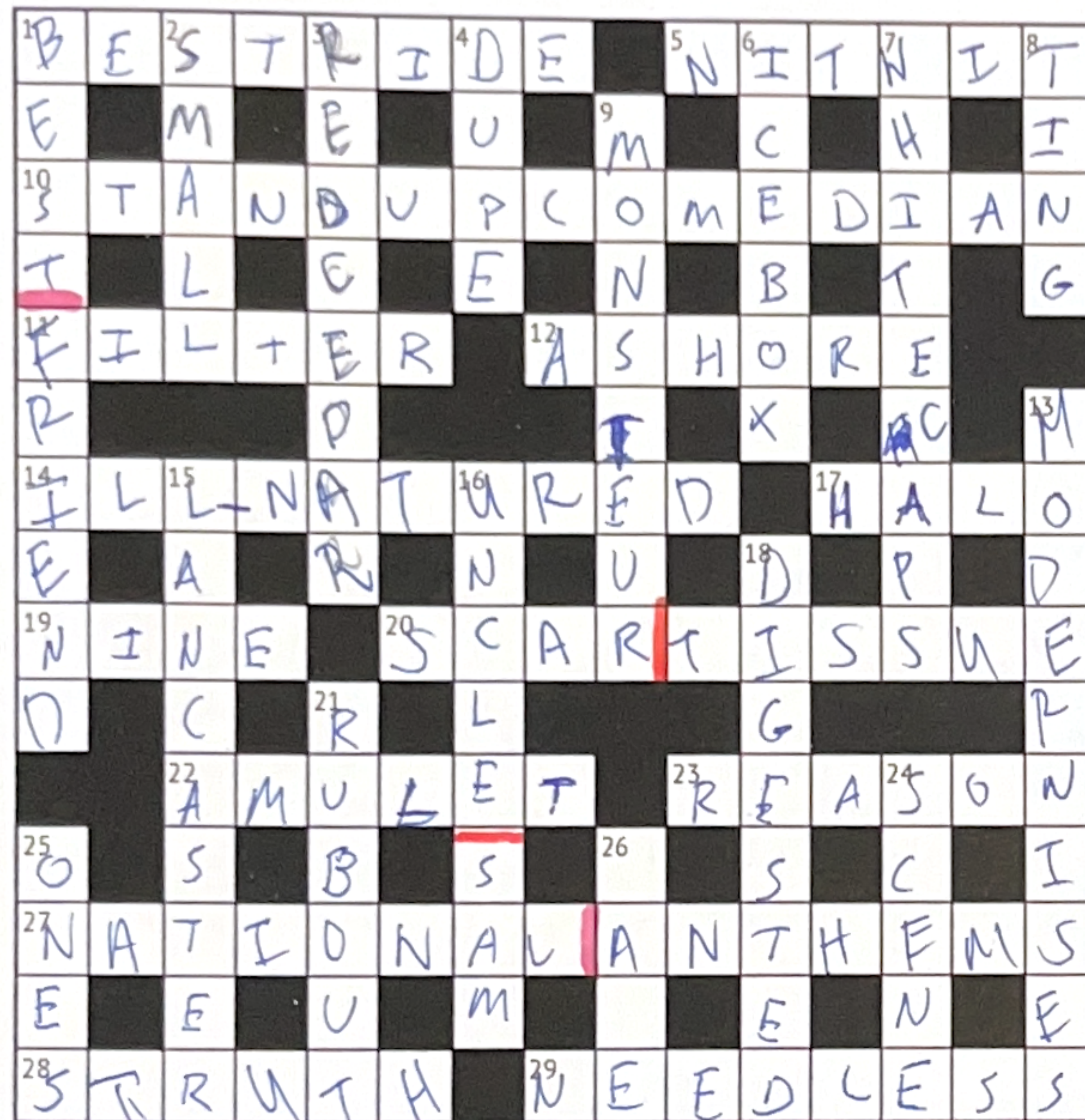


# THE AGE

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## ACROSS

- 1 Best amusement park activity to get on (8)
- 5 Fool turned in dope (6) *DIMWIT NITWIT*
- 10 Distorted sound impacted an entertainer who is funny (7,8)
- 11 Office worker taking time to obtain clarification (6)
- 12 Like hard mineral on dry land (6)
- 14 Redesigned unit all red - that's churlish (3-7)
- 17 Xbox game has reduced lots - down 50% (4)
- 19 Number derived from a division of ten in expression (4)
- 20 Sue after racists falsified evidence of injury (4,6)
- 22 A drug trafficker close to airport - Mascot (6)
- 23 Act of betrayal with no time to think (6)
- 27 Title, "Hosanna", man re-mixed as country music (8,7)
- 28 Support hospital's expression of surprise (6)
- 29 Unwanted injections given by head of surgery (8)

## DOWN

- 1 Be first, wrongly, to finish a close relationship (4,6)
- 2 Centrepiece of massive shopping area is not very big (5) *MALL*
- 3 Wacky racer died missing one tree (3,5) *REINCEDE*
- 4 Page absorbed by outstanding kid (4)
- 6 Cooler that is filled with cold punch (6)
- 7 Crested waves changed with interval rising (9) *SPACED*
- 8 Sound of a bell can start to grate (4)
- 9 Nice man, perhaps, with million forged in euros (8)
- 13 Lawgiver, outside diner, reloaded updates (10) *Moses*
- 15 Old royal house left by an angler (9)
- 16 Muscleman losing capital unsettled the US government (5,3)
- 18 Grub steed chewed up and swallowed (8)
- 21 Cancel rugby union contest (3,3)
- 24 Part of a play viewed by audience (5)

12hr.

CAPAFFE

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MALL

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