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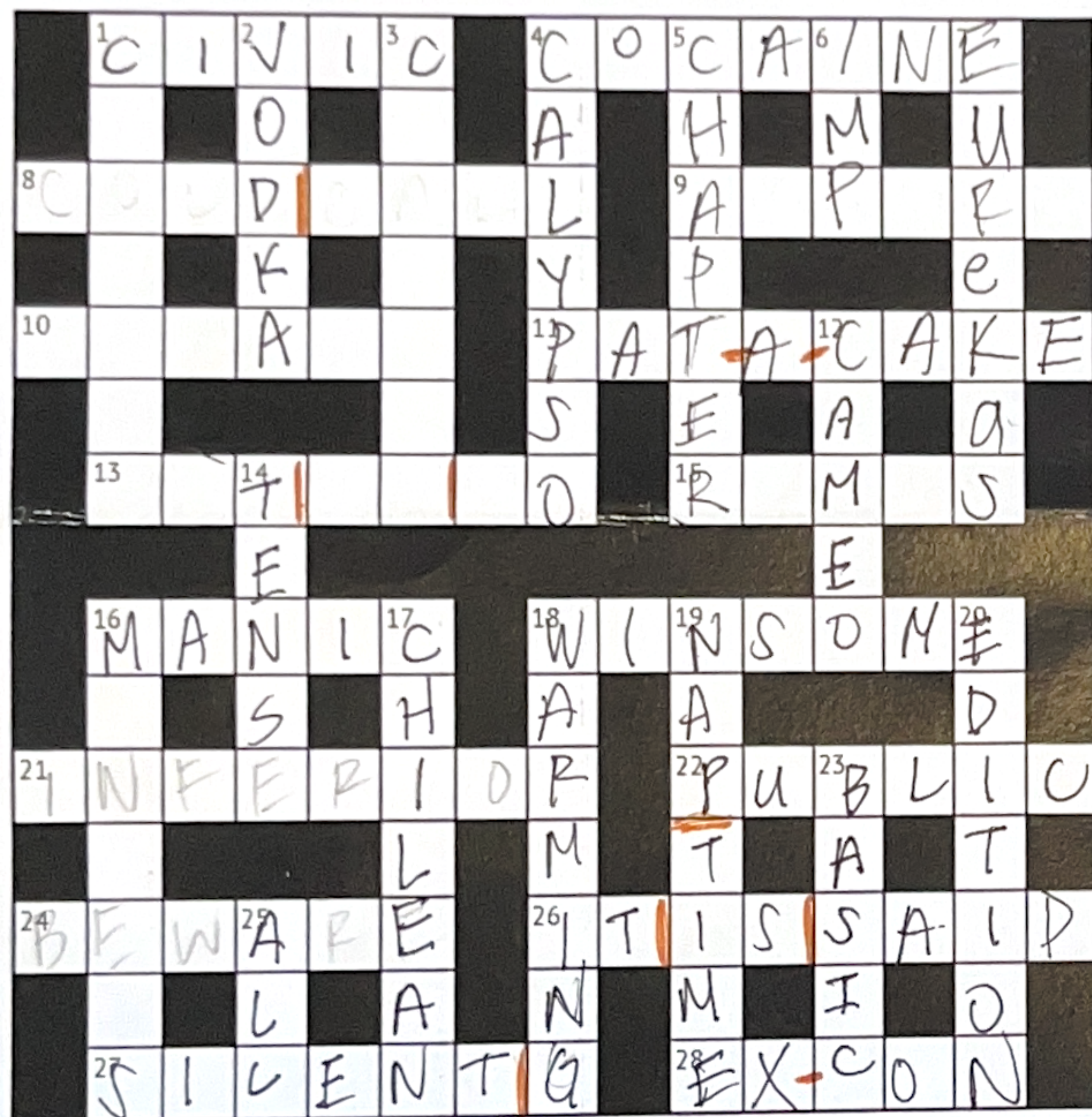
THE AGE



Monday, November 3, 2025

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pat a cake
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ACROSS

- 1 Relating to citizens from the west or the east? (5) *CIVIC*
- 4 "Snow" company with an ice problem (7)
- 8 Cards initially left in nightmare marketing push (4,4)
- 9 Cockney's gift basket to egghead for A in Physics (6) *AMPERE*
- 10 Celebration with light dairy ingredients, without any lactose in starters (6)
- 11 Children's game to seek a cat apparently hiding upside-down (3-1-4)
- 13 Disney hit Goofy's face in toilet brawl (3,2,2)
- 15 Headmaster into flipping egg on certain steaks (5)
- 16 Frenzied bloke I see talking (5)
- 18 Attractive wife dumped other half with bad omens (7)
- 21 B-grade novel on fire outside Rhode Island (8)
- 22 Open page 100 about uranium, boron and lithium (6)
- 24 Caution honey producer about unrefined recall (6)

DOWN

- 1 Crash in a car with second flag of skulls (7)
- 2 Fifth king ingests overdose with a potent drink (5)
- 3 Drug dealer clothed in classic hem I stitched (7)
- 4 Kinky cosplay as Greek nymph (7)
- 5 Dude, tear out a part of book (7)
- 6 Naughty kid peels lime quietly (3)
- 7 You stinkers heard cries of triumph (7)
- 12 Alpha male interrupted boss a little bit (5) *CAMED*
- 14 Forwards of team employed new strategies, exceptionally nervous (5)
- 16 Babysitters' diamonds seized by gold diggers (7)
- 17 South American echidna roughly divided 500 by 10 (7)
- 18 Heating piece of chicken, eating its human equivalent? (7) *Wingam*
- 19 Opportunity to doze small apartment, one possessed by outspoken enemy (3,4)
- 20 Poor diet - Fiona's core issue (7)
- 23 Simple taxi backed up carrying top secret information (5)
- 25 Entirely lyrical lyrical content (3)

COLD CALL mingers.

26 Tech support to International Space Station: "Help" they say! (2,2,4)

27 Gnome's face tingles weirdly (6,1)

28 Former prisoner gripped by complex conversation (2-3)

Tinsel-g *beverage*

COB