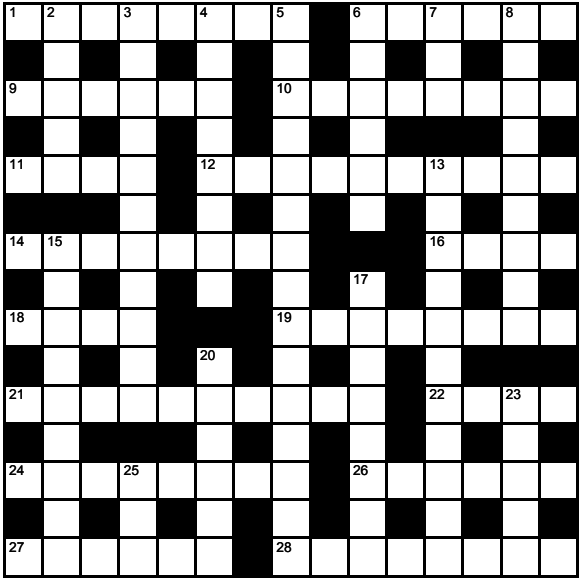
CROSSWORD

No. 13,551 Set by VIKING



JOTTER PAD

This is Viking's final crossword

ACROSS

1 Glamour comes from daily practice by alto (8)
6 It's tricky fencing river channel (6)
9 Girl has soft drink on returning home (6)
10 Go by train to retreat (4,4)
11 Swear course's uneven (4)
12 Financial instrument is not original (10)
14 Public consuming fuel mostly to get warmer (8)
16 Spots star player concealing name (4)
18 Vermouth's appeal returning – it's a different wine! (4)
19 About to dawdle around small arcade (8)
21 Source of power gets heat and light initially as emergency aid (4,6)
22 Taxmen's question and answer about foreign country (4)
24 Backing public transport's extremely good mostly – but not very fast (8)
26 Foreign national – not North American? (6)
27 Honour's not concerning politician (6)
28 Inexpertly hacked, deleting operating system altogether (8)

DOWN

2 Poem's towering masterpiece in recital (5)
3 Secure rising employment in hotel catering (4,7)
4 Heard orders from sweatshop manager and sons – they're quite unpleasant (2-3-3)
5 An icy tract possibly not unknown round here (9,6)
6 Flourish article, suppressing tear mostly (6)
7 Dismissed bowler missing from attack (3)
8 Welsh lad getting in good grain for beef (9)
13 Messenger with missing disc in transit – Metro disrupted (11)
15 Garment I purchase, unfinished before the French reception (9)
17 Lover gets hot wrapped in this French quilt (8)
20 It's more foolish giving answer in secret (6)
23 Scrap yearbook with missing article (5)
25 Advance payment for sandwich (3)

SOLUTION 13,550

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