## Vowelless #8 Peter Broda, thecrossnerd.blogspot.com

NOTE: The letter Y is not a part of any answer, full or vowelless

## Across

**1.** Rhyming phrase that highlights one of the benefits of having sex with women with big butts (4 7 3 3 6)

**15.** Quote from "When Harry Met Sally..." said by an old lady in response to hearing Meg Ryan fake an orgasm (3 4 4 4 6)

**16.** The largest man-made object in orbit around the Earth, with "The" (13 5 7)

**17.** Exchanges for something of equal value, casually (6 8 6)

**18.** Delta or United (7)

19. Crossword-friendly architect Eero (8)

**20.** First name of country star Tritt or last name of country star Randy (6)

**22.** One of two reserve components (the other being its "Army" counterpart) of the United States Armed Forces (3 8 5)

28. Popular clique (2-5)

**30.** Newly-introduced element that alters the situation in a significant way, in modern lingo (4 7)

**31.** Titular floral body art in a Tennessee Williams play (4 6)

**33.** Contestant from the 50th state in a certain beauty pageant (4 6)

**34.** "Just lay off, I need some time to think" (4 4 2)

**37.** Big name in cowboy hats (7)

**39.** The works of Yeats, Swift, Joyce, et al. (5 10)

**41.** When Rosencrantz and Guildenstern first appear, in "Hamlet" (3 3)

**42.** Ionic compound used as a preservative in wine (7)

44. Big round butts (7)

**45.** Back door used by delivery or service personnel, or sexual slang for "the back door" (which sort of dupes a word in 17-Across. Oops! At least they're symmetrical right?) (3 10 8)

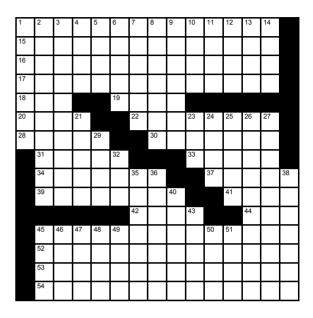
**52.** Prom King and Queen, perhaps (4 6 11)

**53.** Its ratification was one of the goals of the women's suffrage movement (3 10 9)

**54.** Name for a catastrophic (but fairly slowmoving and oh-so-sweet) 1919 flood in the capital of Massachusetts (6 8 8)

## Down

**1.** Condition resulting from long-term dietary deficiencies or undernourishment (12)



**2.** Old analog device for capturing audio on tape (4-2-4 8)

**3.** Voicings of simultaneously-sounded groups of musical notes in which the root note is not in the bass part (5 10)

4. Winning slot machine numbers (6)

5. Tutorials (3-3)

**6.** "You'll have to solve this puzzle on your own, I'm not going to help" (2 5)

**7.** Serious software glitch that's certain to cause a crash or even the "blue screen of death" (5 5)

**8.** Pulling an agent off a case and putting them on another one, say (11)

**9.** Purple-suited superhero whose ring leaves a skull imprint on bad guys that he punches (3 7)

10. Robe worn on a lazy Sunday, maybe (9)

11. Relating to periodic cycles (6)

**12.** Post-Russian Revolution but pre-1991 (6-3)

**13.** Occupies, as a poltergeist does (6)

14. Clever or inventive (9)

**21.** Type of waveform that gets its name from its resemblance to the serrations on a woodworker's cutting tool (8)

23. On life support and unresponsive (2 1 4)

**24.** Quaint term for drinking establishments(3 6)

25. Descriptor for some gospels that are part

of the New Testament apocrypha, that comes from the Greek word for "knowledge" (7)

**26.** It's more of a privilege, really, in countries like Canada that have fairly strict gun laws (5 2 4 4)

**27.** Puts in the spotlight (5 9 2)

**29.** Newspaper opinion piece (9)

**32.** Performs cunnilingus on, slangily (4 3)

**35.** It's hammered through a certain good luck charm into a hoof (9 4)

**36.** Neologism for the superfluous diacritical marks seen in the names of many heavy bands, also called "röck döts" (5 7)

38. Anchor on television (10)

**40.** Puts a new coat of lacquer on, say (10)

**43.** Bests in the pool, as Ian Thorpe would (apparently this is a real word) (8)

**45.** Name for London's subway system and an outdated slang term for television (3 4)

46. "The Aviator" subject Howard (6)

47. Become sparse, as a crowd (4 3)

**48.** Sitcom about the Connor family, which helped propel John Goodman to fame (8)

49. Formal pronouncement (6)

50. Tidied up and made orderly (8)

51. Sounds made by hard landings (5)