

## Vowelless #13

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#### Across

1. They may be read before sampling wine (7, 5)
9. Heart or liver, e.g. (5, 5)
15. Question from a first-time restaurant customer trying to decide on their order (5, 4, 4)
16. Takes small bites of (7, 2)
17. It might burst if real estate prices get too high (7, 6)
18. They allow you to watch queens and soldiers (3, 5)
19. Lodgings in a Canadian chain named for a Greek letter (5, 6)
20. Processes of breaking down (13)
21. Like some fringe sexual practices (7)
22. Tree infection first identified in the Netherlands (5, 3, 7)
24. 1985 Michael J. Fox film about adolescent lycanthropy (4, 4)
26. It may be done to phone calls, potential hirees, or airport baggage (9)
27. In need of some polishing (or sanding, I guess) (5, 6, 3, 5)
29. Common source of crime scene DNA samples (5)
32. "Walden" and "Civil Disobedience" author (7)
33. Authentic (7)
34. Scottish inventor whose name is now seen on items which symbolize ideas (4)
35. \_\_\_ up (began to think clearly and prudently) (5)
36. Common drink garnishes (5)
37. It gives you a reading from the bottom (6, 11)
40. "Nonetheless..." (4, 6)
41. Venice district that shares a name with an author of one of the gospels (3, 5)
42. Tossing out, as an employee (6, 3, 5-2)
45. Got closer, as if to whisper a secret (6, 2)
46. Rock tour personnel who tune axes and change strings, casually (6, 5)
47. One identifying bugs but probably not fixing them? (12)
49. "Let's talk" in tragically uncool guidance counselor lingo (3, 4, 2)
50. Project created by Dan Savage, named for something older people might tell struggling LGBT youth (2, 4, 6)
51. Character with a red skirt in a well-known manga/anime series in which all of the female warriors are named for planets or moons (6, 4)
52. Animated 2001 film which features the

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- "scare floor" as a prominent location (8, 3)
  53. "Don't become a \_\_\_" (9)
  54. One profiled in Neil Strauss' "The Game" (4-2, 6)
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1. Certain polycephalic mutant reptile (3-6, 6)
  2. Song from "Sgt. Pepper's" about a runaway (4, 7, 4)
  3. Ones who will go to great lengths to get all eyes on them (9, 6)
  4. More unpleasant to look at (11)
  5. Unit equal to one billion binary digits (7)
  6. Unfolded or made single (9)
  7. Superior vantage point (3, 4, 4, 2, 3, 5)
  8. "Generally speaking..." (2, 1, 4)
  9. Measurement descriptor for formal dresses worn to soirees (7-6)
  10. Places of worship for the Dalai Lama, say (7, 11)
  11. Where samples are kept cool for research purposes (3, 6)
  12. Variety of tree supports found high above ground, unusually (6, 5)
  13. Residential conduits with a risk of exploding (3, 5)
  14. It's not even worth discussing (8)
  20. The highest-grossing film of 1995 (3, 4, 4, 1, 9)
  23. Typical living room feature (5)
  25. "Handy" guide for a woodwind player? (9, 5)
  28. 1968 Sly & The Family Stone hit whose title is an instruction (5, 2, 3, 5)
  29. Part of a lifeguard's certification process (8, 4)
  30. White undershirt features, stereotypically (7, 6)
  31. Having agreed in writing to do something (5, 8)
  38. Chortle or chuckle (5)
  39. One doing physical work (6, 7)
  40. Groups in charge of organizing corporate happenings or fundraisers, say (5, 5)
  42. Sleep way past your intended time to rise (3, 2, 4)
  43. Save new text or data in place of (9)
  44. "Sorry to pry, but..." (1, 4, 2, 3)
  46. Lubes (up) (7)
  48. Get foggy, as a window (4, 2)
  50. Musical speed (5)