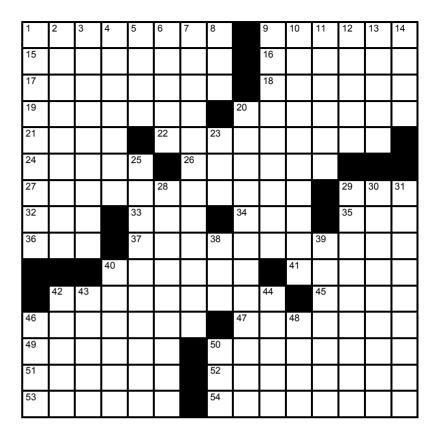
Vowelless #13

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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



"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 soirces (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)