## Cryptic Puzle

## Widdershins

IN THIS PUZZLE, 12 of the letters are, literally, outside the box. Thinking outside the box will lead you to the final answer, especially if you pay attention to the puzzle's title. Feel free to look "widdershins" up in a dictionary or a search engine.

There is one proper noun, or maybe two, depending on whether you view one of the answers as a slang term or a proper noun. Two other answers are two words each. Everything else is playable in Scrabble.

Ignore punctuation, which is designed to confuse.

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## Clues-Across

8. Prohibit one acre of tropical fruit
9. True-sounding immoral act with fishes (two words)
10. Spritely, the Spanish end in French or Spanish
11. Bumsucking and awfully phony cat [sic]
12. Ringbearer back at shindig
13. Say comparatively little, like the man without a country
14. Break defective saucer
15. Neither partner is backing Ron
16. Used to go both ways-it's common in Japan for spicing things up
17. Odor from dilapidated cigar shed
18. Harboring anticipated emancipation from bloated condition
19. See, she ached badly for Packer fans


## Previous Issue's Puzzle-Spiral Galaxy

## Inward Clues

■ STRAP-ST ("'Street"") + RAP ("urban music")
■ MARRY-M(ARR)Y ("my housing arrangement")

- TASTES-Anagram of "states"
- NO-TELL-Anagram of "To Nell"

ABSTRACT-ABS (absolute = "unadulterated") + TRACT ("political pamphlet")
■ ROPE-(G)ROPE ("Search blindly after a bit")

- RESUMES-Double definition
- SAVER-Anagram of "raves"
- CLEVERNESSES-CL ("Chlorine") + EVER ("always") + NESSES ("capes")
■ LAIC-LA ("Los Angeles") + I + C ("initially cowered")
■ OSCINE-Anagram of "Coen is" ■ DECILE-Reversal of "elicited"-IT ("it out the wrong way")
■ GNAWED-GNAW (homophone of NAW from "No, out loud") + ED
■ LIMBO-Anagram of "Mobil"
$■$ OBLATE-OB ("one who delivers") + LATE ("after midnight")
PEDIGREES-Anagram of "pi degrees"


## Outward Clues

■ SEER-Homophone of sear ("char")
■ GIDE-GU(I)DE ("'Sans Uranium Guide"')
■ PETAL-Anagram of "Plate"

- BOOB-BO(O)B-("About love, Bob")
- MILDEW-MILD ("meek") + E ("English") + W ("women")
- ANGELIC-Anagram of "Galenic"
- EDENIC-E ("Excellent") + D ("defense") + ENIC (anagram of "nice")
■ SOCIALS-Anagram of "cola Sis"
$\square$ ESSEN-ESSE ("To be in Rome") + N ("north")
■ REVEL-Reversal of LEVER ("a seesaw, for example")
- CREVASSE-Anagram of "creases" "around V"
- MUSE-Homophone of MEWS ("a street where horses once dwelt") REPORT-Double definition
- CARTS-C(H)ARTS ("charts with no hydrogen")
- BALLET-B(ALL)ET ("Bet takinginal"")

■ ONSET-Anagram of "tones"
■ SATYR-Anagram of "stray"
■ RAMPARTS-Pun on RAMP ARTS ("specialized highway exit maneuvers")

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