# Cryptic Puzzle | TOM TOCE

## 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.

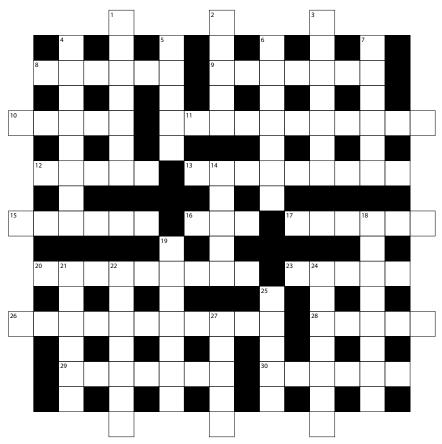
Ignore punctuation, which is designed to confuse.

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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
- Bumsucking and awfully phony cat [sic]
- **12.** Ringbearer back at shindig
- **13.** Say comparatively little, like the man without a country
- 15. Break defective saucer
- **16.** Neither partner is backing Ron
- 17. Used to go both ways—it's common in Japan for spicing things up
- 20. Odor from dilapidated cigar shed
- 23. Harboring anticipated emancipation from bloated condition
- **26.** See, she ached badly for Packer fans





28. Stately estate or statement of fashion29. Make eggs, love—five up and not

- first thing in the morning
- **30.** Cadaver starts to cool off rapidly, particularly some extremities

#### **Clues–Down**

- 1. Longed for yearend reorganization
- 2. Like a certain solid Rocky Mountain
- insurance company 3. Found current leaders getting high
  - 4. Worries about remote cab fees
- 5. Analyze a sentence: each random spear pares spare pears
- 6. Relief from pestier shenanigans
- 7. Badly unties but brings together

- 14. What one thing's skimpy? Underwear
- **18.** Simon had better warning
- 19. Marine foam behind vessel
- **21.** Cooler to settle strike
- 22. Get up and come over, Stu
- 24. Penalty shot retimed
- 25. Motivate Topsy character from within
- 27. Parthenians, taking seconds, had dinner at home (*two words*)

Solutions may be emailed to Thomas.Toce@ey.com. In order to make the solver list, your solutions must be received by Nov. 30, 2012.

## 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"
- 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 taking in all")
- ONSET—Anagram of "tones"
- SATYR—Anagram of "stray"
- RAMPARTS—Pun on RAMP ARTS ("specialized highway exit maneuvers")

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