



# AVCX CRYPTIC

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Difficulty: Easyish for a cryptic

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### ACROSS

- 1 Reconsider swapping fourth pieces of thick twine (5,5)
- 6 Gem held by Episcopalian (4)
- 9 Evidently Sean loosens up, breaking ice (1,3,3)
- 10 Sought advice from Republicans taking the L (3,4)
- 12 Someone offering a pint, say, of limitless germs in lab vessel (9)
- 13 Cooler taken back from schoolgirl (5)
- 14 I will be going after a fur ... something raccoonlike (5)
- 15 Farmers brought around head of lettuce for angry dogs (8)
- 18 It's seen in retro dime novels depicting divorces (6,2)
- 20 Mark Elmer's railroad (5)
- 23 Criminal's defense is tabloid bait, oddly ignored (5)

- 24 Bad habit, to follow bill with resistance in low bars? (2,7)
- 25 Democrat was eager to be dumped (7)
- 26 Husband's initial written in ink? Yes, it's also included (4,3)
- 27 Performs a series of concerts topless for you and me (4)
- 28 Loses Bit O' Honey in bear's home—that could've been disastrous (5,5)

### DOWN

- 1 Trick to get a business degree: reduce unnecessary frills (4,4)
- 2 I pass a mean drunk to get to beach of song (7)
- 3 Kris shimmies, I dance to something heard in mid-March (4,2,2,5)
- 4 Remains of crew adrift 1000 years (9)

- 5 Cuban's tragic retrospective: "Lost Time" (5)
- 7 Gondolier called for comedian Amy (7)
- 8 Mary Jane and friend returned computer (6)
- 11 Versatile performers juggling their platters (6,7)
- 16 For instance, positive and negative isotopes smashed with a bit of power (9)
- 17 Four-legged creature and six-legged creature run off together (8)
- 19 Dynamic protein indicator (7)
- 21 Fleischer and James's operatic piece (7)
- 22 Comedian with one old workout routine (6)
- 24 Raised boy with a name: Rafael (5)

