

Across

1. Anagram – TAN SUIT SCANDAL (Fox News worst story on Obama) is an anagram (twisted) of UNCLAD SATANIST
9. Charades – SYNTHESIZE (blend) is built with SYN (the heart of NSync) to THE SIZE (volume)
10. Hidden word – UNDER (in the power of) is hidden (in the power of) profoUND Error
11. Hidden word – EVER (more than once) appears twice in rEVERse and REVERse (in reverse)
12. Anagram – Susan Sontag (writer) is an anagram (atonal) of SONATAS SUNG
13. Anagram – POOL PLAYER (water polo team member) is an anagram (swimming) of LOYOLA PREP
 Aside: The puzzle's author used to teach at Loyola Prep school in Wilmette, IL.
17. Charades – OZONE (layer) is built with OZ (an ounce) and ONE (a single)
20. Charades – DIARY (journal) is built with RAID (surprise attack) reversed (about face) and Y (yes)
21. Anagram – DOOMSCROLL (seek bad news) is an anagram (salmagundi) of COOL OLD MRS
25. Charades – FUDGE FACTOR (hedge amount) is built with FUDGE (soft candy) and FACTOR (ingredient)
27. Charades, Cryptic alphabet – BLIP (barely a spot on the radar) is built with BLIMP (dirigible) without the M (massless)
28. Homophone – ENNUI (the blahs) is a homophone (we say) of ON WE
29. Homophone – PSEUDOCOUP (Jan. 6 failure) is a homophone (a call to) of SUDOKU (a number puzzle)
30. Anagram – CLINICAL TRIALS (new treatment tests) is an anagram (stir) of LILAC IN CRISTAL

Down

2. Charades – NATURAL (unrefined) is built with naked (AU NATURAL) without gold
3. Hidden word, &Lit. – UTENSIL (silverware) appears in (IN) gLUTEN SILverware
4. Anagram, Cryptic alphabet – THIRSTY (seeking "likes" online) is R (real) in an anagram (solution) of SHITTY
5. Double definition – CLEAN is both (pure) and jerk's partner (clean and jerk)
6. Charades – NEUROLOGIC (of the nervous system) is N (northern) and EURO (monetary unit) and LOGIC (reasoning)
7. Homophone – ADDITION (annex) is a homophone (verbal) of EDITION (copy)
8. Charades – PRAGUE (a city) is built with PU (backs up) in RAGE
9. Double definition – SLEEPY is both Happy's friend (7 dwarves) and drowsy
14. Anagram – POLYNESIAN (Pacific Islander) is an anagram (insane) of INSANE PLOY
15. Reversal – AVID (devoted) is the reverse (returns) of DIVA (opera singer)
16. Charades – REAM (castigate) is RE (about being terse) and AM(morning)
18. Hidden word – CARDINAL (foremost) is contained (captivity) in wildCARD IN ALI
19. Reversal – SLIP UP (careless error) is the reverse (stand in a down clue) of PUPILS (students)
20. Anagram – DIFFER (take issue) is an anagram (merge) of IF FRED
22. Hidden word- OATMEAL (cereal) appears in fLOAT ME A Loan
23. Charades, Reversal – STRIDER (stalker) is DIRT (gossip) is RES (a legal matter) reversed (circles back)
24. Charades – REBECCA (Shirley Temple role, of Sunnybrook Farm) is REB (gray soldier) and ECCA (skips past a holy city's facade (MECCA without (skips past) the M))
26. Hidden word – ASPIC (a meat jelly combination) appears in (is made with) TexAS PICante

