Back and Forth

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HOW TO PLAY: In each "word addition" problem, the answer to the first clue must be reversed before being entered into the grid. Thus, "One more time (rev.) + Sun god" translates as AGAIN spelled backward, plus RA, which forms NIAGARA. Every theme answer is a common word or phrase. As they say, sometimes you have to back up to go forward.

ACROSS

- 1 Enabling eavesdropping, perhaps
- 5 Some punches
- the question 9
- 12 "Be glad to"
- 16 Broke a promise (rev.) + Dined
- 19 Chopper (rev.) + Gold digger
- 21 Ex-President (rev.) + Pool need
- 22 Skiing mecca (rev.) + Less bold
- 24 Boating term
- 25 Small-town boy
- 26 Passed on, as parables
- **28** "Only
- 29 Johnny's introducer
- 31 Ky. neighbor
- 32 Ky. neighbor
- 33 Boards
- 35 Face-off
- 37 Paramour (rev.) + Turner
- 40 Pad content
- 41 "Lazy River" start
- 44 Maggie's Jean
- 47 Borodin's prince
- **48** Turf-war sides
- 50 Fruits (rev.) + Repeat
- 53 Career soldier
- 55 Future ferns
- 56 gin fizz
- 57 McEntire (rev.) + Tirade
- 61 Garden fertilizer
- 62 Places
- 63 Young
- 64 March Hare's offering
- 65 Haunted-house hangings
- 66 Uniform (rev.) + Tearing
- 70 Instruction unit
- 71 Paul in Exodus
- 72 Jiff
- **73** Voice (an objection)
- 74 Ran, as colors
- 75 Department store (rev.) + Pay dirt
- 78 Of hawks and doves
- 79 Rent sharer
- 81 Piano pro
- 82 Cash carrier (rev.) + Kangaroo
- 84 The Merry Widow composer
- 87 Escapee from Miss Gulch
- 89 Spots
- 90 Make an effort
- **91** Charlottesville sch.
- 92 Feudal figure (rev.) + Locks
- 95 "Why don't we!" beet
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- 99 Prior conclusion
- 100 Little fella 102 Irish hero, briefly

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- **106** Airline since 1948
- 107 Retired Bol of basketball
- 110 Job safety org.
- 112 Cookbook writer Rombauer
- 113 Big name in Vegas (rev.) + **Guitarist Paul**
- 115 Do roadwork (rev.) + Speech
- 118 State capital (rev.) + TV spot
- 119 First husband (rev.) + Road sign + Road sight
- 120 Metro station
- **121** To Kill a Mockingbird state: abbr.
- **122** Bygone boomers
- 123 Words of woe

DOWN

- **1** Maid in *Die Fledermaus*
- 2 2000 World Series MVP
- 3 "It's a deal"
- 4 Mens (legal term)
- 5 Chuck Yeager, e.g.
- 6 Thin as
- 7 Tower locale
- 8 Cardinal's insignia
- **9** King of the kennel
- 10 Trade show
- **11** Effrontery
- 12 Cheer word
- 13 Still alive, in dodgeball
- 14 Restrains
- 15 Sooner than later
- 17 Barracks VIP
- 18 Beyond unusual

- 20 Kim in *Picnic*
- **21** Cheer word
- 23 Holds the position of
- 27 Wishes to be in the shoes of

78 Drinker's cry

80 Trick ending?

79 Korean statesman

John Travolta

84 Angler's boxful

88 Meat-rating org.

94 " to recall ..."

96 Knit or purl, e.g.

98 Go pieces

103 Trojan War king

108 Goya's duchess

109 Actress Patricia

116 Anatomical duct

117 Botanist Gray

105 Shade at the beach?

111 Palindromic constellation

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104 Luigi's love

114 Adder's kin

100 Tons

101 Have

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83 2007 "suburban biker"

85 Speed-reader Wood et al.

93 One-man army of film

to do (was busy)

(quarrel)

flick starring Tim Allen and

- **30** Lease prohibition
- 34 Walk trimmers
- 36 Dwarf planet that's bigger than Pluto
- **37** Hole enlarger
- 38 Damn Yankees vamp

43 Of simple organisms

51 They might roll over

52 Part of the LAPD's motto

69 "When ____ my fingers ..."

39 Chicago paper

46 Beyond miffed

shui

59 Less prosperous

62 Do a gland's job

67 Roofer, at times

72 Foes of Gargamel

76 Comes price

77 Boy with a bow

68 Tuning knobs

70 Sow chow

74 Gives a lift

58 Make an effort

60 Water gate?

65 Took place

66 Gas in glass

49 JFK posting

41 Constitution 42 Spicy hot

45 Etym.

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