

A Matter Of Importance

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Across

1. Oil acronym
5. Ogden, the poet
9. Air force heroes
13. Warm, so to speak
14. Really rapt
15. Bite down on
16. Game piece, at times
17. Percolate
18. Poets' feet
19. Important
22. Write
23. Use a letter opener
24. Kathy Bates' Oscar film
26. Turn red or yellow, say
29. Horrify
31. Chemical suffix
32. Churchill successor
35. Quite a bit, really
38. Retro do
40. Inquisitor
41. Copter's forerunner
42. Fancy-schmancy
43. Signaled a taxi
45. Still in the box, e.g.
46. Strike caller
48. Encourage
50. Afternoon service
52. Cabbage kin
54. The middle of dinner?
55. Important
61. Long-legged wader
63. Auctioneer's initial offering
64. Be sure of
65. Casual denim wear

66. Atop
 67. See 64A
 68. Bellicose Greek god
 69. Bottom
 70. Gets it
- Down**
1. Not pro
 2. Steed stopper
 3. A little lower?
 4. An option, of sorts
 5. Japanese-American
 6. With regard to
 7. Editor's override
 8. Arizona Indian
 9. "Bingo!"
 10. Important

11. Fire remnant
12. Like a cactus
15. Eyelashes
20. It has a humerus side?
21. Current amount
25. Smeltery refuse
26. Cut the crop, e.g.
27. Data
28. Important, in a way
29. Lush
30. Leave in a hurry, with "out"
33. Gauguin's retreat
34. One-time despot
36. Over 100, but still eaten?
37. Burg
39. Electrical measures
44. Place for a hero?
47. Annoyances
49. Tropical lizards
50. Electrical pioneer Nikola
51. Sign up for
52. Swallow-tailed birds
53. All excited
56. Amorphous mass
57. Chevy of the '70s
58. "Green Gables" girl
59. Do, for example
60. Rare bills
62. Easter fleur

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