## The answer to the meta is something you might see on a laden table at this time of year (in the US)

## ACROSS

1 Floor-cleaning robot
7 Thickening agent
11 Weight statistic (abbr.)
14 Mideast marketplace
15 Japanese wrestling
16 "Apollo 13" director, __ Howard
17 "I'm loving this party!" (for younger solvers) / "This room has great lighting!" (for older solvers)
18 Unpaid TV ads
19 First computer programmer, __ Lovelace
20 Possible Cambridge (the US one) ad slogan directed at potential students
23 Words set to music
26 Notable time
27 "When in ___" (just go along with local customs)
28 Reason for coming together around a laden table at this time of year (in the US)
33 Small battery
34 Cryptanalyst, __ Turing
35 Prepared to lade a table
39 Old-school online chat option, briefly
40 Sweetie
41 "Ouch!" relative
42 Plural form of "am"
43 "I love the smell of "_in in the morning." ("Apocalypse Now" quote)
45 Role for Jodie opposite Chow Yun-Fat

46 Computers connected to a router, collectively (abbr.)
47 Anxiety felt by those who consider themselves gourmands
50 Instrument that must be an absolute pain to play in a marching band
53 "Mad About You" cousin
54 Out of the wind
55 What a Herman Melville fan might say while pointing at dark bread (which they detest)
60 Plural form of "my"
61 Charlize Theron film, "__ Flux"
62 Puccini opera, "La
66 Opposite of post-
67 Blunder
68 ___ truck (good for towing and carrying heavy loads)
69 Unhappy
7045 down, for example
71 Online investing site

## DOWN

1 Baseball stat. known as a "ribeye"
2 Milk source for the lactose intolerant
3 Birth announcement abbr.
4 Speak ill of
5 _._-and-switch
6 Patron of the (cultural funder)
7 Headache remedy derived from willow bark
8 "The Planets" composer, ___ Holst
9 Eastern nanny


10 __-coloured glasses (optimism idiom)
11 "Well done!"
12 What you need to connect a 46 across to the internet
13 Nonsensical
21 Rapper, ___ Thee Stallion
22 Best Picture movie directed by (and starring) Ben Affleck
23 Blotch
24 "Gone With the Wind" protagonist, Scarlett $\qquad$
25 Civil rights org.
29 Mexican artist, Frida

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30 Sporting replay speed, for short
31 Clickable desktop images

32 "Jack Sprat could eat ___"

36 Superman's real name

37 Delete the contents of a harddisk

38 Tightly packed
41 Actress Tatum (or her father, Ryan)

44 Where the Three Kings of Orient traverse

45 Homes that function as hotels

48 Become extinct
49 Single strip of bacon

50 Car roofs with removable panels on each side of a rigid bar

51 Character portrayed by Celia Rose Gooding in "Star Trek: Strange New Worlds"

52 Uncovered
56 Nadal's nickname
57 "You stepped on my tail!" (but in dog-speak)

58 Instrument Father Gabriel plays in "The Mission"

59 "__ You Be My Neighbor?"

63 "When will you get here?" (abbr.)
64 Computer game addon that changes the functionality in some way
6567.5 degrees on a compass

