March 2025 Pitch Outs by Pete Muller, Mack Meller, and Andrew White

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- 1 Sport for Chuck Norris and Mick Jagger
- 5 "____ It Happens to You" (Gaga song)8 Nintendo avatar that's also a Roman
- 8 Nintendo avata numeral
- 11 Homophone of Aretha Franklin's musical genre
- 15 Have ____ (be connected)
- **16** "Te ____" (Rihanna song)
- 17 What connects Hänsel to Gretel?
- **18** Tile-placement board game that's also a color in Spanish
- 19 Defunct Florida WNBA team
- 21 2016 film mistakenly announced as the Best Picture winner
- 23 Certify
- 24 "____ Be" (1998 Edwin McCain hit)
- 26 Transition from pupa to adult, maybe
- 27 Shawn Mendes or Dua Lipa, astrologically
- 28 Frontiersman mentioned in the classic song "Western Movies" by the Olympics
- **31** ____Plunk (game with a similar objective to Jenga)
- 32 Spoil
- 34 Italian delicacy consisting of cured pork fat
- **35** Financial inst. whose logo contains three keys
- **37** Urgent cry from a third-base coach, perhaps
- **39** Leafy green sometimes turned into chips
- 41 Headwear for cafeteria servers
- **45** Once-per-decade count tabulated on the first day of April (and certainly not a prank)
- **49** Retain, as an attorney
- 50 "Dream" singer Priscilla
- 52 John Irving title character played by Robin Williams
- 53 "The Rite of Spring" composer Stravinsky
- 54 Plots
- 57 "Les Misérables" author Victor
- 58 Knot for the better?
- 60 NBC drama whose title appeared on a license plate
- 61 Moving expenses?
- 62 Mlles., across the Pyrenees
- 63 Have a decreasing bank balance?
- 64 UV ray blocker
- 65 Comic ____ (often-maligned font that anagrams to "moccasins")
- 66 Hall's musical partner
- 67 Standard Ben & Jerry's size

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1 Jazz pianist Ahmad

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- 2 Come together
- **3** Aquatic microorganism that's not actually composed of a pair of particles?
- 4 "Lay It All ____" (2015 Rudimental song featuring Ed Sheeran)
- 5 "Mmmm!"
- 6 Texter's "I think ..."
- 7 Lana Del Rey song inspired by a Nabokov novel
- 8 Like wine that might have been prepared by Pete?
- 9 Celebrity chef Garten
- 10 Red light runner?
- 11 Doorbuster, say
- 12 Mountain range for some rock band "Daredevils"
- **13** Put one foot in front of the other?
- 14 Pliny the ____ (Roman naturalist who died in the eruption of Mount Vesuvius)
- 20 Weird Al song title words after "Everything You Know"

- 22 Lab vials
- 25 Std. paper size
- 29 Piles
- **30** Astronauts' affirmatives
- 33 Like many rural economies
- 36 Libyan port city in 2012 news
- 38 Bee _
- 40 Musical divisions
- 41 Ones who always succeed?
- 42 Incenses
- 43 "____ Feeling" (Black Eyed Peas hit)
- 44 Desert home to the fennec fox
- 45 Like many a college student's bed
- 46 Villainous ruler of Mordor in "The Lord of the Rings"
- 47 1981 Foreigner hit that topped the Billboard Mainstream Rock chart
- 48 Informal "What if ..."
- 51 Serf of old Sparta
- 55 Jazz singer Laine
- 56 Baa-d girls?
- 59 Particularly useful Scrabble tile
 - 61 Metrosexual, maybe