### THE REN REVIEW





March is here and we celebrate springtime and new beginnings. It's an awesome time to take inventory, checkin with others, and monitor progress and change. We welcome new ideas and possibilities! This month REN went bowling, attended an LGBTO retreat, did The REN 5K where members could be "part of the hive," and enjoyed togetherness, fun in recovery, symptoms management, games, and other recovery themes. We took a look at transformations and our awesome world. Thank you to our members who come out every day to share their recovery journey with us!

The REN review is an opportunity for members to submit articles about all things happening at REN! Please see Jen AH, visit the Computer Lab every Tuesday morning or email stories, pictures and ideas to renaznews@gmail.com. We want to hear from you, this is paper by the peers for the peers and all are welcomed. If you aren't a writer, we can work with you, let's learn together. Here's to a new day, hope and another exciting edition of REN news!



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### Do you feel lucky? In honor of the Ides of March what superstition do you or your family observe?

If my left-hand itches, I scratch it and throw away the bills, which means the money is going out. If my right-hand itches, I scratch it and put the money in my pocket money coming in . - Trisha G



Rub my hand to calm my anxiety. Sean G

I won't say Bloody-Mary or Candy-Man in the mirror! - Antonio

Knock on wood after declaring something; "I hope we don't get in accident! (knocks on wood). - Rand

Opening an umbrella in the house. - Richard P



Breaking a mirror brings you seven years bad luck - Shawn

I stay away from open doors and windows because I believe bad spirits come in through them - Rashaye

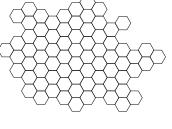
When I go to bed at night I have to cover every part of my body so that something doesn't drag me out of my bed - Deion

I believe butterflies are good luck or good signs. - Larissa



## REN 5K

Bee Part of the Hive









To provide recovery and healing opportunities in our community by sharing our journey







# LGBTQ Retreat



Nurturing hope, community and growth while reducing isolation and mental health stigma

**RENS VISION STATEMENT** 















# LGBTQ Retreat









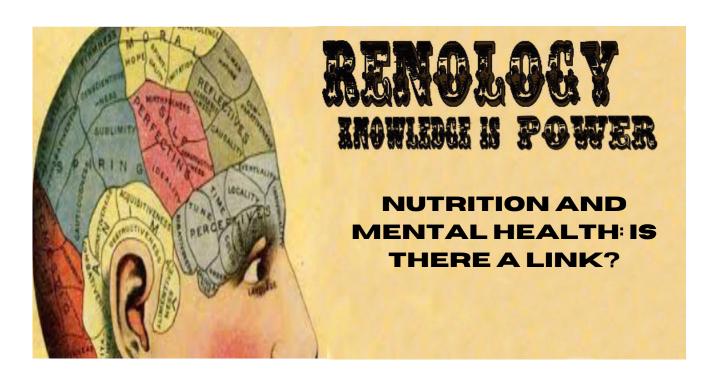












You hear all the time that eating healthy helps with physical well-being. Did you know good healthy eating also helps with mental and emotional well-being? Anxiety and depression are among the most common mental health conditions worldwide. according to the world health organization. Nutritional psychiatry is an emerging area of research specifically looking at the role of nutrition in the development and treatment of mental health problems. 21 studies from 10 countries found that a healthful dietary pattern — characterized by high intakes of fruit, vegetables, whole grains, olive oil, fish, low-fat dairy, antioxidants, and low intakes of animal foods — was associated with a reduced risk of depression. on the flip side a Western-style diet — involving a high intake of red and processed meats, refined grains, sweets, high-fat dairy products, butter, and potatoes, as well as a low intake of fruit and vegetables — was linked with a significantly increased risk of depression. The relationship between our diet and our mental health is complex. However, research shows

Eating well can help you feel better. You don't have to make big changes to your diet, but see if you can try some of these tips

a link between what we eat and how we feel.

- Eat regularly. This can stop your blood sugar level from dropping, which can make you feel tired and bad-tempered.
  - Stay hydrated. Even mild dehydration can affect your mood, energy level, and concentration ability.
- Eat the right balance of fats. Your brain needs healthy fats to keep working well. They're found in things such as olive oil, rapeseed oil, nuts, seeds, oily fish, avocados, milk, and eggs. Avoid trans fats often found in processed or packaged foods as they can be bad for your mood and your heart health.
- Include more whole grains, fruits, and vegetables in your diet. They contain the vitamins and minerals your brain and body need to stay well.
- Include some protein with every meal. It contains an amino acid that your brain uses to help regulate your mood.
- Look after your gut health. Your gut can reflect how you're feeling: it can speed up or slow down if you're stressed. Healthy food for your gut includes fruit, vegetables, beans, and probiotics.
- Be aware of how caffeine can affect your mood. It can cause sleep problems, especially if you drink it close to bedtime, and some people find it makes them irritable and anxious too. Caffeine is found in coffee, tea, cola, energy drinks, and chocolate.

As these this have been found to help with mental health however everyone's body is different you should never start a diet or or majorly change your eating habits without talking with your doctor

# Trisna Talks

### Dear Trisha,

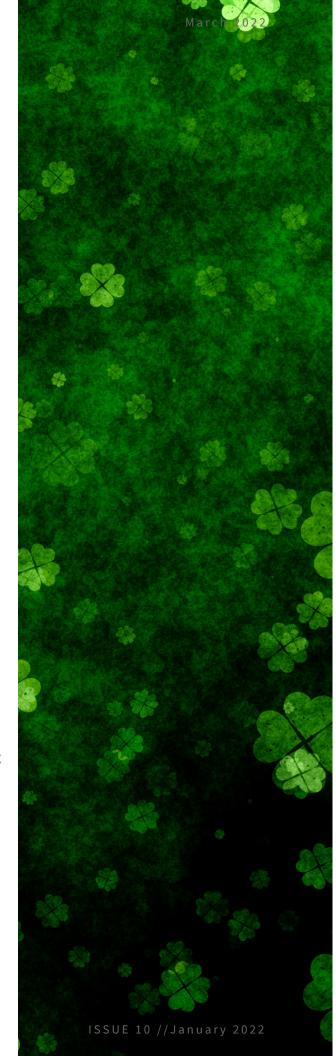
I get so frustrated with my family. I have suffered from anger and depression all my life. Now that I'm diagnosed, I am treated differently. I just want to be treated like any other person. They don't even ask me. They just assume it's my mental health. Sometimes they just agree with me to shut me up. It makes me feel like what I say doesn't even matter and I am only seen as my diagnosis. How do I make them see me for me? A frustrated family member

### Dear frustrated,

You cannot control what other people think however, you can look at it from their point of view. Sometimes, they are not sure how to treat you because they care and don't want to hurt you in any way. You can use this opportunity to educate them on how you wish to be supported in your journey. In the end, you are all on journeys, and recognizing this may help open up lines of communication and awareness. Practicing patience and acceptance works both ways. Your understanding didn't take place overnight and when you feel overwhelmed you can always hit the pause button and breathe. Hope that helps, much love.

#### Trisha

If you have something you would like to get off your chest, write to me at Rentrishatalk@gmail.com "Remember not to include names of persons, places or organizations also religion and politics are not permitted". While Trisha is a trained peer support she is not by any means a mental health professional. If you are having a mental health crisis please seek out a trained professional or call the crisis line 602- 222-9444



# Ren Pride

### All Things LGBTQ+ at REN and beyond



October Of 1906, A Well Dress man wearing a Prince Albert. (a popular Suit made famous by Prince Albert in 1876) Accompanied by his doctor W.C. Rowe. was on a train to Phoenix, Arizona. Still a territory, then. The man's name was Nicolai De Raylan; He came from Chicago. He was the personal secretary to the Russian consul. General Baron von Schlippenbach, he

He was the personal secretary to the Russian consul General Baron von Schlippenbach. he was born in Kyiv, now Ukraine, around 1873 emigrated to America around 1893 in Chicago.

While on the 2000 mile train ride, the two probably talk about issues of the day or Chicago at the time the white sock was playing the cubs in the world series. Maybe they chatted about his job with the general and talked about the opposite sex; you see, De Raylan was a ladies' man. was going to phoenix For a months-long desert air treatment for tuberculosis he'd been battling for two years. Fully expecting to recover, he'd left behind his wife and stepson, with whom he shared an apartment in Chicago

They Arrived in phoenix and took a room at the Union Hotel. Most tuberculosis patients stayed in tents, but they got accommodations in the hotel. However, despite all the good doctors could do, De Raylan's health got worse. De Raylan began to get agitated not about dying, but he made Rowe promise that no one but his wife was able to see the body. He explained that they had a religious compact of sorts: that whoever outlived the other would wash the dead body and see personally to its interment. Rowe was either unable or unwilling to carry out his patient's wishes. When De Raylan died in his hotel room on the evening of December 18, his wife was still in Chicago, awaiting his return. With no next of kin close at hand, Rowe sent for a pair of undertakers to deal with the body. Then Rowe went to the hotel office to telegram De Raylan's wife the news of his death.

Soon after, one of the undertakers, a man named Driscoll, rushed back to the hotel to deliver to Rowe another piece of news, one considerably more shocking than that of the death itself: The deceased was not whom he claimed to be.

On undressing the body, the undertakers had made a startling discovery: Strapped to the man's waist was an artificial penis and testicles made of chamois (Goat or antelope skin) and stuffed with down. Beneath those: Female genitalia.

The Arizona Republic Headline read the next day" A man in a lifetime a woman in death."

whom was this person asked the reporters of the day?
his closes friends said that even though he had many
peculiarities they stood by their belief he was a man.
"De Raylan's habits ... were those of the 'rounder.' Chorus
girls, wine suppers and 'red light' tours were a part of his
routine. All intimates of the dead secretary agreed that he
smoked and drank in excess. He was never without a cigarette
and he was able to drink some of his stoutest companions
'under the table.'"

Edward Burchulis, who had married De Raylan's ex-wife,
Eugenia, remarked incredulously, "Why, I have been
swimming with him, both at Atlantic City and in the Central
YMCA here in Chicago. I am sure he was a man."
Paolo Rinaldi, a barber, told the reporter that De Raylan had
been extremely anxious to grow a mustache. Rinaldi said that
his customer had used at least 20 lotions and creams to get his
facial hair to grow

### A Taxi driver told reporters

on numerous occasions" went out in women's attire. On other occasions, the driver watched as De Raylan and a female companion fought in his cab. "It was De Raylan's favorite diversion to scratch the face of his companion. He never resorted to blows," Lambrakis said, insinuating that De Raylan fought like the woman he was later discovered to be. he was buried at Greenwood Memory Lawn Mortuary & Cemetery in Phoenix in a cemetery open in 1906 and a lot of historic people are there including John T. Alsap, Phoenix's first mayor

De Raylan was buried in Dress and without a headstone The end of De Raylan's life offers insight into the extremely tragic way transgender people were treated in the early 1900s, according to Erica Keppler, founder of Arizona TransAlliance. in an article for the Arizona Republic

"Of course, there's tragedy at the end of the story in Nicolai's life because he died of tuberculosis," Keppler said. "But an even bigger tragedy for him is that it forced his secret to come out, which was not a thing that he ever wanted to happen." However, Keppler warns that the consequences of people discovering his secret during his life could have been much steeper, adding that it took courage or persistence to keep his gender identity intact.



In 2016 the hip Historian Marshal Shore discovered this story Shore learned about his secret and impact on transgender history in Arizona, he decided to work on writing a happier end to De Raylan's story.

"When I found out that we had a gender pioneer, right here in Arizona from 1906, I started working with the local community to raise funds to get him a headstone," Shore said.

His fundraiser started in 2017. Shore capitalized efforts through social media and word of mouth. He said a lot of the money came from just talking to people at bars, on tours, and various LGBTQ groups across the Valley.

in two short years, they raised \$3000 enough to get the headstone but they did not know what it should say

For Keppler, it was clear the headstone "should not out him as trans" because of the experience in the transgender community "of knowing just how important it is to keep a secret and just how hard it is to let that secret go."

.In 2019, the headstone was installed, engraved with a quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson: "To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment."

Keppler said every decision regarding the headstone was intentional.

De Raylan and his wife had enough money to afford a traditional burial, but Shore explained that the unmarked grave was a sign of disrespect in the period.

"You can tell a lot about a city by going and visiting a cemetery and seeing its history," Shore said.

With a headstone, a man who died a century ago is given back his identity



### FUN IN RECOVERY

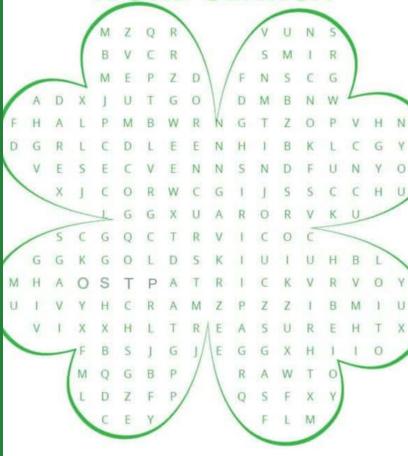
### Would you Believe...



- In the early Roman calendar, March (or Martius) was the first month of the calendar year. it was the start of new beginnings.
- Saint Patrick didn't wear green. His color was blue." The color green became associated with St. Patrick's Day after it was linked to the Irish independence movement in the late 18th century
- There isn't any corn in the traditional St. Patrick's
  Day meal of corned beef and cabbage. The name is
  a reference to the large grains of salt historically
  used to cure meats, which were also known as
  "corns"
- the first St. Patrick's Day parade in America was held in New York City in 1766.
- 1962 marked the first time Chicago dyed their river green for St Patrick's Day.
- the Plumbers Local 110 union dyes the river Kelly green. The dye lasts for around five hours.
- Your odds of finding a four-leaf clover are about in 10.000.
- For 20 years, a cat served as mayor of an Alaskan town



# ST. PATRICK'S DAY WORD SEARCH



IRISH

GREEN

LUCK

RAINBOW

ST. PATRICK

TREASURE

GOLD

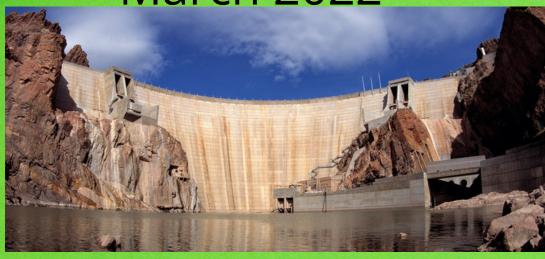
MARCH

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### Poor Trishas Almanac March 2022





March 1, 1961 - President John F. Kennedy established the Peace Corps

**March 4, 1681** - King Charles II of England granted a huge tract of land in the New World to William Penn to settle an outstanding debt. The area later became Pennsylvania.

**March 4, 1789** - The first meeting of the new Congress under the new U.S. Constitution took place in New York City **March 4, 1830** - Former President John Quincy Adams returned to Congress as a representative from Massachusetts. He was the first ex-president ever to return to the House and served eight consecutive terms.

March 9, 1970 - Ulysses S. Grant was commissioned as a Lieutenant General and became commander of the Union armies.

March 9, 1984 - Children of the Corn released

March 10, 1862 - The first issue of U.S. government paper money occurred as \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills began circulation.

**March 10, 1880** - The Salvation Army was founded in the United States. The social service organization was first founded in England by William Booth and operates today in 90 countries.

March 12, 1609 - The island of Bermuda was colonized by the British after a ship on its way to Virginia was wrecked on the reefs

**March 12, 1888** - The Great Blizzard of '88 struck the northeastern U.S. The storm lasted 36 hours with snowfall totaling over 40 inches in New York City where over 400 persons died from the surprise storm.

March 12,1994 - The Church of England ordained 32 women as its first female priests

March 12, 1999 - Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic became full-fledged members of NATO

March 16, 1945 - during World War II, American forces declared they had secured Iwo Jima

**March 16, 1802 -**President Thomas Jefferson signed a measure authorizing the establishment of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York.

March 16, 1926 - rocket science pioneer Robert H. Goddard successfully tested the first liquid-fueled rocket at his Aunt Effie's farm in Auburn, Massachusetts.

March 17, 1762 - 1st St Patrick's Day parade in NYC

March 17, 1884 - John Joseph Montgomery makes 1st glider flight at Otay, California

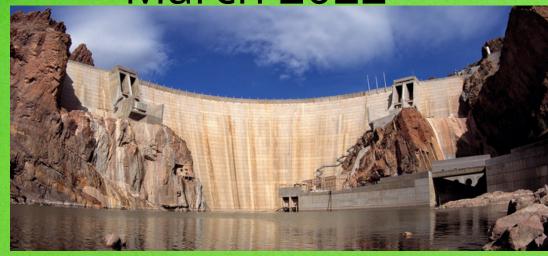
March 17, 1912 - Camp Fire Girls organization announced by Mrs Luther Halsey Gulick

March 18, 1911 - Theodore Roosevelt opened the Roosevelt Dam in Arizona. It was the largest dam in the U.S. at the time.

March 18, 1989 - A 4,400-year-old mummy was discovered at the Pyramid of Cheops in Egypt.

### Poor Trishas Almanac March 2022





March 19, 1932 - The Sydney Harbour Bridge is opened in Sydney, Australia

March 20, 1602 - United Dutch East Indian Company (VOC) forms

March 20, 1789 -

March 20,2016 - Barack Obama becomes the first US President to visit Cuba since 1928, arriving for a 3 day tour

March 22, 1972 - The Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was passed by the U.S. Senate and then sent to the states for ratification. The ERA, as it became known, prohibited discrimination on the basis of gender, stating, "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied

**March 23, 1775** - Patrick Henry ignited the American Revolution with a speech before the Virginia convention in Richmond, stating, "I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death!

**March 24, 1934** - The Philippine Islands in the South Pacific were granted independence by President Franklin D. Roosevelt after nearly 50 years of American control.

March 26, 1885 - Eastman Film Co manufactures 1st commercial motion picture film

March 26, 1951 - United States Air Force flag officially adopted by President Harry S. Truman

March 26, 1976 - Queen Elizabeth II sent out the first royal email, from the Royal Signals and Radar Establishment

March 27,1855 - Abraham Gesner patents kerosene

March 27, 1952 - Sun Records of Memphis begins releasing records

March 27, 1969 - Launch of Mariner 7, flies 2,190-mi above southern Mars

March 28, 1922 - 1st microfilm device introduced

March 29, 1929 - 1929 US President Herbert Hoover has 1st telephone installed on the desk at the Oval Office's in the White House

March 29, 1974 - Mariner 10's, 1st fly-by of Mercury, returns photos

March 29, 1974 - Chinese farmers discover the Terracotta Army near Xi'an, 8,000 clay warrior statues buried to guard the tomb of China's 1st emperor, Qin Shi Huang

March 29, 1989 - 1st US private commercial rocket makes suborbital test flight at White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico

March 30, 240BC - 1st recorded perihelion passage of Halley's Comet

March 30, 1867 - Alaska Purchase: US buys Alaska from Russia for \$7,200,000 (\$109 million in 2018), roughly 2 cents an acre

March 30, 1909 - New York's Queensboro Bridge opens, linking Manhattan & Queens

March 31, 1870 -Thomas Mundy Peterson of Perth Amboy, New Jersey is the first African American to vote in the US under provisions of the 15th Amendment to the Constitution, in a local election on town's charter



Happy Birthday to all of you born in March

Birthstone :aquamarine zodiac sign Pisces (Feb 19-mar 20) / Aries (March 21 - April 19) Here are some celebrities you share your special day with

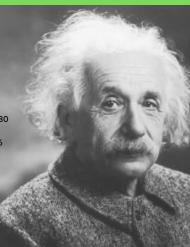
Justin Bieber - 1994 Ron Howard -1954 Frederic Chopin 1810-1839 March 2 Jon Bon Jovi - 1962 Desi Arnaz - 1917 - 1986 Sam Houston-1793-1863 March3 Jessica Biel -1982 Jackie Joyner Kersee- 1962 Alexander Graham Bell-1847- 1922 March4 Josh Bowman - 1988

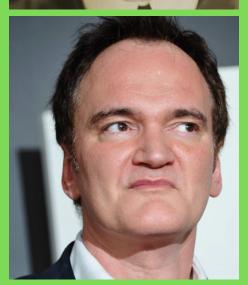












-1958 Jerru Lewis-1926-2017 March 17 Rob Kardashian-1987 Rob Lowe -1964 March 18 March 19 march 20 March 21 march 22 March 23 March 24 March 25 March 26



James Taylor-1948 William Thomas, (buckwheat) -1931-1980 March 13 Danny Masterson,(thats 70,show)-1976 Fred Berry(Rerun)-1951-2003 Percu Lowell-1855-1916 March 14 Michael Caine-1933 Quincy Jones-1933 Albert Einstein -1879-1955 March 15 Mark Hoppus (blink-182) -1972 Bret Michaels - 1963 Andrew Jackson 1767-1845

March 1

Chaz Bono - 1969

Eva Mendes-1974

March 5

March 6

March 7

March 8

March 10

March 11

March 12

Thora Birch- 1982

Johnny Knoxville -1971

Terrence Howard-1969

Malina Weissman -2003

Bob Womack 1944-2014

Shaquille O'Neal- 1972

Dean StockWell - 1936-2021

Henry II of England 1133-1189

Nat King Cole-1910-1965 Adam Levine -1979 Vanessa Williams-1963 Glenn Close-1947 Bruce Willis-1955 Wyatt Earp- 1848-1929 Spike Lee -1957 Michael Rapaport -1970 Fred Rogers -1928 -2003 Matthew Broderick -1962 Rosie O'Donnell-1962 Johann Sebastian Bach - 1685-1750 Keegan-Michael Key - 1971 William Shatner - 1931 Stephen Sondheim 1930-2021 Victoria Pedretti- 1995 Chaka Khan - 1953 Joan Crawford-1908 - 1977 Jim Parsons-1973 Peyton Manning-1976 Harry Houdini 1874-1926 Sarah Jessica Parker -1965 Elton John-1947 Aretha Franklin- 1942-2018 Kennu Chesneu -1968 Steven Tyler - 1948 Leonard Nimoy -1931 - 2015 March 27 Brenda Song-1988 Fergie -1975 **Ouentin Tarantino- 1963** March28 Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta (lady Gaga) - 1986 Reba McEntire - 1955 Vince Vaughn -1970 March29 Elle Macpherson - 1964 Sam Walton (walmart) - 1918-1992 John Tyler -1790-1862 10th US president March30 Celine Dion- 1968 Eric Clapton - 1945 Vincent van Gogh - 1853-1890 March31 Angus Young - 1955 Christopher Walken - 1943 Cesar Chavez - 1927-1993

William Drayton (Flavor flav) \*- 1959



### ren movie review



**Turning Red** 



Very Cute Movie. However, all is not what it seems. while you think you watching a movie. Having to do with someone being possessed by a big red panda (funny in a scary way Lol). You find the movie is really about a girl becoming a woman. Waking up one-day discovering your smelly, hairy,thinking your a big monster, your ugly, and boys or girls depending on your preference. But most of all trying to navigate the discovering of finding out who you are . Great movie now streaming on disney + .

- = Only on a dare.
- = I could not find the remote.
- = It had It's moments.
- = I like It!
- =OMG Gurl,You have to see this movie!





**Top 5 leprechaun Movies** 



The leprechaun (8 in all)1. 2. The Luck of the Irish(2001) 3. Finian's Rainbow(1968) 4. Darby O'Gill and the Little People(1959)

5.



Unlucky Charms(2013)







#1s of the past 1972(50yrs) The God Father- Marlon Brando 1982 (40yrs)

Porky's- Kim Cattrall 1992 (30yrs)

White Men Can't Jump-

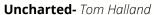
Wesley Snipes

2001 (20yrs)

**Ice Age-** Ray Ramono

2021 (1yr ago)

Raya and The Last Dragon- Kelly Tra February 2022 (1 month)













### **NOW PLAYING**

### IN THEATERS

#### The Batman

The Caped Crusader is back in a new movie, part of the DC Universe but separate from the DC Extended Universe, and simply titled The Batman. Directed by Matt Reeves, The Batman follows a young Bruce Wayne (Robert Pattinson) in his second year of fighting crime in Gotham City

#### Netflix

#### Piece Of Her

A woman who pieces together her mother's dark past after a violent attack in their small town brings hidden threats and deadly secrets to light.

#### Hulu

#### The Dropout

, The Dropout tells the story of the rise and fall of former Silicon Valley darling Elizabeth Holmes, the youngest self-made female billionaire

### Disney +

#### **Turning Red**

Young actress Rosalie Chiang lends her voice to Mei Lee, a 13-year-old who suddenly "poofs" into a giant red panda when she gets too excited (which is practically ALWAYS). Sandra Oh voices Mei Lee's protective, if not slightly overbearing mother, Ming, who is never far from her daughter—an unfortunate reality for the teenager. Directed by Shi and produced by Lindsey Collins, Disney and Pixar's

#### Prime

#### upload Season 2

From the Emmy-winning Greg Daniels (The Office, Parks & Rec) comes a hilarious new sci-fi comedy. In the future people can upload their consciousness to a luxurious digital afterlife. When party boy Nathan gets uploaded to a virtual resort he meets the down-to-earth Nora who starts as his customer service "angel" but becomes so much more as she helps him find friendship, love, and purpose.











### Top 10 songs to do with luck or superstition

- 1. **Superstition-**Stevie Wonder
- 2. Lucky star Madonna
- 3. Knock On Wood-Eddie Floyd
- 4. Ouija Board, Ouija Board-Morrissey
- 5. **Bad Luck**-Neko Case
- 6. Black Cat-Janet Jackson
- 7. **Born Under A Bad Sign-**Albert King
- 8. When you wish upon a Star -(Cliff Edwards)
- 9. Lucky Man -Emerson, Lake, And Palmer
- 10. **You Got Lucky** Tom Petty



1972(50yrs)

A horse With Name- America 1982 (40yrs)

I Love Rock N Roll -Joan Jett and the Blackhearts

1992 (30 yrs)

To Be With You- MR. Big 2002 (20yrs)

In The End - Linkin Park 2021

Drivers License - Olivia Rodrigo last month:

We Don't Talk About Bruno cast of Encanto

# #1 Albums For March

1972(50yrs)

Harvest- Neil Young

1982 (40yrs)

Beauty and the Beat - GO GOS

1992 (30 yrs)

Ropin' the Wind - Garth Brooks

2001 (20yrs) Weathered - Creed

2021

Dangerous: The Double Album- Morgan Wallen

Last month:

**Encanto (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack)** 

