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**Doodling for fun and profit: Once a telltale sign of wandering attention during staff meetings, doodling is now being embraced as a key to corporate creativity, said Rachel Emma Silverman in The Wall Street Journal. Experts say that sketches, diagrams, and cartoons often do a better job of generating and communicating ideas than text does, and offer "an antidote to the pervasiveness of digital culture." Even Facebook, whose business is digital culture, has turned the walls of offices around the country into whiteboards "to allow employees to sketch ideas whenever they arise." After a workshop with a "visual problem solving" consultant, Patrick O'Hare of Spectrum Health System in Grand Rapids, Michigan, created a presentation of cartoon-like sketches for the CEO. His offering turned out "much better than the PowerPoint presentation he had delivered a few weeks earlier." (*The Week magazine, May 11, 2012)***

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**April 25th, 2025 - Temporary Protected Status *(The Week magazine, March 28, 2025) immigration***

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**April 11th, 2025 - drop in tax receipts *(The Washington Post, as it appeared in The Week magazine, April 4, 2025)***

**April 4th, 2025 - In 1930, President Herbert Hoover signed high import tariffs to help U.S. farmers and wound up supercharging the Great Depression. *(The Week magazine, March 28, 2025)***

**March 27tfh, 2025 - cycles and rhythms *(Richard & Mary-Alice Jafolla, in The Quest, p. 84) in synx***

**March 20th, 2025 – Measles outbreak *(The Week magazine, February 28, 2025) vaccine-related***

**March 13th, 2025 - workforce *(The Washington Post, as it appeared in The Week magazine, February 28, 2025) government***

**March 6, 2025 - Pope criticizes deportations (The Week magazine, February 21, 2025) immigration**

**February 27th, 2025 A blind man from Indiana is questioning the state’s decision to issue him a concealed-carry gun permit. Terry Sutherland admits he was trying to prove a point when he walked, assisted by a sight-stick, into state offices in Indianapolis and applied for a gun permit. But he says it “shocked me more than I expected” when officials approved the application, no questions asked. “I thought at the last second somebody would go, “Wait a minute,” said Sutherland. *(The Week magazine, February 21, 2025) guns in america***

**February 20, 2025 - Aged by sadness and loneliness *(The Week magazine, October 14, 2022) loneliness***

**February 13th, 2025 - How dogs trained humans: Over the centuries humans have trained dogs to *(The Week magazine, October 18, 2024) a dog’s world***

**February 6, 2025 - died on the very same day in (Isaac Asimov's Book of Facts, p. 419) in synx**

[**January 30th, 2025 - American founding *(Clarles Cooke, in NationalReview.com)***](http://www.molndaymunchees.com/) ***beauty***

[**January 23rd, 2025 - cost of mass deportations *(The Week magazine, December 13, 2024) immigration***](http://www.molndaymunchees.com/)

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[**January 9th, 2025 - Americans own *(The Washington Post, as it appeared in The Week magazine, July 6 /July 13, 2018) guns in America***](http://www.molndaymunchees.com/)

[**January 2nd, 2025 - Are vaccines actually risky? *(The Week magazine, December 20, 2024) vaccine related***](http://www.molndaymunchees.com/)

[**December 26th, 2024 - mistletoe *(National Geographic magazine)***](http://www.molndaymunchees.com/)

[**December 19th, 2024 - stain on Biden’s legacy *(The Week magazine, December 13, 2024) pardons***](http://www.molndaymunchees.com/)

[**December 12th, 2024 - cost of mass deportations *(The Week magazine, December 13, 2024) immigration***](http://www.molndaymunchees.com/)

[**December 5th, 2024 - An inebriated animal kingdom *(The Week magazine, November 22, 2024) alcohol related***](http://www.molndaymunchees.com/)

[**November 28th, 2024 - originated *(Rev. Lurabelle Gustafson, Divine Science Minister) thanksgiving***](http://www.molndaymunchees.com/)

[**November 21st, 2024 - species *(The Economist, October 28, 2006) homosexuality***](http://www.molndaymunchees.com/)

[**November 14th, 2024 – God aborts more fetuses *(Neil deGrasse Tyson, in Starry Messenger, p. 194) abortion***](http://www.molndaymunchees.com/)