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Music Hall, the site of the convention

The **1880 Democratic National Convention** met June 22–24, 1880, at the **Music Hall** (*pictured*) in Cincinnati, Ohio, nominating **Winfield S. Hancock** of Pennsylvania for **President of the United States** and **William H. English** of Indiana for vice president. Six men were officially candidates for nomination at the convention, and several more received votes. The two leading candidates were Hancock and **Thomas F. Bayard**, a conservative senator from Delaware. Many Democrats believed that **Samuel J. Tilden** of New York had been unjustly deprived of the presidency in 1876 and hoped to rally around him in the **1880 campaign**, but his intentions were unclear. The first round of balloting was inconclusive. After learning of Tilden's withdrawal before the second round of balloting, the delegates flocked to Hancock, a career soldier and **Civil War** hero, who was nominated. English, a conservative from a **swing state**, was nominated for vice president. Hancock and English were narrowly defeated by Republicans **James A. Garfield** and **Chester A. Arthur** that autumn. (**Full article...**)

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- ISIL suicide bombers **attack** a peaceful protest in **Kabul**, Afghanistan, killing at least 80 people and injuring 260.
- In **athletics**, American sprinter **Kendra Harrison** breaks the **28-year-old 100 metres hurdles world record** at the **London Grand Prix**.
- A gunman **opens fire** near a shopping mall in **Munich**, Germany, killing 9 people and injuring 27.
- The **Turkish government purges tens of thousands** of alleged **Gülenists** following an **unsuccessful coup** that killed at least 290 people.
- In **golf**, **Henrik Stenson** (*pictured*) wins the **Open Championship**.



Henrik Stenson

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Hertha Marks Ayrton

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Phoebe Sarah Hertha Ayrton (28 April 1854 – 23 August 1923), was a British engineer, mathematician, physicist, and inventor. Known in adult life as **Hertha Ayrton**, born Phoebe Sarah Marks, she was awarded the **Hughes Medal** by the **Royal Society** for her work on **electric arcs** and ripples in sand and water.

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Hertha Ayrton was born Phoebe Sarah Marks in **Portsea**, Hampshire, England, on 28 April 1854. She was the third child of a **Polish Jewish** watchmaker named Levi Marks, an immigrant from **Tsarist Poland**; and Alice Theresa Moss, a **seamstress**, the daughter of Joseph Moss, a glass merchant of Portsea.^{[1][2]} Her father died in 1861, leaving Sarah's mother with seven children and an eighth expected. Sarah then took up some of the responsibility for caring for the younger children.

At the age of nine, Sarah was invited by her aunts, who ran a school in northwest London, to live with her cousins and be educated with them.^[3] She was known to her peers and teachers as a fiery, occasionally

Hertha Marks Ayrton



Hertha Ayrton

Born	Phoebe Sarah Marks 28 April 1854 Portsea , Portsmouth , Hampshire, United Kingdom
Died	23 August 1923 (aged 69) Bexhill-on-sea , Sussex, United Kingdom

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