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City Building of
Champaign, Illinois

City of Champaign v. Madigan is a 2013 case decided by [the Appellate Court](#) of the US state of [Illinois](#), ruling that messages sent and received by elected officials during a city council meeting and pertaining to public business are [public records](#) subject to disclosure, even when stored on personal electronic devices. It was the first court ruling in Illinois to hold that private messages were subject to disclosure under the state's [Freedom of Information Act](#). The case addressed a public records request from a reporter for *The News-Gazette* in [Champaign, Illinois](#), who observed city council members and the mayor using their personal electronic devices to send messages during a city council meeting. City officials denied the reporter's request; the case eventually reached the Appellate Court, which held that public officials have to disclose their records, even if they are stored on a personal electronic device or account, but only when acting as a [public body](#), such as during a council meeting. ([Full article...](#))

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- ... that gymnast [Samir Aït Saïd](#) (*pictured*) performed a [backflip](#) as the French team walked in during the [2020 Summer Olympics opening ceremony](#)?
- ... that the New York City government sought to demolish a wall around the [Isaac L. Rice Mansion](#) for five years?
- ... that [Mayling Oey-Gardiner](#) went from being a [University of Indonesia](#) clerk to a full professor?
- ... that according to [Brandy Hellville](#), executives at [Brandy Melville](#) have bought the clothes off of employees' backs?
- ... that [a California TV station](#) wondered whether it had the "World's Longest Pregnancy"?
- ... that it will soon be illegal for government employees to [gamble in the country of Georgia](#)?
- ... that Czech industrialist [Jan Felkl](#) founded a company in 1854 that would produce [globes](#) in 17 languages?
- ... that the Russian and Belarusian military exercise [Zapad 2013](#) was officially described as counterterrorist, but international observers concluded that it was a preparation for a conventional war?
- ... that after criticizing the [political patronage system](#), [John Silva Meehan](#) was hired as [Librarian of Congress](#) through "purely an act of political patronage"?



Samir Aït Saïd

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In the news

- **A helicopter crash** near [Varzaqan](#), Iran, kills nine people, including President [Ebrahim Raisi](#) (*pictured*) and Foreign Minister [Hossein Amir-Abdollahian](#).
- In boxing, [Oleksandr Usyk](#) **defeats** [Tyson Fury](#) to become the first [undisputed heavyweight champion](#) in twenty-four years.
- **Protests over voting rights changes** break out in the French territory of [New Caledonia](#).
- **Lee Hsien Loong** steps down after nearly twenty years as [Prime Minister of Singapore](#), and is succeeded by [Lawrence Wong](#).
- [Prime Minister of Slovakia Robert Fico](#) is hospitalised after **an assassination attempt**.



Ebrahim Raisi

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May 20: **National Day of Remembrance** in Cambodia ([1975](#)); **National Awakening Day** in Indonesia ([1908](#)); **Victoria Day** in Canada ([2024](#))

- **794** – According to the *Anglo-Saxon Chronicle*, **King Æthelberht II** of [East Anglia](#) was beheaded on the orders of [Offa of Mercia](#).
- **1714** – [Johann Sebastian Bach](#) directed the first performance of his [Pentecost](#) cantata *Erschallet, ihr Lieder* at the chapel of [Schloss Weimar](#) (*pictured*).
- **1927** – With the signing of the [Treaty of Jeddah](#), the United Kingdom recognized the sovereignty of [Ibn Saud](#) over [Hejaz](#) and [Nejd](#), which later merged to become Saudi Arabia.
- **1941** – **World War II**: German [paratroopers](#) began the **Battle of Heraklion** on the island of [Crete](#), capturing the airfield and port in [Heraklion](#) ten days later.
- **1983** – [uMkhonto we Sizwe](#), the paramilitary wing of the [African National Congress](#), **detonated a car bomb** in [Pretoria](#), resulting in 19 deaths and 217 injuries.



Schlosskirche
Weimar

[William Fargo](#) (b. [1818](#)) · [Gertrude Guillaume-Schack](#) (d. [1903](#)) · [Nizamuddin Asir Adrawi](#) (d. [2021](#))

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Hurricane Calvin

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Lucia Chamberlain (1882–1978) was an American novelist. Her 1909 book was the basis of the 1916 film *The Other Side of the Door*, and her 1917 short story "The Underside" formed the basis of the 1920 film *Blackmail*. The 1916 film *The Wedding Guest* is also based on her writing. This photograph of Chamberlain was taken around 1908 by the American portrait photographer [Zaida Ben-Yusuf](#), and is now in the collection of the [National Portrait Gallery](#) in Washington, D.C.

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