



## Today in History

*December 9, 1934*

▲ **Oscar-winning British actress Judi Dench was born. A stage and screen star for over 50 years, she reached mass audiences as spy chief M in seven James Bond films**

**1824:** Spanish forces were heavily defeated at the battle of Ayacucho in the Peruvian War of Independence

**1884:** Ball-bearing roller skates were patented in Chicago

**1994:** The British government and Sinn Féin, the political wing of the Irish Republican Army, held their first formal talks for more than 70 years

**2004:** New Zealand passed a law giving same-sex couples equal civil rights as married couples