

A close-up portrait of Jane Fonda with blonde, wavy hair, smiling slightly. She is wearing large, ornate earrings. The background is blue with some text partially visible.

Today in History

December 21, 1937

▲ **Jane Fonda, Oscar-winning U.S. film actress and one-time political activist, was born. Her best known films include Barbarella, Klute, and On Golden Pond**

1913: The first crossword puzzle was published in the New York World

1993: Russian president Boris Yeltsin abolished the former KGB security police

2007: Nine more European Union nations scrapped passport checks

2015: Sepp Blatter and Michel Platini, the suspended presidents of FIFA and UEFA respectively, were banned from all football-related activities for eight years