



Today in History

July 15, 1953

▲ The lavish musical comedy film **Gentlemen Prefer Blondes** opened, featuring two of Hollywood's biggest stars, Marilyn Monroe and Jane Russell

1869: Margarine was patented and named after the Greek word for pearl, margaritari, owing to its pearl-like lustre

1997: Italian fashion designer Gianni Versace was shot dead on the steps of his Miami mansion

2005: U.S. golfer Jack Nicklaus, winner of 18 major titles, retired at St Andrews

2009: China's foreign exchange reserves reached a record \$2.13 trillion, more than twice the size of the second largest holder, Japan