

A portrait of Gianni Versace, an Italian fashion designer, with grey hair and a beard, wearing a green sweater. The background is a warm orange-brown color.

## Today in History

*July 15, 1997*

▲ **Flamboyant Italian fashion designer Gianni Versace was shot dead on the steps of his mansion in Miami. His murderer later killed himself with the same gun**

**1795:** La Marseillaise was officially adopted as the French national anthem

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

**2010:** Argentina became the first Latin American country to legalise same-sex marriage

**2016:** An attempted coup in Turkey was foiled by forces loyal to President Recep Tayyip Erdogan