

“La Lollo” turns 80

Illustration: Bob Hoare



GINA LOLLOBRIGIDA

- ▶ **Born:** July 4, 1927, Subiaco, Italy
- ▶ **1947:** Comes third in *Miss Italy* beauty pageant – movie roles follow
- ▶ **1949:** Marries Slovenian doctor *Milko Scofic*; they divorce in 1971
- ▶ **1955:** Nicknamed *The World's Most Beautiful Woman* after her appearance in movie of same name
- ▶ **1970s:** Winds down film career to focus on photojournalism and sculpture
- ▶ **1999:** Runs unsuccessfully for one of Italy's 87 seats in elections for European Parliament
- ▶ **2006:** Aged 79, announces engagement to 45-year-old Spanish businessman *Javier Rigau y Rafols*, but calls it off within weeks, blaming media pressure