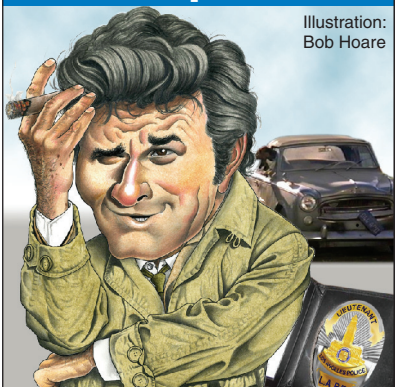


Iconic cop turns 80

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PETER FALK

- ▶ **Born:** Sep 16, 1927, in New York
- ▶ **1956:** Makes professional acting debut in Off Broadway production of Moliere's *Don Juan*
- ▶ **1960:** Oscar-nominated for first movie role, in *Murder Incorporated*
- ▶ **1968:** Cast in TV pilot as shabby, seemingly absent-minded police detective, *Lt. Columbo*. Falk is third choice for role, after *Lee J. Cobb* and *Bing Crosby*. Series wins him four Emmys, one Golden Globe, and continues to this day
- ▶ Notable movies include *The In-Laws* (1979), *Wings of Desire*, and *The Princess Bride* (both 1987)
- ▶ **1998:** Returns to New York stage to star in *Mr Peters' Connections* by *Arthur Miller*
- ▶ **2006:** Publishes memoir, *Just One More Thing*, using Columbo's famous catchphrase