

## RADAR



> 50 years ago this month Marilyn Monroe passed away, her body found in bed at her LA home, an empty bottle of sleeping pills at her side. Conspiracy theorists maintain that her death wasn't the result of a self-administered overdose as claimed, with some suggesting foul play, and it's one of the reasons why we remain fascinated by the movie star decades on. Just a few weeks before she died, Monroe's most trusted photographer Lawrence Schiller took this picture of her as she celebrated her 36th and last birthday, and it forms part of his brilliant book *Marilyn & Me* (Taschen), which captures perfectly the other reasons for the screen siren's enduring popularity.