

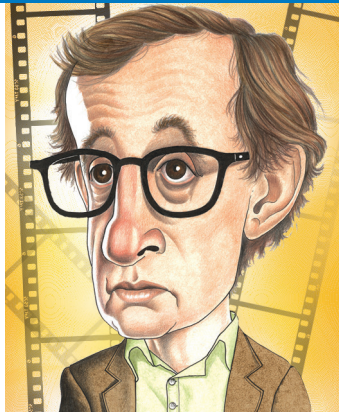
Master moviemaker Woody Allen turns 70

▶ **Born:** **Allen Stewart Konigsberg** on December 1, 1935, to a Jewish family in **Brooklyn, New York**

▶ **Begins writing gags at high school** – by 19 he is writing scripts for ***The Ed Sullivan Show***

▶ **Writes screenplay for *What's New, Pussycat?* (1965),** directs first movie in 1966, with first major hit, ***Bananas***, in 1971. Now one of America's most prolific writer-directors, with over 40 films under his belt

▶ **Awards:** ***Annie Hall*** wins four Academy Awards, ***Hannah and Her Sisters***, three. Two French Cesar Awards for Best Foreign Film, for ***Manhattan*** and ***The Purple Rose of***



Cairo. Holds record 13 Oscar nominations for Best Original Screenplay, plus six nods for Best Director and one for Best Actor

▶ **Personal life:** Two early marriages followed by lengthy relationships with leading ladies ***Diane Keaton*** and ***Mia Farrow*** – latter ends in acrimony after

Farrow discovers his affair with adopted daughter ***Soon-Yi Previn***, whom he marries in 1997

▶ **Other interests:** Allen is an accomplished clarinetist and plays every Monday evening at ***New York's Carlyle Hotel***. His two adopted daughters with Soon-Yi are named after jazz musicians