Hoffman turns 70

Born: Aug 8, 1937, in Los Angeles

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▶ 1958: Moves to New York to study "method" acting under Lee Strasberg

■ 1967: Gains fame and first Oscar

nomination in movie *The Graduate*1969: Confirms reputation for playing offbeat, eccentric characters

as *Ratso Rizzo* in *Midnight Cowboy*▶ 1979: Wins Best Actor Oscar for *Kramer vs. Kramer*

▶ 1984: Plays Willy Loman in

Broadway revival of Arthur Miller's Death of a Salesman

1988: Second Oscar, for autistic

savant Raymond Babbitt in Rain Man

1989-90: Plays Shylock in
Shakespeare's The Merchant Of

Notable other awards include: Three *BAFTAs*, five *Golden Globes*, *Honorary Golden Bear* (Berlin, 1989),

Venice in London and New York

Career Golden Lion (Venice, 1996), Lifetime Achievement Award from American Film Institute (1999)

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