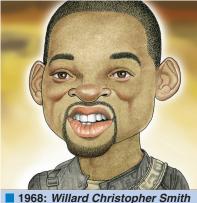
Fresh Prince turns 40



- 1968: Willard Christopher Smith born September 25, in Philadelphia
- 1984: With friend *Jeff Townes* forms rap music partnership as *DJ Jazzy Jeff* and *the Fresh Prince*
- 1988: Wins first ever Grammy in Rap category for *Parents Just Don't Understand*
- 1990: Specially written sitcom,

 The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air,
 launches Smith's acting career
- 1996-97: Gains international fame in blockbuster movies *Independence Day* and *Men in Black*
- **2001:** Receives first Oscar nomination for his portrayal of boxer *Muhammad Ali* in biopic *Ali*
- 2006: Wins second Oscar nod, for The Pursuit of Happyness
- 2008: *Hancock* is Smith's eighth consecutive film to gross over \$100m in U.S. only actor to achieve this