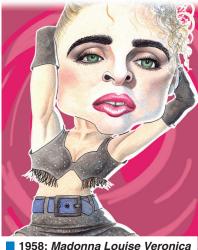
Pop icon turns 50



- Ciccone born August 16 in Bay City, Michigan

 1977: Moves to New York to pursue
- dance career

 1983: Releases debut album,
- Madonna

 1985: Appears in movie Desperately
- Seeking Susan, marries Sean Penn
 1989: Video for Like a Prayer
 condemned by Vatican. Divorces Penn
- 1992: Controversial book *Sex* sells over 500,000 copies
 1996: Wins Golden Globe for movie
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 Evita. Daughter Lourdes born
 1998: Album Ray of Light revives
- flagging music career

 2000: Marries director *Guy Ritchie*, son *Rocco* born
 - 2006: Adopts baby from Malawi
- 2008, Aug: Turns 50, and begins eighth world tour, Sticky & Sweet