

Biography captures tragic life of Maria Callas

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For The Post

"Maria Callas—The Woman Behind The Legend," by Arianna Stassinopoulos, is a warmly compassionate biography. The author has exhaustively researched everyone concerned, and I urge you to read it.

Maria Callas (Cecilia Sophia Maria Kalogeropoulos) was born in New York City in 1923 and raised in an atmosphere devoid of operatic tradition. Her talent was inherited from her maternal grandfather, Petros Dimitriadis. An army officer all his life, he was known during the Balkan War as "The Singing Commander." Fifty years later, his granddaughter would be La Divina, the prima donna assoluta, the Golden Voice of the century. He died before she was born.

Maria's professional life can be divided into periods, each named after its chief sustaining figure: the Trivella period, the de Hidalgo period, the Serafin period, the Meneghini period, the Visconti period, the Zeffirelli period and the di Stefano period.

She had a bad relationship with her mother, who was ambitious for Maria, but she clearly favored the older and prettier daughter, Jackie, so Maria Trivella was not only her first teacher, but her surrogate mother.

Elvira de Hidalgo taught her dramatic expression, but the greatest treasure she gave Maria was a vast repertoire of tragic heroines. Tullio Serafin provided her with all the opportunities to master the bel canto repertory on stage. He was her mentor, guide and inspiration.

"Bel canto," beautiful singing, is a term used to describe whatever method is currently claimed as teaching the art of Italian classical singing. Today it usually categorizes Italian opera of 1810-50.

She married Giovanni Battista Meneghini in 1947. He was 30 years her senior, but he was attentive and a born manager. Love played no role at this time; her daydreams were of first nights, singing feats and operatic triumphs.

She longed for the "lean and hungry look" that was necessary to bring greater expression and dramatic ap-

peal to her operatic roles. Between 1952-54 she lost 62 pounds. In every sense the ugly duckling was transformed into a luminous swan.

She had distinctive triumphs in "Norma," "Traviata" and "Tosca."

From 1952 to 1964 she recorded principal roles in 22 different operas, including four she never sang on stage: "Carmen," "Manon Lescaut" and "Pagliacci." On stage she sang different roles in more than 500 performances. Her total was 535.

Up to 1957, Maria had renounced every aspect of her life that did not contribute to her work, but from then on she determined that Maria—the Woman—would come first. Her absorption into Elsa Maxwell's circle was painful for her adoring Callasites to accept. Their dedicated high priestess had succumbed to self-indulgence.

The cost of greatness is often an unbalance which, with chance and circumstance aiding, leads to catastrophe. Nothing could have been more destructive than the seductive at-

mosphere of the over-privileged with their antics and peculiar moral values.

She met Aristotle Onassis at a party given for her by Elsa Maxwell.

He pursued her ardently and she fell obsessively in love with him. She divorced Meneghini. Eventually Ari was divorced by Tina Onassis, but still he didn't marry Maria. Their "affair" was to last nine years.

At the age of 43, Maria found herself pregnant, but Onassis said he would leave her if she didn't abort the baby. The child, which she fervently desired, might have prevented her gradual

descent into self-destructive inertia.

Onassis suffered from phillomania, an excessive thirst for prestige. He needed women with "class" to confirm his own worthiness. The most celebrated singer of the day was enough until the world-famous widow of an American president came along.

And so, without a word to Maria, he suddenly married Jacqueline Kennedy. We all know what happened when she got the keys to the candy store.

On May 26, 1970, the press reported that Maria Callas had attempted suicide by

taking an overdose of barbiturates. Maria denied it, but she didn't say what happened.

In "The Fabulous Onassis," by Christian Cafarakis (1972), you will find the possible truth. Maria, perhaps as far back as 1967, had taken a capsule containing a segment of a tapeworm to control her weight. Some celebrities resort to this abominable practice to continue their bad living habits and still stay thin. Things can get out of hand, and apparently this occurred in Maria's case.

Her life was both tragedy and fairy tale, and I wish

that the high priestess had not forsaken her vigil over the sacred flame in the temple of her art. I wish that she had never met that frog prince who, through some fatal distortion, looked like a Sun King to her. If only she had not lain becalmed in the delusive realm of the lotus-eaters aboard the yacht "Christina."

She was 54 years old when

she died of a heart attack and she left \$12 million and no will. The people she cared about the least were the ones to split her money—her mother and her ex-husband.

This book is available at Sandy Public Library and for further information, listen to Barbara Waterhouse on KYXI this Wednesday, May 27, at 1:30 p.m.

Library to host children's program

Sandy area youngsters will have a chance to "dive into books" this summer when the Sandy Public Library hosts the Children's Summer Program.

The program will meet each Wednesday morning from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

feature story telling and crafts. A summer reading program will include reading certificates and awards.

As in years past, special programs, such as the Washington Park Zoo's Zoo-

To-You, will be presented.

Registration is available at Sandy Public Library or by calling 668-5537. There are a limited number of openings, so interested persons are advised to call early to insure a spot in the program.

School menus

Sandy	Welches	Cottrell
Monday, May 25 Memorial Day No School	Monday, May 25 Memorial Day No School	Monday, May 25 Memorial Day No School
Tuesday, May 26 Macaroni and Cheese Seasoned Green Beans Fruit Salad Bread and Butter Milk	Tuesday, May 26 Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Buttered Corn and Green Beans Garlic Bread Dried Prunes Milk	Tuesday, May 26 Turkey Pie Hot Biscuits Buttered Corn Carrot Sticks Mandarin Oranges Milk
Wednesday, May 27 Vegetable Beef Stew Hot Roll Applesauce Cookie Chocolate Milk	Wednesday, May 27 Hot Dog with Mustard Tater Tots with Catsup Crisp Carrot and Celery Apple Crisp Milk	Wednesday, May 27 Eggs-a-muffin Hash Brown Potatoes Buttered Mixed Vegetables Whipped Jello Milk
Thursday, May 28 Fish Sticks Tartar Sauce Tater Tots and Catsup Carrot Sticks Bread and Butter Milk	Thursday, May 28 Ham and Pinto Beans Popeye Salad Buttered Corn Bread Fruited Jello Milk	Thursday, May 28 Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes Celery Sticks Buttered Date Bread Fruit Milk
Friday, May 29 Sausage Pizza Tossed Green Salad French Dressing Apricot Halves Milk	Friday, May 29 Tacos Lettuce Cheese Buttered Corn Apple Wedge Cookie Milk	Friday, May 29 Meat Loaf Hot Rolls Buttered Peas Tater Tots Banana Choice of Milk

Cemetery group schedules work

The Cliffside Cemetery Association will meet tomorrow, May 22, in the basement of the Community Presbyterian Church, 39290

Scenic Ave., at 7 p.m. to elect a new board member. Any person who owns a plot in the cemetery is eligible to vote. All meetings are

open to anyone interested. There will also be a work day this Saturday, May 23. For more information, call 668-4589.

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

A meeting of the _____ School District Board will be held on June 9, 1981, at _____ p.m. at _____ School — _____ East Side. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1981, as approved by the _____ School District (Municipal Corporation) Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained free of charge at _____ East School Office between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

The budget was prepared on a basis of accounting consistent not consistent with the basis of accounting used during the preceding year. Major changes, if any, and their effect on the budget, are explained below.

Clackamas _____ Boring, _____ 5/12/81
(County) (City) (Date) *Walter A. Buckley*
(Chairperson of Governing Body)

FINANCIAL SUMMARY		
	Adopted Budget This Year 1980	Approved Budget Next Year 1981
ANTICIPATED REQUIREMENTS		
Total Instruction	\$ 327,471.	\$ 345,285.
Total Supporting Services	257,843.	284,365.
Total Community Services	0	0
Total All Other Expenditures and Requirements	71,358.	177,078.
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REQUIREMENTS	\$ 656,672.	\$ 806,728.
ANTICIPATED REVENUES		
Total Revenues Except Property Taxes	\$ 454,537.50	\$ 493,443.
Total Property Taxes Required to Balance Budget	209,856.50	313,285.
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	\$ 664,394.00	\$ 806,728.
ANTICIPATED TAX LEVY		
Total Property Taxes Required to Balance Budget	\$ 209,856.50	\$ 313,285.
Plus Estimated Property Taxes Not to be Received	25,149.50	24,000.
TOTAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY	\$ 235,006.00	\$ 337,285.
TAX LEVIES PARTIALLY FUNDED BY STATE OF OREGON		
Levy Within Tax Base	\$ 294,500.00	\$ 313,392.
One-Year Special Levy Outside Tax Base	0	0
Serial Levies	0	0
TOTAL PROPERTY TAX TO BE PARTIALLY FUNDED BY STATE SOURCES	\$ 294,500.00	\$ 313,392.
TAX LEVIES TOTALLY FUNDED BY LOCAL TAXPAYERS		
One-Year Special Levy Outside Tax Base	\$ 28,506.	\$ 23,933.
Serial Levies	0	0
TOTAL PROPERTY TAX TO BE FUNDED BY LOCAL TAXPAYERS	\$ 28,506.	\$ 23,933.
TOTAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY	\$ 323,006.	\$ 337,325.

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS

NONE AS SUMMARIZED BELOW NONE AS SUMMARIZED BELOW

TYPE OF DEBT	DEBT OUTSTANDING		DEBT AUTHORIZED, NOT INCURRED	
	This Year as of July 1, 1981	Next Year as of July 1, 1982	This Year as of July 1	Next Year as of July 1
Bonds	\$ 260,000.	\$ 245,000.		
Interest-Bearing Warrants				
Short-Term Note				
(Other)				
TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS	\$ 260,000.	\$ 245,000.		

FUNDS NOT REQUIRING AN AD VALOREM TAX TO BE LEVIED

	Actual Data Last Year	Adopted Budget This Year	Approved Budget Next Year
Total Instruction	\$ 35,443.80	\$ 40,679.	\$ 41,960.
Total Supporting Services			
Total Community Services			
Total All Other Requirements			
Total Budget Requirements	35,443.80	40,679.	41,960.
Total Budget Resources	35,443.80	40,679.	41,960.

FUNDS REQUIRING THE LEVY OF AN AD VALOREM TAX TO BALANCE THE BUDGET

	Actual Data Last Year	Adopted Budget This Year	Approved Budget Next Year
Total Instruction	\$ 12,295.44	\$ 14,429.	\$ 17,189.
Total Supporting Services			
Total Community Services			
Total All Other Requirements			
Total Budget Requirements	12,295.44	14,429.	17,189.
Total Budget Resources	12,295.44	14,429.	17,189.

FUNDS REQUIRING THE LEVY OF AN AD VALOREM TAX TO BALANCE THE BUDGET

	Actual Data Last Year	Adopted Budget This Year	Approved Budget Next Year
Total Instruction	\$ 10,019.25	\$ 11,465.	\$ 12,055.
Total Supporting Services			
Total Community Services			
Total All Other Requirements			
Total Budget Requirements	10,019.25	11,465.	12,055.
Total Budget Resources	10,019.25	11,465.	12,055.

FUNDS REQUIRING THE LEVY OF AN AD VALOREM TAX TO BALANCE THE BUDGET

	Actual Data Last Year	Adopted Budget This Year	Approved Budget Next Year
Total Instruction	\$ 6,545.	\$ 23,423.	\$ 25,514.
Total Supporting Services			
Total Community Services			
Total All Other Requirements			
Total Budget Requirements	6,545.	23,423.	25,514.
Total Budget Resources	6,545.	23,423.	25,514.

FUNDS REQUIRING THE LEVY OF AN AD VALOREM TAX TO BALANCE THE BUDGET

	Actual Data Last Year	Adopted Budget This Year	Approved Budget Next Year
Total Instruction	\$ 247,766.52	\$ 327,864.	\$ 345,285.
Total Supporting Services	234,833.19	259,114.	284,365.
Total Community Services	0	0	0
Total All Other Requirements	40,543.48	47,486.	45,012.
Total Requirements (Including Transfers)	523,143.19	634,464.	674,662.
Total Resources Except Tax to be Levied	437,952.18	360,521.	382,135.
Ad Valorem Taxes Received	131,032.91	273,943.	291,527.
Estimated Tax Not to be Received	20,558.	21,865.	21,865.
Total Ad Valorem Tax to be Levied	110,474.82	252,078.	269,662.
Levy Within Tax Base	294,500.	313,392.	313,392.
One-Year Special Levy	0	0	0
Serial Levy (Operating)	0	0	0
Serial Levy (Capital Construction)	0	0	0
Levy For Payment of Bonded Debt	0	0	0

Come to Church

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Sunday school 9:30 a.m. Opening worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday school 9:45 a.m. Morning worship 11:00 a.m. Home Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Nursery Care During Worship Pastor John H. Van Lierop Home 668-6100 Church 668-4543	IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH Worship 8:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 9:45 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. A Cordial Welcome is Extended to All PASTOR FRANK KOEPE 668-6232 Church
Church of Christ Sun. Bible study 9:45-10:30 a.m. Sun. communion 10:45-12:00 a.m. Sun. eve. service 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wed. Bible study 7:30-8:30 p.m. We offer personal home Bible study or private Bible correspondence study. Only cost is your time. 39640 SE Pioneer Blvd Sandy, OR 97055 668-6116	Hoodland Church of Wemme A warm Christian welcome awaits you at Presenting the reformed faith Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Wed. service 7 p.m. Rev. Alan L. Wyatt, pastor
St. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Sat. eve Mass 7:30 p.m. Sunday Mass 10:00 a.m. - 6 p.m. St. Johns Catholic Church Welches, Oregon Mass 6 p.m. Sat.; 8 a.m. Sun. 18090 SE Langensand Sandy, Oregon Father Carl Gimpl 668-4446	Gospel of Christ Community Church (Kalso area) Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Evangelist Service 6:00 p.m. Bible Study Wednesday 7:00 p.m. 13050 Bobby Bruce Lane Pastor H.O. McAdams 663-6213
SANDY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH Proctor and University Sabbath School 9:30 a.m. Morning Service 11:00 a.m. You Are Welcome Pastor TERRY ZULL 668-7714 - Home 668-6144 - Church	Sandy Church of the Nazarene Currently meeting at: 17150 University Ave., Sandy (Seventh Day Adventist Church) Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m. Pastor Robert F. Scheifers 668-5712
SANDY ASSEMBLY OF GOD SUNDAY SERVICES Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. Evangelistic Service 6:00 p.m. Family Night Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Dale Edwards Church Pastor Phone 668-5589	Chapel of the Hills Bible Fellowship Located E. Hwy. 26 between Sandy & Brightwood Sun. Bible School 9:45 a.m. Sun. Worship Serv. 11:00 a.m. Sun. Evening Serv. 6:00 p.m. Wed. Pastor Visitation 7 p.m. Thurs. Bible Study 7:15 p.m. You are welcome Pastor Kent McKinnon Assistant Mike Whisner Call 622-3654
ORIENT DRIVE BAPTIST CHURCH (Southern) 15150 S.E. ORIENT DRIVE BORING, OREGON (2 1/2 miles from Sandy) BIBLE STUDY - 9:45 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M. AFTERNOON WORSHIP - 2:00 P.M. (PASTOR) Ted Davis CHURCH PHONE - 668-6083 HOME PHONE - 668-6261	Church of the Good Shepherd (Episcopal) Sunday Communion 9 a.m. Midweek Services Tues-Thurs. 10 a.m. Little Pioneer church on West Pioneer Blvd. Father Lindsay Warren 284-7439
Sandy Baptist Church We invite you to join us for fellowship. Church 668-4064 Pastor 668-4795 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship 6:00 Evening Worship Wednesday 7:30 pm Prayer Meeting	FELLOWSHIP BIBLE CHURCH We emphasize Biblical teaching, supportive fellowship, children's learning center & regular home meetings. MEETING AT: Sandy High School (Bluff Road) Sunday mornings (9:30-11:30) PASTORS: Dr. John Moore (695-2924) Dr. Al Baylis (658-4728)
Living Way Fellowship Four Square Sunday service 10 a.m. Wed. eve. service 7:15 p.m. Pastor Ken Wold 17275 Strauss 668-4949 (Formerly St. Michael's Hall)	First Church of Christ, Scientist 1525 West Powell Boulevard Gresham, Oregon 97030 Sunday Service 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Wednesday evening 8:00 p.m. Children's Room available at all services. You are warmly invited to attend. 666-3212