



## Today in History

*December 3, 1923*

▲ **Maria Callas, renowned operatic soprano famed for her dramatic interpretations and bel canto technique, was born to Greek parents in New York City**

**1967:** Christiaan Barnard carried out the world's first heart transplant operation in South Africa

**1989:** East Germany's Communist Party hierarchy voted itself out of office, after the fall of the Berlin Wall

**1999:** NASA lost contact with the Mars Polar Lander as it reached the red planet due to a faulty sensor

**2010:** The Nissan Leaf, one of the first mass market electric cars, went on sale