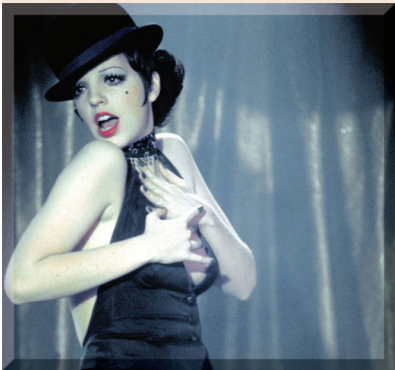


Thursday, March 12

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1946:** Actress and singer Liza Minnelli, who won an Oscar in 1972 for her role in *Cabaret*, was born

1609: Bermuda became a British colony

1859: Wagner's opera *Tristan und Isolde* was first performed in Prague

1999: Former Cold War allies Hungary, the Czech Republic and Poland were admitted into NATO

2008: The last French veteran of World War I, Lazare Ponticelli, an Italian immigrant who lied about his age to join the French Foreign Legion and fight in the trenches, died aged 110