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Banksia cuneata is an endangered species of flowering plant in the Proteaceae family. Endemic to southwest Western Australia , it belongs to the subgenus Isostylis , which contains three closely related species with flower clusters that are dome-shaped heads rather than characteristic Banksia flower spikes. A shrub or small tree up to 5 m (16 ft) high, it has prickly foliage and pink and cream flowers. The common name Matchstick Banksia arises from the blooms in late bud, the individual buds of which resemble matchsticks. The species is pollinated by honeyeaters . Although B. cuneata was first collected before 1880, it was not until 1981 that Australian botanist Alex George formally described and named the species. There are two genetically distinct population groups, but no recognised varieties. This Banksia is classified as endangered, surviving in fragments of remnant bushland in a region which has been 93% cleared for agriculture. As Banksia cuneata is killed by fire and regenerates from seed, it is highly sensitive to bushfire frequency; fires recurring within four years could wipe out populations of plants not yet mature enough to set seed. Banksia cuneata is rarely cultivated, and its prickly foliage limits its utility in the cut flower industry. (more...)

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- ... that the Body of Proof episode " Dead Man Walking " guest starred Christina Hendricks as a potential love interest for her real-life husband 's character?
- ... that the Italian island of Montecristo , although 10.39 km 2 (4.01 sq mi) in area, is almost deserted, having only two stable inhabitants?
- ... that the 19th-century American female seminary movement, which aimed to give women educational opportunities, lent its name to a pair of similarly named institutions in Charleston, South Carolina , and Charlestown, Massachusetts ?
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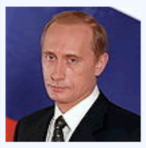

- Vladimir Putin (pictured) is elected President of Russia for a third term.
- A series of explosions at an arms dump in Brazzaville , Republic of the Congo, kill at least 236 people and injure hundreds more.
- A train crash near Szczekociny , Poland, kills 16 people.
- A tornado outbreak in the Midwestern and Southeastern United States causes at least 39 fatalities.
- BP agrees to pay US$7.8 billion to plaintiffs affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill .
- English musician Davy Jones , a member of The Monkees , dies at the age of 66. Conflict in Syria - Wikinews - Recent deaths - More current events...

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March 6 : Independence Day in Ghana (1957)

- 1447 - Tomaso Parentucelli became Pope Nicholas V .
- 1834 - York , Upper Canada , was incorporated as Toronto .
- 1853 - Giuseppe Verdi 's La traviata premiered at Venice 's La Fenice , but the performance was so bad that it caused the Italian composer to revise portions of the opera.
- 1899 - German chemical and pharmaceutical company Bayer registered Aspirin as a trademark .
- 1945 - Petru Groza (pictured) of the Ploughmen's Front became the first Prime Minister of the Communist Party -dominated governments of Romania .
- 1964 - In a radio broadcast, Nation of Islam leader Elijah Muhammad announced that American boxer Cassius Clay would change his name to Muhammad Ali .
- 1988 - In Operation Flavius , the British Special Air Service killed three Provisional Irish Republican Army volunteers conspiring to bomb a parade of British military bands in Gibraltar .

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