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==Events==

*[[1600]] – The [[Linköping Bloodbath]] takes place on [[Maundy Thursday]] in [[Linköping]], [[Sweden]].

*[[1602]] – The [[Dutch East India Company]] is established.

*[[1616]] – [[Walter Raleigh|Sir Walter Raleigh]] is freed from the [[Tower of London]] after 13 years of imprisonment.

*[[1739]] – [[Nadir Shah]] occupies [[Delhi]] in [[India]] and sacks the city, stealing the jewels of the [[Peacock Throne]].

*[[1760]] – The "[[List of historic fires|Great Fire]]" of [[Boston, Massachusetts]] destroys 349 buildings.

*[[1815]] – After escaping from [[Elba]], [[Napoleon I of France|Napoleon]] enters [[Paris]] with a regular army of 140,000 and a volunteer force of around 200,000, beginning his "[[Hundred Days]]" rule.

*[[1848]] – [[Revolutions of 1848 in the German states]]: [[Monarch|King]] [[Ludwig I of Bavaria]] abdicates.

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'''Edward Paul Abbey''' (January 29, 1927 - March 14, 1989) was an [[United States|American]] author and essayist noted for his advocacy of [[natural environment|environmental]] issues and criticism of [[public land]] policies. His best-known works include the novel '''[[The Monkey Wrench Gang]]''', which has been cited as an inspiration by radical environmental groups, and the non-fiction work '''[[Desert Solitaire]]'''. Writer [[Larry McMurtry]] referred to Abbey as the '''[[Henry David Thoreau|Thoreau]] of the [[Western United States|American West]]''.

==Biography==

Abbey was born in [[Indiana, Pennsylvania]], and grew up in nearby [[Home, Pennsylvania]], where there is a Pennsylvania state historical marker in his honor.<ref>http://www.abbeyweb.net/marker.html Historical state marker</ref> This Appalachian upbringing remained an influence on him throughout his life, and he addressed it at various points in his writing, most extensively in [[The Fool's Progress]] and [[Appalachian Wilderness]]. In the summer of 1944 he headed west, and fell in love with the desert country of the [[Four Corners (United States)|Four Corners]] region. He wrote, "For the first time, I felt I was getting close to the West of my deepest imaginings, the place where the tangible and the mythical became the same." He received a Master's Degree in philosophy from the [[University of New Mexico]] and also studied at the [[University of Edinburgh]]. In the late 1950s Abbey worked as a seasonal [[Park ranger|ranger]] for the [[United States National Park Service]] at [[Arches National Monument]] (now a national park), near the town of [[Moab, Utah]], which was not then known for

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