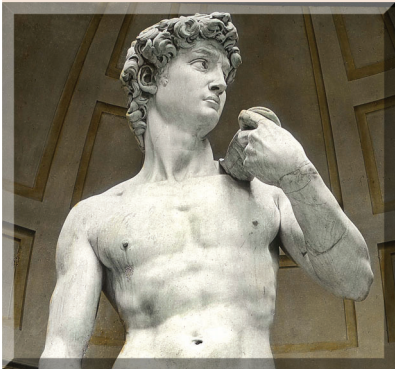


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ON THIS DAY



▲ **1564:** Italian renaissance master Michelangelo, famed for his statue of David and the painting of the Sistine Chapel, died in Rome

1838: Austrian physicist Ernst Mach was born

1930: Astronomer Clyde Tombaugh discovered the planet Pluto, now reclassified as a “dwarf planet”

1994: Phoolan Devi, India’s “Bandit Queen”, was released from jail after serving 11 years

2008: Voters in Pakistan went to the polls in the delayed general election, which had been postponed following the assassination of Benazir Bhutto