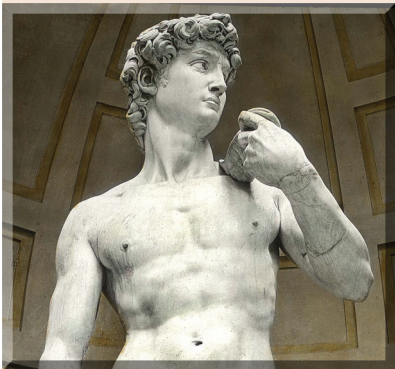


**Thursday, February 18**

# *ON THIS DAY*



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

**1745:** Italian physicist, Count Alessandro Volta, who gave his name to a unit of electricity, 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

**2002:** George Speight, leader of the May 2000 coup in Fiji, was jailed for life after pleading guilty to treason