

Friday, January 1

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1996: King Fahd of Saudi Arabia handed management of government affairs to his half-brother, Crown Prince Abdullah, following a stroke**

1735: American patriot Paul Revere was born in Boston, Massachusetts

1962: Decca Records rejected *The Beatles* on the grounds that “groups of guitars are on the way out”

2000: Elaborate firework displays lit up the night skies as calendars in 24 time zones around the globe greeted the new millennium

2009: Slovakia adopted the euro, becoming the 16th member of the eurozone