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Manhattan staging New Year's Eve ball drop
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Police grapple with enforcing driver texting ban
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Kansas gay inmate's husband not planning to visit
Lawrence, Kan. (The Associated Press) — A Kansas inmate's husband is not planning to visit him in prison, according to a spokesman for the state's Department of Corrections. The inmate, who is gay, had been in prison for several months.

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Good morning! Because of the New Year holiday, today's edition and the New Year's Day paper will be morning deliveries.
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Fort Hood shooter Nidal Hasan's jail requests: Bible, cheese
Fort Hood, Texas (The Associated Press) — Nidal Hasan, the man charged with the shooting at Fort Hood, Texas, has requested a Bible and cheese for his jail cell. Hasan is currently in custody at a federal prison in Fort Worth, Texas.

