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**From gateway to the Orient to gateway to the High Plains**  
**HONG KONG to LIBERAL to KU**  
 Gregory Leung finds his way to Seward County, Lawrence  
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**Christmas tree of bottles**  
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**Manhattan staging New Year's Eve ball drop**  
 A 1,200-foot-long ball of light will be dropped from the top of the Empire State Building at 11 p.m. on New Year's Eve. The ball is made of 1,200,000 light bulbs and will be lit up in the colors of the rainbow. The ball is made of 1,200,000 light bulbs and will be lit up in the colors of the rainbow.

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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**  
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