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A view of the Times Square New Year's Eve ball during a media tour in Times Square in New York City on Nov. 24. The Times Square ball will be dropped as part of New Year's Eve celebrations on Dec. 31. TIMOTHY A. CLARY/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

## Five New Year's Eve traditions to do with the whole family

Margie Cullen USA TODAY NETWORK - New England | USA TODAY NETWORK

Revelers all over the world celebrate the coming of the new year by partying all night, kissing at midnight and drinking champagne. But that might not be in the cards if you have a 10-year-old. • New Year's Eve brings the potential for good old family fun as well. You can celebrate the end of 2025 by eating a lucky meal, attending a local fireworks show or watching "Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve." • Here are five New Year's traditions you can do with the whole family.

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A fireworks show is fun for the whole family. KRIS CRAIG/THE PROVIDENCE JOURNAL

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## Prosecutors: DC pipe bomb suspect disliked both parties

Thao Nguyen  
USA TODAY

The man suspected of planting pipe bombs in Washington, DC, in 2021 confessed after his arrest that "something just snapped" and he wanted to target the Democratic and Republican parties because "they were in charge," federal prosecutors said in court documents released Dec. 28.

Brian Cole Jr., 30, was arrested Dec. 4 at his home in Woodbridge, Virginia, about 25 miles from Washington, DC, and charged with transporting and planting two pipe bombs. Prosecutors accused Cole of placing the pipe bombs near the offices of the Democratic and Republican national committees on the night before the Jan. 6, 2021, riots at the U.S. Capitol.

The devices, which were discovered on the day of the attack, did not detonate, and no one was hurt, federal authorities previously said. Following a nearly five-year investigation, Attorney General Pam Bondi announced Dec. 4 that Cole had been taken into custody.

He made his first court appearance in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia on Dec. 5 and was ordered to remain jailed without bond.

The memo also provided a detailed account of statements, including a confession, that Cole allegedly made after his arrest. Prosecutors argued that Cole poses an "intolerable risk of danger" to the community and must remain detained pending trial.

"The defendant's choice of targets risked the lives not only of innocent pedestrians and office workers but also of law enforcement, first responders, and national political leaders who were inside of the respective party headquarters or drove by them on January 6, 2021, including the Vice President-elect and Speaker of the House," prosecutors wrote.

The memo states that following his arrest, Cole initially denied manufacturing, transporting and planting the pipe bombs.

When investigators asked about his whereabouts on Jan. 5, 2021, Cole said he drove to Washington, by himself to attend a protest related to the 2020 election, the memo states.

But as the interview continued, prosecutors allege that Cole confessed

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