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Asian nations dominate international test

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — Asian nations dominated an international test of mathematics and science skills, with South Korea and Singapore leading the pack. The results of the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) were announced Tuesday by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). South Korea scored highest in mathematics, followed by Singapore and Japan. In science, Singapore was the top performer, followed by South Korea and Japan. The United States ranked 22nd in mathematics and 17th in science. The OECD said that while the United States has made progress in recent years, it still lags behind top-performing nations. The test is designed to assess the skills of 15-year-olds in reading, mathematics and science. It is the largest and most rigorous of its kind in the world.

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Plains parade cancelled

BYRON CENTER — The annual Plains parade in Byron Center has been cancelled this year due to weather concerns. The parade was originally scheduled for Saturday, December 7th, but the forecast called for heavy rain and strong winds. The organizers decided to cancel the parade to ensure the safety of the participants and spectators.

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CHRISTMAS PARADE

BYRON CENTER — The annual Christmas parade in Byron Center is scheduled for Saturday, December 7th. The parade will feature a variety of floats, including a marching band, a fire truck, and a float representing the local business community. The parade will start at 10:00 a.m. and will travel down Main Street. The organizers are looking for volunteers to help with the parade. For more information, contact the Byron Center Chamber of Commerce.



Roofing permits in Hutchinson return to normal

HUTCHINSON — Roofing permits in Hutchinson are returning to normal after a period of delay. The city's permitting process has been streamlined, and the backlog of permits has been cleared. This means that homeowners and businesses can now obtain permits more quickly and easily. The city officials are pleased with the progress and hope that this will encourage more roofing work in the area.

Police: Shooting probe in Topeka leads to 3 bodies

TOPEKA — A police investigation into a shooting in Topeka has led to the discovery of three bodies. The bodies were found in a wooded area near the scene of the shooting. The police are currently identifying the victims and are looking for witnesses. The investigation is ongoing, and the police are asking anyone who has information about the shooting to contact them.

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