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### Asian nations dominate international test

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Asian nations dominated an international test of mathematics skills on Tuesday, with South Korea and China leading the pack. The test, known as the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), is a biennial assessment of 4th and 8th graders in 41 countries. South Korea scored highest in mathematics, followed by China and Japan. The United States ranked 25th in mathematics and 27th in science.

### County tables cooling solution for IT department

BY JEFFREY HOFFMAN



BOULDER COUNTY, Colo. — The Board of Commissioners on Tuesday approved a plan to cool down the county's IT department. The plan includes hiring a new director, restructuring the department, and consolidating services with other counties. The board also approved a budget for the department for the next fiscal year.

### Reindeer, penguins and moose — oh, my!

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BOULDER COUNTY, Colo. — The county's Christmas parade on Tuesday featured a variety of festive floats, including a reindeer, a penguin, and a moose. The parade was held in downtown Boulder and drew a large crowd of spectators.

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HUTCHINSON, Kan. — Roofing permits in Hutchinson are returning to normal after a period of delay. The city officials reported that the backlog of permits has been cleared, and the permitting process is now moving forward.

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