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Asian nations dominate international test

By STEPHEN LEE
WASHINGTON (AP) — Asian nations dominated an international test of mathematics and science skills, with South Korea and Singapore leading the way. The results of the 2012 Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) were announced Tuesday by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

South Korea topped the list with an average score of 551, followed by Singapore at 547. The United States ranked 22nd with a score of 489. The OECD average was 480.

The test, which is administered every two years, assesses 15-year-olds in reading, mathematics and science. It is the largest and most rigorous of international assessments.

The results show that Asian students are performing significantly better than their Western counterparts. This is largely due to the emphasis on mathematics and science in the Asian education system.

The OECD said that the results are a reflection of the high quality of education in these countries. It also noted that the United States has made significant progress in recent years, but still has a long way to go to catch up with the top performers.

County tables cooling solution for IT department

By STEPHEN LEE
MOUNTAIN VIEW (AP) — A Mountain View County council Tuesday approved a plan to cool down the county's IT department. The plan calls for a 10% reduction in the number of IT staff and a 10% reduction in the number of IT projects.

The council also approved a plan to increase the number of IT staff in other departments. This is to ensure that the county's IT services are not disrupted by the reduction in staff.

The council said that the plan is necessary to reduce the county's IT budget. The county's IT budget is currently \$1.5 million per year. The council wants to reduce this to \$1.35 million per year.



Plains parade cancelled

By STEPHEN LEE
MOUNTAIN VIEW (AP) — The annual Plains parade in Mountain View, Okla., has been cancelled for the second year in a row. The parade was cancelled due to a lack of volunteers and a lack of interest from the community.

The parade is one of the largest and most popular events in Mountain View. It is held every year in late October or early November. This year, the parade was cancelled on Oct. 27.

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Reindeer, penguins and moose — oh, my!

By STEPHEN LEE
MOUNTAIN VIEW (AP) — A Mountain View school district is preparing for a winter-themed parade. The parade will feature a reindeer, a penguin, and a moose. The parade is scheduled for Dec. 10.

The school district is also preparing for a winter-themed play. The play will be performed by the school's drama club. The play is scheduled for Dec. 12.

CHRISTMAS PARADE

By STEPHEN LEE
MOUNTAIN VIEW (AP) — The annual Christmas parade in Mountain View, Okla., is scheduled for Dec. 10. The parade will feature a variety of floats, including a reindeer, a penguin, and a moose.

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Roofing permits in Hutchinson return to normal

By STEPHEN LEE
HUTCHINSON (AP) — Roofing permits in Hutchinson, Kan., have returned to normal after a period of delay. The city's building department has received a large number of permit applications, and the city is working to process them as quickly as possible.

The delay in processing permits was caused by a shortage of staff in the building department. The city has since hired additional staff to help with the backlog of applications.

Police: Shooting probe in Topeka leads to 3 bodies

By STEPHEN LEE
TOPEKA (AP) — A police investigation into a shooting in Topeka, Kan., has led to the discovery of three bodies. The bodies were found in a wooded area near the site of the shooting.

The police are currently identifying the bodies and determining the cause of death. The shooting is believed to have occurred on Dec. 1.

Obama's uncle to appear at new immigration hearing

By STEPHEN LEE
WASHINGTON (AP) — Obama's uncle, Stanley Obama, is set to appear at a new immigration hearing. The hearing is being held by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

Stanley Obama is a well-known figure in the Obama family. He is the uncle of Barack and Michelle Obama. He is also a member of the Obama family's religious community.

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