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SMHS dancers dazzle at Dallas Holiday Parade

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San Marcos High School's Diamond Line and Dazzlers spent last weekend in Dallas, performing at the Dallas Holiday Parade.

Diamond Line Captain Avery Pacheco described it as a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

"It was a great experience for

the group because obviously it was a once-in-a-lifetime performance for all of us," said Pacheco, a senior at SMHS. "And it was every single person's first time on TV. So, it was super cool, super different ... Also, it also kind of just brought us super close. We've always been a super close team but just spending the night with them and being up at 2 a.m. with them all

the time was really nice because we all got to cherish those moments and make them together. So, it was really nice."

The Dallas Holiday Parade, which took place on Dec. 4, is the city's largest, one-day outdoor event. The parade — known as the "Miracle on Commerce Street" for its

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San Marcos High School's Diamond Line and Dazzlers dance team performed at the Dallas Holiday Parade on Dec. 4. Left, SMHS performers take part in the parade. Photo courtesy of San Marcos CISD

CORONAVIRUS

TXST professor, medical expert discusses Omicron variant, vaccines

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Dr. Rodney Rohde believes those who've been fully vaccinated and boosted against COVID-19 will be mostly protected from the Omicron COVID-19 variant.

But Rohde, a professor and chair of the Clinical Laboratory Science Program at Texas State University, said data regarding Omicron is ongoing and rapidly changing.

"Will there be breakthrough infections from Delta, Omicron or other variants? Yes, no vaccine is 100% effective as I and others continue to state," Rohde said. "However, fully vaccinated and now hopefully boosted individuals will be less likely to have severe COVID-19, be hospitalized or die. It is critical for the public to continue to follow all public health mitigation measures — get vaccinated. If vaccinated, get the booster. Whether vaccinated or not, wear a high-quality mask [KN95 or surgical mask] when in high-risk environments.

"Try to maintain distance and good ventilation in high-risk environments, wash your hands, avoid unnecessary travel to high levels of community prevalence of the disease, and be safe to protect those around you that may be immunocompro-

"A booster dose has become important because we are seeing waning antibody levels post six months. To date, CDC reports only 22% of fully vaccinated people in the U.S. have received a booster." — Dr. Rodney Rohde, Professor & TXST Clinical Laboratory Science Program Chair

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REUNITED

FINDING DIEGO

Former San Marcos mayor reunited with missing tortoise



Diego, a South American Tortoise, went missing from his owner Daniel Guerrero — former San Marcos Mayor. Diego and Guerrero were recently reunited after a month-long search. Above, the duo pose together for a photo. Daily Record photo by Lance Winter

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It's a fable, not unlike Aesop's, involving a tortoise named Diego. But instead of a race against a hare, it was a race against time before Diego may not ever be reunited with his owner, Daniel Guerrero.

On Oct. 26 a happy South American Tor-

toise, adopted from Central Texas Tortoise Rescue in Wimberley, had a full run of his backyard. Anyone who has met Diego knows at 22-years-old he was feeling a little adventurous, and like a young adult can be a little rebellious, testing the limits of his owner.

"I have a pretty large backyard, I know his favorite spots he'll go to," said Guer-

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CELEBRATING GRADUATION

Texas State hosts fall commencement



Above, Texas State University graduates celebrate following one of Friday's commencement ceremonies by taking part in the traditional splash into the San Marcos River. More than 2,900 students were candidates for undergraduate and graduate degrees this fall. The university hosted six ceremonies separated between Friday and Saturday. For more photos, see page 3A. Daily Record photo by Gerald Castillo

SAN MARCOS CITY COUNCIL

City council postpones vote on habitat conservation plan project

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The San Marcos City Council voted to postpone approval of an interlocal agreement between the city and Texas State University relating to the implementation of the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan (EAHCP).

Council received a presentation from Habitat Conservation Plan Manager Melani Howard regarding the history, purpose and San Marcos measures for the EAHCP during their work session on Tuesday.

Howard spoke about the establishment of the EAHCP, legal challenges along

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