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Puerto Rican performers dance during the Magic Valley Folk Festival parade Monday evening, July 18, 2016, in downtown Rupert.

# Uniting cultures through dance

Groups from around the world come to Mini-Cassia to perform

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**BURLEY** — Dancers from around the world will gather in Mini-Cassia Monday through Saturday to experience the culture and share a bit of theirs.

For the past 16 years, Mini-Cassia has stepped up each summer to bring the Magic Valley Folk Festival dance teams to the area and residents have welcomed the dancers into their homes and their hearts.

“This is a great way to learn about the world and its people through entertainment,” Amy Young, co-chairwoman of the festival committee said. “And it happens just down the street and you don’t need to get a passport or anything.”

Many of the activities are free, including the parade, which kicks off the event at 7 p.m. Monday at the Rupert Square, and the Youth Culture Day at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the King Fine Arts Center.

Dance teams from Croatia, Mexico, Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Taiwan and the U.S. will perform at the various events throughout the community during the week,



French performers play music during the Magic Valley Folk Festival Monday evening, July 18, 2016, in downtown Rupert.

which culminates in two gala performances on Friday and Saturday at the King Fine Arts Center.

Both galas start at 7 p.m. and doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door or at the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce.

Children who have completed Youth Culture Day passports receive \$1 off the cost of their tickets.

During the parade, there will be food for sale from vendors on the Square along with souvenirs available for purchase from the dancers’ home countries.

After the parade, the dance teams will perform for the audience.

“The dancers will be very interactive and involve

the audience during the performance,” Krista Gammon, co-chairwoman of the festival committee said.

A sidewalk art contest will be held on the north side of the Square.

“The parade is free and it really gives people a taste of what’s to come during the rest of the week,” Gammon said.

The Youth Culture Day’s workshops for children and the dance teams start at 10 a.m. with registration beginning at 9:30 a.m. The children rotate through stations and interact with the dancers through games

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## Magic Valley Folk Festival

7 p.m., Monday, July 22, Rupert Square, dancer’s parade and performance, food vendors, chalk art contest, free

10 a.m. - noon, 1 p.m. 3 p.m., Wednesday, July 24, King Fine Arts Center Youth Culture Day, free

7 p.m., Friday, July 26, King Fine Arts Center, Magic Valley Folk Festival Gala performance, tickets \$10, children ages 3 - 11, \$5, under age 3, free

7 p.m., Saturday, July 27, King Fine Arts Center, Magic Valley Folk Festival Gala performance

A Mongolian performer plays music during the festival.

# Girl testified in trial about beating

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**TWIN FALLS** — Jurors were asked Wednesday to consider what kind of man would beat a young girl for not doing laundry correctly.

Prosecutors opened the trial for David Herrera Gonzalez by recounting the beating and threat with brass knuckles described by a 10-year-old girl in February.

Gonzalez, 32, is charged with multiple felony counts, including aggravated battery and injury to a child. He appeared before Fifth District Judge Roger B. Harris at Twin Falls County Court with his attorney, Daniel Brown.

Brown told jurors that while the child was injured, the source of those injuries would be called into question during the trial.

The jury of seven men and six women, including one alternate juror, were selected but excused from the courtroom prior to Twin Falls County Deputy Prosecutor Kiel Willmore and Brown making arguments about Willmore’s planned use of photos of the girl during his opening statements.

That contentiousness continued through the afternoon with Brown regularly objecting to Willmore’s comments.

Gonzalez punched the girl, tore the flesh beneath her tongue by yanking on her lower jaw with his fingers, and struck her with brass knuckles with spikes, Willmore said in his opening statement.

Brown began his defense by reminded the jury that opening statements are not evidence. He advised them to listen to the evidence and form their own opinion. While the evidence will show the

girl had injuries, Brown continued, “the source of those injuries will be questioned in your mind.”

The first witness called was the girl’s mother. Willmore asked her about the girl’s chores around the house, which included washing dishes, doing laundry and helping clean.

The woman was at work on Feb. 28, when the incident took place, she testified. Willmore asked about the girl’s text messages during the incident, and why she didn’t return home sooner. The woman said she had been unable to leave her workplace.

When she arrived home, she found Gonzalez drunk, slurring his words and having to hold onto the wall while walking, she said.

She left with the girl, but was too afraid to take her directly to the hospital, the woman testified.

“Daniel told me he could make things worse if I went to law enforcement,” she said.

A nurse at St. Luke’s Magic Valley Medical Center called police after the girl was taken to the emergency room later that night.

Later Wednesday the girl testified for more than an hour about the events of that evening saying how Gonzalez had abused her.

In cross-examination, Brown asked about some of her contradictory statements made in previous interviews and testimony. The girl, now 11, admitted she has difficulty remembering some of the events of that night, which Willmore affirmed during his re-direct questioning.

The day ended with two medical professionals from St. Luke’s Magic Valley Medical Center’s Emergency Department testifying about the girl’s injuries.

The trial continues Thursday, with Twin Falls Police officers expected to testify, and possibly Gonzalez himself.

# House blocks Trump impeachment effort

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**WASHINGTON** — The House easily killed a maverick Democrat’s effort Wednesday to impeach President Donald Trump for his recent racial insults against lawmakers of color, in a vote that provided an early snapshot of just how divided Democrats are over trying to oust him in the shadow of the 2020 elections.

The resolution by Texas Rep. Al Green was defeated in the chamber, 332-95. The vote showed that so far, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has been successful in her effort to prevent a Democratic stampede toward impeachment before more evidence is developed that could win over a public that has so far been skeptical about ousting Trump.

Even so, the numbers also showed that the number of Democrats open to impeachment remains substantial. About two dozen more conversions would split the party’s caucus in half over an issue that could potentially dominate next year’s presidential and congressional campaigns.

“There’s a lot of grief, from a lot of different quarters,” Green,



**Trump**

speaking to reporters after the vote, said of the reaction he’s received from colleagues. “But sometimes you just have to take a stand.”

Meanwhile, a combative President Donald Trump rallied Republican supporters Wednesday in Greenville, North Carolina, harshly criticizing Reps. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York, Ilhan Omar of Minnesota, Ayanna Pressley of Massachusetts and Rashida Tlaib of Michigan, accusing them of being un-American and claiming they are the face of the Democratic Party that will ruin the country.

“I think in some cases they hate our country,” Trump said to the crowd in North Carolina, a swing state he won in 2016 and wants to win again next year.

The four freshman Democrats, self-described as “the squad,” have garnered attention since their arrival in January for their outspoken liberal views and

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**If you do one thing:** The Twin Falls Municipal Band will perform a “Childhood Favorites” themed concert at 7:30 p.m. at the Twin Falls City Park band shell. Free.

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