

# Life & Style



**COMING TOMORROW**

Dutch Dance Diaries continue with a look at the process of choosing and creating a Dutch costume.

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## Unknown cheerleaders



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Yesterday my daughter received a note in the mail.

She has been privileged to participate in athletics at a local high school and also the arts — choir and dance. We have in stands, theater seats, folding chairs, on ice and in the rain, snow, sun, under lights and in all sorts of gymnasiums cheering, agog, laughing and groaning with her. Sitting with us has been an assortment of tents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, other parents and fans from other schools who (most) sat in the wrong stands but didn't want to look stupid by admitting it and walking to the other side. We have formed great friendships as together we have spoken kindly and with great respect to and about all the coaches and officials on the field. We have also been thrilled with the audiences we have been part of at concerts, church appearances, Tulip Time events (there go again), parades and an assortment of performances in wonderful and unfortunate venues. We've gathered with the same parents and familial encouragements to ooh, aah, go, and even whistle — and sometimes nice — as the songs and dances ended. My son is also involved in "stunt." Some of the people are the same as the ones we gathered with for our daughter's stuff, but there are new bleachers, sideline, rain, snow, sun, new partners. We will eat, laugh, speak loudly to umpires, tease and cheer with old and new friends, their families and lost fans on the other team all over again. Now, this note my daughter received — we don't recognize the name or the return address. My daughter's name and our address were written in that telltale handwriting they don't teach anymore. She opened the envelope and found a note on "grandma" stationery and newspaper clippings where her name appeared. It was written with the most wonderful penmanship. The content of the note was wonderful. The writer thanked my daughter for participating in extracurricular activities in the community and for my daughter's sportsmanship and mature interaction with competitors, coaches and officials. The author spoke of my daughter's teammates with compliments and noted the achievements of her students by name and activity. The note was uplifting, encouraging, personal and grandma-like! The author? We've never met her. She is a grandma-type local lady who follows the students of her local high school. She attends

# Green Church

### Hope's congregation looks beyond Earth Day

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Planners at Hope Church faced a choice between devoting April 22 services to Earth Day messages or a farewell to the Rev. Kathy Davelaar.

They devoted the day to Davelaar. Tomorrow's messages will be devoted to caring for God's creations.

"Isn't every day Earth Day?" says Peter Boogaart, who has coordinated for Hope Church's Caring for Creation ministry for four years. He joined Michelle Hamman and Teresa Heinz Housel on a Green Task Force to create vestibule displays to complement Sunday's services. Green cleaning products and practices are part of a steady education effort, Boogaart says. It certainly makes sense during a week in which the entire city is celebrating tulips.

"We're working at expanding awareness of how creation is part of our faith," he says. "We hope people are more aware that environmental concerns are not something you take into your faith as part of an agenda. It is the expression of your faith. God calls for us to be careful, mindful people."

Tomorrow, the Rev. Gordon Wiersma will draw on two key readings during the services, including Revelations 21.

"The Book of Revelations is often misused," he says. "There's a wonderful promise for new heavens and a new earth, an image of Christ making all things new."

He'll also use Psalm 148, which exhorts all things — "... you sea monsters and all deeps,

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From left, Michelle Hamman, the Rev. Gordon Wiersma and Teresa Heinz Housel stand in front of Hope Church in Holland. On Sunday, Wiersma's sermon will focus on the Bible's environmental messages. Hamman and Heinz Housel, with Peter Boogaart (not pictured), members of the church's Caring for Creation ministry, organized educational Green Living displays.

## EARTH-FRIENDLY SCOURING POWDER

Teresa Heinz Housel gave up virtually all her chemical-based cleaners a year ago. She mixes her own now: vinegar and water for windows. One quick scouring powder is baking soda and cinnamon.

She says it requires a little more elbow grease than commercial cleaners "but it's gentler."

Here's her recipe:  
Clean and reuse an old 16-ounce parmesan cheese shaker container. Pour baking soda in, leaving a quarter-inch at the top of the container. Add 1 tablespoon of cinnamon (more or less depending on your scent preference). Close the cover and shake vigorously to blend. Use it with a damp sponge to scrub kitchen and bath surfaces.

## DUTCH HERITAGE

# 'The Reckoning' gets more screen time

**BY PEG MCNICHOL**

Netherlands. He helped sabotage equipment as part of the Dutch

## Nerves ran high for first dance



**DUTCH DANCE DIARIES**

Assistant Features Editor Melanie Bolthouse is Dutch dancing throughout Tulip Time and will share her story. Contact her at (616) 546-4273 or [melanie.bolthouse@hollandsentinel.com](mailto:melanie.bolthouse@hollandsentinel.com).

Thursday was my first Dutch dance performance, and about 10 hours before I had to be at Centennial Park. I was taking a good dose of Pepto-Bismol.

I am still denying the fact that the only reason my stomach was upset was because I was nervous about performing. I'm usually OK in front of big crowds if I'm in a group of people, although the last time I was in that situation was about seven years ago in high school, so I may have changed over the years.

All week, members of my group were exchanging e-mails that began with "I am so nervous!" but also included some where toward the bottom how they got butterflies in their stomachs as they drove past the big ferris wheel along Eighth Street or saw the street vendors. It is one thing to practice in a gym twice a week with other dancers — it's a totally different thing to be out in public.

When I got to Centennial Park around 7 p.m. Thursday, members of my group were taking pictures and coralling cute children dressed in costumes. Every once in awhile, someone would ask about a step or a certain section of the dance. I think we were all looking for little assurances that we wouldn't mess up.

And for the most part we didn't. I was amazed at how quickly everything went after they told us to line up. The music started and within two "step-brush-hops," it was too late to turn back.

I had only one close call. Since my wooden shoes are all new and shiny, they're also slippery. During the waltz line, I lost my balance and probably would've bit it had my partner Monica not pulled me on my hands. I was



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## Pastor celebrates 25 years of service

The Rev. John Ketch will celebrate 25 years in ministry at the 10:30 a.m. service Sunday at M-40 North Church of God in Allegan. A luncheon will be served at 1:30 p.m. in his honor. All former and current members are invited to attend.

## Growing church gets new addition

Officials from Lakewood Construction in Holland recently announced the commencement of a second addition for the growing, reformed congregation of Central Park Reformed Church.

This second phase of the project, planned by Lakewood Construction in 1999, includes the addition of a large multi-purpose room, equipped to handle sports activities and fellowship gatherings. It also includes a large commercial kitchen and shower rooms. Renovations to the existing administration/education wing will accommodate a larger office space. The project is scheduled for completion in December.

# Third

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For most Hispanics in the United States, God is an active force in daily life, according to a recent major study.

According to the study of Hispanics and faith by the Pew Hispanic Center and the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life, 68 percent are Roman Catholic, 15 percent are evangelist or born-again Christians, 5 percent are mainline Protestants, 3 percent belong to other Christian denominations and about 8 percent are secular. Less than 1 percent of the Hispanic population identifies with Judaism or other non-Christian faiths.

The report says that religious observance is higher than for non-Hispanics. About 68 percent of Hispanic Catholics surveyed, for example, said religion was very important to them, with about 65 percent of Hispanics who were mainline Protestants making the same statement. For Hispanic evangelicals, the figure was 85 percent.

Nearly seven in 10 Hispanics said they prayed every day, with daily prayer even more common among evangelicals (87 percent) than among mainline Protestants (76 percent) or Catholics (64 percent). The analysts, "Changing Faiths: Latinos and the Nation's Religious Landscape" — gathered the most attention when the document was released a few weeks ago.

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He says language through the scriptures talks about God's relationship with the whole world.

"It's one of love and goodness. We have a particular responsibility, the privilege of helping carry that out," he says. "It's part of the joy of being human, and part of what we mess up as well."

Out of gratitude for abundance, says Wiersma, who has been at Hope for nearly eight years, his congregation is looking at ways to care for the lord from the earth.

Talking about the environment from the pulpit is important, Wiersma says, because it connects faith and current issues. Right now, I think people see what's happening in our world, environmentally, and wonder if the church has a role to play.

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Hispanics participated. The margin of error was plus or minus 2.5 percentage points.

Among Hispanics who identified with a religion, 3 in 4 agreed with the statement that "miracles still occur today, as in ancient times."

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Heinz Housel says "anyone who's interested in learning more about environmental issues and seeing a different perspective on nature" is welcome to attend Sunday's services.

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