

Life's a beach in the middle of a blizzard



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For the rest of us, last week wasn't exactly a day at the beach. Slippery roads, snowy sidewalks and blustery winds occupied most adults. At Children's World in Farmington Hills, it was time to bring on

some summer fun. Little surfers could practically feel the sand between their toes. With the help of a little beach party music, the kids danced to the film-boe.

Jessie Brodak (right) was the picture of concentration as he discovered how low he could go. Teacher Robin Fietly (left) help hold the broomstick as student Andy Vogel tried his best.



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AT ANY LUNCH or dinner, "One should always be conscious of people being left out. Bring the other person into the conversation. It's the kind thing to do."
What are some of the most frequent displays of bad manners? Balirige cited selfishness in driving, such as not giving way; not responding to an RSVP invitation, or accepting and then not showing up; not knowing how to introduce themselves and other people, and bad telephone manners.
Rude behavior is commonplace. "We've become self-obsessed, turned inward," she said. Another reason for rudeness is that today, "There is no family unit anymore in which to learn our manners. Manners have gotten short shrift."

Church marks anniversary

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"I used to stand behind him during Sunday service," Woodcock said. From her vantage point she could tell who was absent. "Then I used to send the church bulletin to the people who weren't there," she said.
Today, Unger and Assistant Pastor Carl Mehl minister to 700 church members. "They say that one minister can serve 350 members," Unger said. "We're looking for growth in the future."

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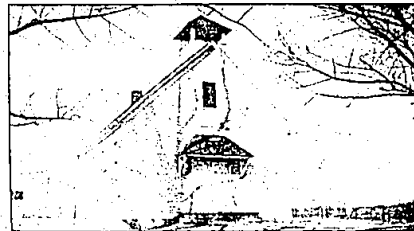
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Unger remembers the warm reception he received upon his arrival

in 1978. For his 21st anniversary in the ministry, the congregation sent him on a trip to the Holy Land.

Woodcock was visiting relatives in Mississippi in November 1978 when the rest of the congregation welcomed Unger. After her husband suffered a heart attack during the visit, she called the church to ask the congregation to remember him in their prayers. Unger called her minutes after she hung up.

"He didn't know me from Adam. He wouldn't be able to pick me out in a crowd but he called and asked if I needed help or money to get home," she said. She didn't need help but she's still touched by his call.



St. Paul's first school building was eventually replaced by today's modern structure. Education has always been a facet of the church's ministry.

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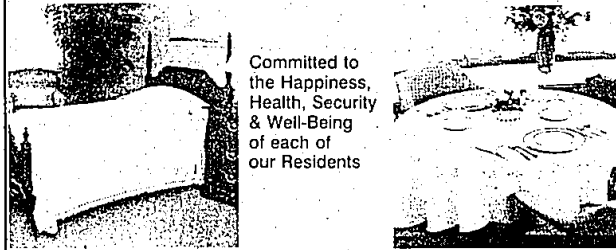
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