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May God open our eyes

In the editorial of Jan. 23, sugges-ons were made about the annual

Jaycees Community Leadership Prayer Breakfast. I would like to ad-dress those suggestions.

By Raiph A. Robandi guest columnist

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And they may have a point. On the other hand, new incinera-tors are not built overnight, and the okaland County, landIII is expected to reach its capacity in six or seven operation of the sevent of the county plan, until targeted communities re-belied. Meanwhile we are trucking about a third of our waste to Wash-tenaw County, which may shut its doors to us at any time. Even some council members in forchester, which has been against the incinerator being built in neigh-pering Auburn Hills since day one, proposed, som after the vole that pering aburn Hills since day one, proposed, som after the vole that pering aburn Hills since day one, proposed, som after the vole that pering aburn that they were against incineration, as NIMBY in-cineration. tion Council, that epitome of envi-ronmental watchdogs, suggests, the county also talk to environmental groups and general citizens and seek new information from recent feder-al, state and SEMCOG studies.

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ONCE AGAIN, it's a close call – as close as the 223-vote margin last November affirming a trash plan with an inclinerator in a county of more than I million residents.
That plan – wounded, but still in place – is predicated on 50 percent of our trash being reduced, reused and recycled, 45 percent incinerated, with Edison buying the energy; and about 5 percent placed in a single EMEAC was unhappy with the timming of the Oakland County incinerat-or. They year afraid it would de-flate the momentum of the three R's. ONE TIINO'S CERTAIN, ever since the Novomber vote, more peo-ple are talking trash. The wave of uruskide recycling and composing yard waste has brought on aware-ness to our very doorstega. The problem is few of us are sci-entists. We really don't know whether the technology is there for safe incineration. The experience of the Detroit incinerator and the rhe-

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for peace. WHEN BEGIN came here in 1980, it was to address the General Assem-bly of the Congress of Jewish Across from the Ren-Cen, dressed in storm-trooper uniforms, the Nazis hoistid awastika decorated signs as protested, criticizing both begin and Sadat. A squad of about 50 Detroft, police officers, Some on honesback, kept arder. A gathering of thousands greeted Jim with acclaim. Max Fisher of Franklin Introduced Begin. Others on the data were

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ever. Shirlee Iden, a West Bioomfield resident, is a reporter for the Southfield Eccentric.

guest column

orest hose suggestions. First, comments were made that the Christian theme was "a bit over-whelming." Why was it overwhelm-ing? That is how it was advertised. It was suggested that the Jaycees in-clude the word "Christian" in their breaktast tillo because "People would at least know what they were getting into."

getting into." That suggestion is out of, place, The Jaycees had "truth in advertis-ing." The invitation stated very clearly "This community leadership prayer breakfast is a Farmington version of the annual Presidential and Governor's Prayer Break-

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fast . . . These events were inaugu-rated . . . by Christian leadership groups in the United States Senate and House of Representatives." At-tendees should have expected .a Christian prayer breakfast.

ALSO, COMMENTS were made that people raised their eyebrows at Tanana's Christian orientation in his talk. Maybe a few did, but afterward dozens of people congratulated Frank Tanana. In fact, people in high places in our city praised Frank's talk days later.

representatives from one of the other faiths of the area. Maybe for just one little prayer." This philosophy assumes that we all worship the same God. If every-body is climbing the same mountain from different sides with unique arms for their detiles, then human-ism with its god called "me" is pres-ent, why call on any other god or controls are a religion. And if the god called "me" is pres-ent, why call on any other god or controls are privat when the one pres-and the same and the same same and the same provide the same same there was no prayer outside of Clay Grahum's short invocation. Could the reason he as Abe Lincoln stated "Our nation is too proud to pray, to Last, the editorial stated "But if it's going to be a religious program, they could have managed to include

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The God of the Bible made a dif-Intervent in our nation's past. History proves that: My prayer for our city is that God would open people's eyes to see the difference that He can and will make in a community where He is worshiped; revered, and loved.

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Polish style. During our time together. Heam expressed his pain at two terrorist incidents that week in which chil-dren were killed in israeli schools. "They call me a terrorist," he said, "but we were freedom lighters; not terrorists."

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