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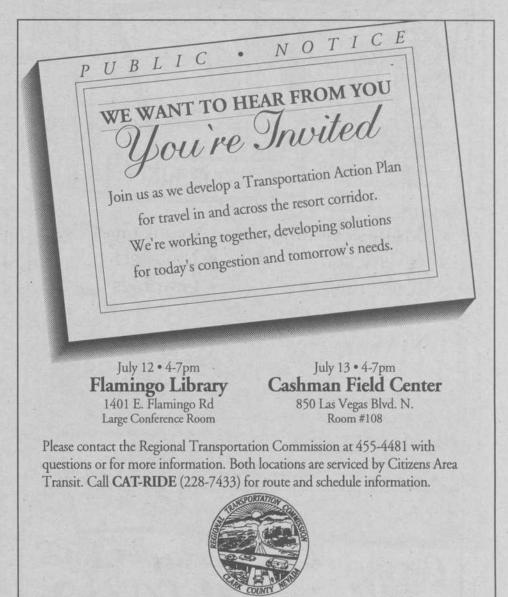
coach has had on the lives of student athletes. Joy Bramble, publisher of <u>The Baltimore Times</u>, received the award for outstanding journalism in civil rights for an article written by reporter Jewell Chambers on the life of the late Clarence Mitchell, Jr., the former member of the NAACP Washington Bureau who fought for the enactment of civil rights laws.

"These winning publishers have not only demonstrated excellence in journalism, but also significant influence within their communities," said Hankin. "It is our privilege to note the accomplishments of such esteemed professionals as the A. Philip Randolph Messenger Awards honorees." Established in 1992, the awards pay tribute to A. Philip Randolph, civil rights leader, labor activist, and founding publisher of <u>The</u> <u>Messenger</u>, one of the most respected black news journals in the country.

Each winning publisher receives \$1,500 and two non-profitorganizations, chosen by the winning newspapers, will receive \$1,000 each. Miller also will donate \$5,000 to the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund on behalf of the winners. The Fund provides merit scholarships to students attending the nation's 37 historically black public colleges and universities.







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welcomed addition to the community. Josey, a nationally renowned, published, librarian and activist was the keynote speaker for the event.

The ribbon cutting ceremony and program included music and entertainment by African dance ensemble CODAME; Meistesingers; Rupert Henry Steel Drum Band; and ANAWATH Spanish Ballet Troupe. Weekend festivities marked inaugural performances for the theatre. Saturday's "The Cabaret" was an African American rendition of the famous Broadway play. Director Oscar Robinson brought together local actors, singers, and musicians to the delight of over 200 who were treated to a free pilot performance. The play will again be featured in mid-July for a fee of \$10.

Sunday's Blood Sisters was a Las Vegas Gospel Theater production by Mary Etta Scales. The two-act play about childhood friends who discover real love too late was also free to the public.