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## Living Malcolm X

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e wife of civil and  
ts leader Malcolm X.  
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malcolm X and what  
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and controversy.  
z appeared at the  
of Maryland's cam-  
her life with Malcolm  
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ng on her experi-  
upcoming book.

her talk by describ-  
as a naive young  
did not venture out  
mediate world. Her  
not talk about the  
experienced. They  
they ignored it,  
it would go away.  
ew her out of her  
rum and gave her a

glimpse of the world. She in-  
formed the packed audience that  
her husband did not wish to teach  
hate, he simply, in a world of  
violence, wanted to teach self-  
love. She defended her husband  
by saying that, there was vio-  
lence in this society and my  
husband did not bring it in."

Dr. Shabazz's main focus was  
on education. She sent out a mes-  
sage that the best weapon against  
racism is education. Dr. Shabazz  
recalled a visit to Taiwan where  
upon visiting the schools there,  
she asked an educator how  
had they managed to make such  
educational strides in such a short  
period of time. The educator  
replied, "We teach without dis-  
crimination." She called for  
multiculturalism within our coun-  
try. "We have got to re-examine  
environment, equity and levels  
of efficacy." Dr. Shabazz told the  
crowd that as a nation, in order to  
reduce the risk of national secu-  
rity, we must re-define our goal  
setting objectives. "Anytime our  
young folks are not performing  
at their potential, our nation is  
at risk. We must eliminate the  
destruction of our human re-



Dr. Betty Shabazz tells of her life with Malcolm X.

photo by Yvonne J. Medley

sources." She further stated,  
"Education is a life long process."

Dr. Betty Shabazz endorsed  
Spike Lee's film "X" and said  
that she was happy to see a few  
facts straightened out about her  
husband's life (but she declined  
to say just what they were). "You  
have to understand the climate  
he lived in. Enemies tried to  
superimpose their distorted

### La Plata Library Closed Monday, December 14

The La Plata Branch of the Charles  
County Public Library will be closed  
Monday, December 14 through Satur-  
day, December 19 to barcode books. La  
Plata Library customers are asked to  
return all library materials before or during  
that week, if possible. The Bryans Road  
Branch (375-7375) and P.D. Brown  
(Waldorf) Branch (645-2864 or 843-7688)  
will be open Monday through Thursday  
from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from  
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Library customers may use  
these libraries while the La Plata Branch  
is closed. All branches will be closed  
on Friday, December 18.

## NEWS WIRE

### Christmas Connection is Elves

eers over 18 who can help with  
rth annual distribution of toys,  
id food are needed. Assistance  
ed from Sunday, December 13  
n Friday, December 18 at the  
a Armory. Morning, afternoon  
vening shifts are available.  
call 645-1561 or 843-0352 to  
our assistance.

### h with Santa

Plata Volunteer Fire Department  
soring a *Lunch with Santa Claus*  
fund-raising event to be held on Sunday,  
December 13 from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at  
the La Plata fire Department on Charles  
Street. The cost is \$5 per child which will  
include a lunch and a gift bag given by  
Santa for all children attending. Photos  
will also be available. 934-4217

### Murrell, Principal of Excellence

Herman L. Murrell has been selected as  
one of the *Washington Post's* "Principals  
of Excellence." Murrell, currently the  
principal of Thomas Stone High School,  
is among 17 people in the Washington  
Metropolitan Area to receive the *Distin-  
guished Educational Leadership Award*  
from the Post. He and the others were

views on Malcolm." She warned  
the public of the film's theatrics.  
She said that there were parts  
of the movie that were clearly  
constructed for the entertainment  
value, but that shouldn't deter  
you from the message of the  
film. At the time of his death  
Malcolm X was stepping onto a  
broader platform. She urged the