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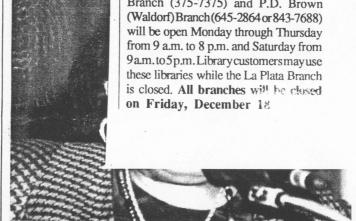
glimpse of the world. She informed the packed audience that her husband did not wish to teach hate, he simply, in a world of violence, wanted to teach selflove. She defended her husband by saying that, there was violence in this society and my husband did not bring it in."

Dr. Shabazz's main focus was on education. She sent out a message 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 discrimination." She called for multiculturalism within our country. "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 security, 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-

La Plata Library Closed Monday, December 14

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The La Plata Branch of the Charles County Public Library will be closed Monday, December 14 through Saturday, December 19 to barcode books. La Plata Library customers are asked to returnall library materials before or during that week, if possible. The Bryans Road Branch (375-7375) and P.D. Brown on Friday, December 18



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

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

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eers over 18 who can help with rth annual distribution of toys, 1d food are needed. Assistance ed from Sunday, December 13 h 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 Distinguished Educational Leadership Award from the Past Un and the others were