

# Small turnout for peaceful NYC Million Youth March

NEW YORK (AP)—The second Million Youth March drew about 2,000 people to the streets of Harlem on Saturday after weeks of name-calling and a legal tug-of-war between organizers and city officials.

The rally was calm in contrast to last year's march, which ended in a bottle-throwing melee and 28 injuries after police in riot gear tried to enforce a court-ordered curfew.

Organizers opened Saturday's rally with a prayer, and most of the speakers offered uplifting messages encouraging black youths to stay in school and to treat one another with dignity.

"Whose streets? Our streets!" shouted one group of marchers, although most of the participants were more subdued.

Paulette Washington, who works in Harlem, was walking with a sandwich board with the words: "Execute racism."

"If we can't live together, we'll die together," she said.

The rally was monitored by 1,500 police officers, some stationed on rooftops. They did not arrive in riot gear this year, and there were about half as many officers as in 1998.

No conflicts were reported.

Prior to this year's march, organizer Khallid Abdul

Muhammad labeled Mayor Rudolph Giuliani a "cracker" after the mayor called the rally a "hate march." Organizers took the city to court to get a permit for the rally when city officials turned them down, as they did in 1998.

This year's crowd was barely a third of last year's turnout of 6,000. Harlem politicians had encouraged a boycott of the march after Muhammad — a former Nation of Islam spokesman fired for his anti-Semitic comments — made inflammatory statements during the Million Youth March's debut last year.

Attorney Malik Shabazz, another rally organizer, held

up a picture of the mayor at the rally Saturday and told the crowd, "We charge this man with crimes against the black nation!"

"Guilty! Guilty!" some shouted back.

Shabazz also made anti-Semitic remarks and told the crowd, "The only solution any time there is a funeral in the black community is a

funeral in the police community."

While some in the crowd applauded the speakers and joined a chant of "Black power," others along Malcolm X Boulevard were apathetic.

"It doesn't bother me as long as it goes smoothly," said Gloria Johnson. "It's OK to have a Million Youth

March as long as it's done with finesse."

Two teens from the Bronx, Devon Speaks and Robert Pitts, said they attended the rally to judge it for themselves. Neither had much positive to say about Muhammad.

"I think what he has to say is a lot of foolishness," said Pitts, 14.

## CBS-TV to team Gumbel, Clayson

NEW YORK (AP) — After a summer-long search, CBS announced last week that it has hired ABC News correspondent Jane Clayson to be Bryant Gumbel's on-air partner on the "Early Show," reveals two sources close to the talks.

The revamped morning news show begins broadcasting in November.

Ms. Clayson, based in Los Angeles, is a reporter for "World News Tonight" and

has worked at ABC since 1996. She was a reporter and anchor at a local station in Salt Lake City before then.

The sources confirming her selection spoke on condition of anonymity. Ms. Clayson did not immediately return a telephone message, and CBS News spokeswoman Sandra Genelius declined comment.

CBS had hoped to name a co-anchor by mid-summer after persuading Gumbel this

spring to return to morning TV. The search so preoccupied CBS executives that it was jokingly dubbed "Operation Glass Slipper."

CNBC's Maria Bartiromo, ABC's Elizabeth Vargas, NBC's Dawn Fratangelo and CBS's Thalia Assuras were among the women reportedly being considered.

CBS had sought Ms. Clayson for the "Early Show" (See Gumbel, Page 8)

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Adams, the creative director of Def Jam Recordings. Nappy is waiting its turn to become a household name like Mecca or FUBU.

"Unlike some of these other companies who send two black people to the show and say they're 100 percent black-owned, Nappy actually is," Wilson said. "If they're 100 percent black-owned, then we're 200 percent."

An East Coast aroma dominated the show as natives of Maryland, Washington D.C., New York and Philadelphia surrounded their individual booths like killer bees, while the music of East Coast rappers Slick Rick, Q-Tip and the Beatnuts filled the air.

The West Coast was represented by, among others, Thug Life, Player's Instinct and Original Man's Wear, OMW.

Kyle Thomas, co-founder of OMW, said he was inspired to enter fashion after

the Million Man March. He credits "being original" to helping his company stay fresh for the two-and-a-half years it's been around.

What sets his clothes apart from others, Thomas said, is that they're "more technical, more functional and have a better texture."

Rebecca Diggs of Da Bomb Sportswear said her son Reginald created an apparel company two years ago in response to the negative images on streetware and to give back to the community.

Reginald Diggs said his clothesline contains positive messages that make those who wear it feel proud of themselves.

The pull of new fashion usually attracts the stars in droves.

Among the celebrities present at the MAGIC were ex-basketball stars A.C. Green and Reggie Theus and MTV's Real World cast member Teck.

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