

# Eye on World & Local

## Obama's Chief of Staff Resigns to Try Hand as Chicago's Mayor

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President Obama held a press conference Friday, October 1 announcing the much anticipated resignation of his Chief of Staff, Rahm Emanuel. Obama expressed how he, for the past two years, began and ended his day with Emanuel and will miss him greatly. The President also announced the designation of Senior Advisor Pete Rouse as the new acting Chief of Staff. CNN reported Rouse's eagerness to serve as a solid replacement and his frustrations that the new position will hold with regard to the public eye. Many White House staff members, however, have faith in his abilities and Obama remarked that the common White House phrase has become "Let's let Pete fix it."

As a Chicago native, Emanuel hopes to take on the role of mayor. *The NY Times* reports that the city's longest running official, Richard Daley, has no plans to run next year. In the YouTube video posted on Chicagofor-Rahm.com, Emanuel praises Daley's service to the city, but expresses the need for new leadership with the long-term issues the city faces. Emanuel makes an appeal to Chicago residents by mentioning his service as an Illinois Senator, his role in the Obama administration, and his new "Tell It Like it Is" Tour.

In a biography by Source Watch, Rahm Emanuel got his start in politics when he campaigned for noted figures such as Paul Simons, a 1984 U.S. Senator, and in 1989 he was the Senior Advisor and chief fundraiser for Richard Daley, helping Daley win the election to become the Mayor of Chicago. Emanuel moved on to work as an aid for former president Bill Clinton, but was fired for "overstepping his bounds." Source Watch continues to detail Emanuel's tenure as an Illinois Congressman where he served as the elected chairman of several important democratic committees.

Known for his blunt and, often times, forceful approach, Emanuel's campaign for Mayor involves a people-focused tour of Chicago. He has explained that he wants the people to "tell it like it is" with regard to the real issues that face Chicago today. According to an article in the *Chicago Tribune*, some of the city's major issues are violence, government corruption, poverty, and government spending.

His website features a blog and links to a Facebook page that invites citizens of Chicago to speak their minds. Via the Rahm Emanuel Facebook page, one fan commented "your toughness is needed in this city." Another fan of the page commented that "You don't have my vote as of yet. Will be watching your campaign very closely."

*The Wall Street Journal* reported that Emanuel announced Mellody Hobson as the co-chair of his campaign. Hobson is the president of a powerful financial firm in Chicago and with her help Emanuel hopes to obtain the support of African American voters.



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According to the Fox Chicago News another possible Mayoral candidate is Jonathan Jackson, the son of Rev. Jesse Jackson, as he is forming an exploratory committee. The *Chicago Tribune* has added Sheriff Tom Dart of Cook County to the list of potential candidates. Dart responded with an explanation to the *Chicago Tribune* his decision to run will not be based on Rahm Emanuel. NBC News states that all candidates need to turn in 12,500 signatures by November 22 in order to officially run for the position of Mayor of Chicago. Until then, however, Rahm Emanuel's candidacy is yet to be solidified but should not be hard to reach.

## Fresh, Funky Philadelphia Fashion!

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Fashion Week has finally made its way to Philadelphia! Last Wednesday, October 6, 2010, young designers, most of whom are from the Philadelphia area, made their debut on the runway. These events continued until the final Fashion Night on Saturday, October 9, 2010. The designers, twenty in all, came out with a bang on Wednesday night and had their clothing featured for four consecutive nights, before ending the week on as high a note as it had began. Each night had a different feel to it, but, overall, the premier of Fashion Week was a major success!

Wednesday Night featured mostly female fashions on the runway, with designers such as Delicious Boutique, LolliePop, Ban Thor Phan, and Kampanart Buahombora, Arcadia and Bus Stop Boutiques, and Carmelita Couture. Each designer brought their own unique flare to their runway show and engaged the audiences with their intriguing fashion sense.

Delicious Boutique was the most intriguing designer of the evening, mixing corsets and ruffles. This edgy, outgoing fashion line sparked the interest of the audience members from the first step. The designers from Delicious Boutique created their own line of corsets, Delicious Corsets, and paired a corset top with a flowy, funky skirt or dress. This incredibly unique designer got the attention of Philadelphians and impressed the crowd with their standout designs.

Saturday night had a slightly different ambience, and since it was the closing night it had a much classier, upscale feel. Designers Allegri and D. Exterior stole the show with female fashions that night, while the majority of other designs were based around menswear. These Italian-based designers brought fluidity to their designs that was flattering on the models and could also be easily translated to everyday wear. The other designers that showed their fall fashions Saturday night were Marina Makaron Moscow, Cold Method, Autumnlin, Bolongaro Trevor, Sand, and Nary Manivong.

In between the shows there was non-fashion entertainment including DJs, violinists, and a performance from an artistic group called JUNK. Brian Sanders and his partner performed live art using a metal cut-out cube hanging from a wire in the ceiling. They maneuvered their bodies around each other and the cube to make interesting, beautiful shapes with their bodies. For about five minutes, the audience was captivated by these two men and the unique art that they had to offer. It was honestly one of the best parts of the night.

Since this was Philadelphia's first official Fashion Week, Wilhelmina Modeling Agency, who

recently opened a new branch here in Philadelphia, provided some of their new talent for the event. Wilhelmina Models has different branches in New York, Los Angeles, Miami, and now in Philadelphia. The models were newly signed clients to Wilhelmina, and were modeling new designers fall fashions. Both aspects made for an amazing event.

Because Wilhelmina recently opened in Philadelphia, they are holding Open Calls to try and gain some new clients. One of the benefits of a local Fashion Week is the opportunities that it affords regard-

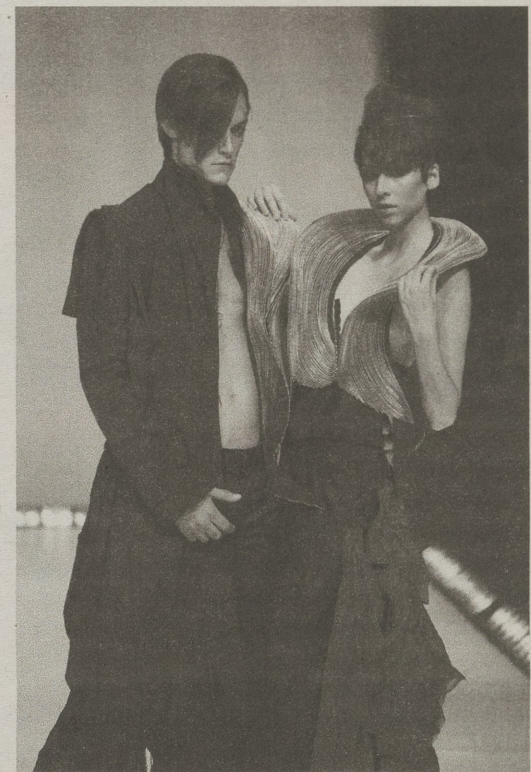


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ing the fashion industry, and Will Ball, who is in charge of the Models and Actors, informed me that these Open Calls are quite frequent and are open to anyone interested in possibly modeling or acting. Open Calls are held twice a month at the Trust building located at 249 Arch Street, Philadelphia. The next series of Open Calls, which are subject to change, will be held October 24 (only one this month because the first one was on the 10th), November 7 and 21, and December 5, all beginning at 2 PM. If there are any other questions you can visit Wilhelmina's website at [www.wilhelminafpa.com](http://www.wilhelminafpa.com).

## BREAKING NEWS

### CHILEAN MINERS RESCUED DURING MIDNIGHT ENDEAVOR

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On October 4, Chile's President, Sebastian Pinera announced that the 33 miners trapped in a San Jose mine are very close to being rescued by October 15, which improved upon his previous estimate that the men would be pulled to safety by Christmas.

As it turns out, however, even that estimate was too far into the future. During the late evening hours of October 12, the tight elevator-like shaft was opened, allowing the Chilean government to put into use its highly publicized Plan B system.

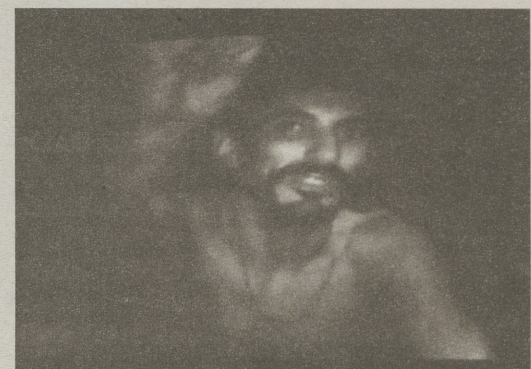
For the last two weeks people have been sending keepsakes in the same capsules that carry food, clean clothes, medicine and other supplies down through the mine. Letters written by family members, signed Chilean flags, and other sentimental objects were sent to the miners. Rescue chief Andre Sougarret said he understands how anxious everyone is to rescue the men since the August 5 collapse, which sealed off the mine with more than 700,000 tons of rock.

Rescue officials said their priority is to still rescue the men quickly yet safely. Once the drill reached the men, the process of putting a lining down the hole began, and acted as a buffer between the rescue capsule and mine shaft walls.

Reports from those on the scene claimed that roughly 700 journalists were waiting, as near as al-

lowed by the government, on site to talk to one of the rescued miners. They were forced to wait until after a series of tests in the shaft, and then the men were pulled, one-by-one to the surface, and greeted by joyous Chileans.

*The Lion's Eye* encourages its readers to continue following this story, and sends its congratulations to the miners and their families.



One of the trapped Chilean miners hours before rescue. Photo Courtesy of cnn.com