

## Hot BP race if Carrion goes to D.C.

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Now that word is out [President-elect Barack Obama](#)'s team is eying [Bronx Borough President Adolfo Carrión](#) for a job inside the [White House](#), the jockeying has begun for his boro seat.

AC has been on pins and needles lest the touchy Obama folks (dealing with the [Illinois](#) governor scandal) scratch him as director of the new [White House Office of Urban Policy](#), reporting directly to the president.

[Council Majority Leader Joel Rivera](#) tells us he's definitely running against [Assemblyman Ruben Diaz Jr.](#) for BP if Adolfo lands the job.

Since [Mayor Bloomberg](#) would call a non-partisan special election, Joel would have nothing to lose, because he could still run in a September primary for a third council term.

Given that job insurance, the buzz is [Councilwoman Maria del Carmen Arroyo](#) may also be weighing filling the BP seat.

And "just because," let us never rule out Pedro (The Wascally Wabbit) Espada (see next item).

Meanwhile, Adolfo has been treading very lightly over anything rocking the Obama job boat.

First, there was his humina humina humina moment at [Yale](#), saying - supposedly off the record - that he had a lock on a high-level job (friends say he swears he was misquoted).

[Tom Robbins](#) pilloried him in the [Village Voice](#) over his act with the Yankees and other assorted failings, while Community Board 4 members he dumped for opposing the Yankees' stadium blitzkrieg urged folks to e-mail Obama against hiring him.

Finally, longtime Adolfo gadfly [Andy Wolf](#) of the [Riverdale](#) Review claimed the adolfocarrion.com URL on the Web before Carrión could. Just to beat him up even more, Wolf also posted a series of verrry funny political cartoons by [Robert Lebowitz](#).

[Albany](#) follies

The Gang of Three's little extortion scheme - er, negotiations for plum jobs - to support [Malcolm Smith](#) for Senate majority leader is now in shambles.

Smith, himself, may be in trouble for giving away the farm to Espada and Ruben (The Rev) Diaz Sr. of the Bronx and [Carl Kruger](#) of [Brooklyn](#).

There's been some buzz that [Jeff Klein](#) of the Bronx, Malcolm's No. 2 guy, is looking to become leader. But Jeff, who spread 750G of his own war chest around to help win that slim 32-30 majority, swears he's loyal to Malcolm.

You read it here first

From our Nov. 11 [Boro Beat](#) column: "We wonder if Malcolm's camp is quietly wooing any votes on the [GOP](#) side, which stands to lose their plum committee chairmanships? Just asking."

From the [Associated Press](#) on Saturday: "Smith emerged yesterday from another closed-door meeting with his conference promising a Democratic majority in the Senate in January, possibly by enlisting Republican allies to counter resistance from three dissident Democrats."

Maria goes ...

Bronx [Councilwoman Maria Baez](#), whose seemingly endless misdeeds and feeding at the taxpayer trough we never

fail to enjoy chronicling, is returning the compliment.

Last week, she introduced Council Resolution 1723, declaring a symbolic ban on the negative use of the word "ghetto."

Interviewed on NY1, she waved around our column about her "going ghetto" - cursing and elbowing Rainbow Rebel attorney [Stanley Schlein](#) at the [Bronx Board of Elections](#). Stanley later found two of his car tires slashed. To see the clip, to [www.NY1.com](#) and type Maria Baez in the search box.

Okay, Maria, from now on, we'll call it "Going Baez."

Sad passing

[Mama Rose Migliucci](#), the matriarch of Mario's Restaurant on Arthur Ave., passed away Friday night at age 94. Condolences to Joe and his family on the passing of his mom, who still kept busy in the kitchen.

The wake will be from 2 to 4:30 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. today at Lucia Brothers Funeral Home, 569 E. 184th St., with a 9:30 a.m. Mass tomorrow at Our Lady of [Mt. Carmel](#), on 187th St.

Happy Birthday, Jose

That was one big 72nd birthday bash with a salsa beat for deposed Bronx Dem Party Boss [Jose Rivera](#) over at [Hostos College](#) Saturday night.

And a rather thinly-attended Assembly fund-raiser he threw Thursday on [City Island](#).

So long, Bob

Maestro's ballroom was packed Wednesday night for retiring Borough Hall Budgetmeister Bob Nolan's farewell. Bob tells us he'll take it easy for a while as he entertains a buncha part-time offers for his talents.

Can you hear me now?

City Hall Bureau Chief Adam Lisberg reports that controversial hi-rise 911 backup call center planned for the [Hutch Metro Center](#) will figure in a City Planning Commission hearing tomorrow.

The [NYPD](#) is looking for permission to build a new street there, to be named - wait for it - Marconi St.

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