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DR. ROLLE CHAIRS CICAD SESSION

WASHINGTON, D.C., USA – Dr. Bridgette Rolle (left), Administrator of the Bahamas National Drug Council and Deputy Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Health, sits in The Bahamas' position as Chair of the 61st Regular Session of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD) during the Second Plenary Session on Regional Implementation of the Special Session on the United Nations General Assembly on the World Drug Problem (UNGASS), 2016 Recommendations Monday afternoon, April 24, 2017, at the OAS General Secretariat Building, 1889 F Street, N.W., in Washington, D.C. Discussions centred around how Member States are implementing the recommendations contained in the "Outlook Document" of UNGASS. Also pictured (from left) are: Ambassador Adam Namm, CICAD Executive Secretary, and Esther Best, Manager, National Drug Council, Trinidad and Tobago.

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Respect should be afforded all

It is understandable that there will be all sorts of emotional behavior and utterings during this election season. It is no secret why the campaign period leading up to general elections is called the silly season.

That phrase depicts exactly the true character of many, among the electorate. They indeed act silly and go to an extreme in being ridiculous, and disrespectful. Some actions and verbal expressions border on stupidity. Sad to say, there are definitely those who function as if they are actually stupid.

The dictionary defines the word stupid as: having or showing a great lack of intelligence or common sense. One could use words such as ignorant, dense, idiotic, imbecile, etc. to describe some on the campaign trail.

We were very recently reminded of the extent that a percentage of the voters would go, to emphasize their support for a party, and with no tolerance at all for any other view. At this time, in a civil society there are close friends who cut off normal lines of communication during "election campaign" time. Yes, we know of some family members who do not speak to each other because of politics.

Also, there are family members who use profane language when describing those kin who have a different political leaning. It's absurd, this attitude, that too many voters hold tightly.

Prime Minister Perry Christie of the Progressive Liberal Party (PLP) Government and Free National Movement (FNM) Leader Dr. Hubert Minnis, publically do not agree on very much. Dr. Minnis is always on the attack. Christie, his party chairman, Bradley Roberts and others are always taking critical aim at Dr. Minnis.

However the nation's high profile political leaders are civil when they meet. Actually, there are times when they are seen sharing a joke, and obviously quite comfortable with each other.

Additionally, the two politicians with the greatest national presence since the leadership days of the late Sir Lynden Pindling, are the best of friends.

Three-time Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham, and Christie, who is seeking a third opportunity to be PM, stand before the nation as the perfect example of people who agree to disagree without harboring animosity.

On the surface, they are bitter foes but a bond exists that even their most ardent political supporters can't come close to severing.

Hubert Ingraham and Perry Christie have a "life" relationship based on the roads they have traveled together, politically, as business partners and as personal friends.

Thus, we send out a challenge to voters.

Respect should be afforded to all, no matter who wears, red, gold, green, blue or otherwise.



CONSUL GENERAL CARROLL ATTENDS UNVEILING OF SIR LYNDEN'S BUST

WASHINGTON, D.C. – New York was very well represented at the ceremony held in the Hall of Heroes at the Organization of American States (OAS) in Washington, D.C. for the unveiling of a memorial bust of the late Sir Lynden Pindling, the first Prime Minister of The Bahamas and Father of the Nation, on Thursday, August 20, 2017. Pictured with the bust of Sir Lynden, from left to right: Hon. Forrester Carroll, Bahamas Consul General to New York; Mr. Andret John, the Bahamian artist who sculpted the bust; Ms. Mary Sweeting, Chairman of the Bahamian-American Association of New York; Dr. Valencia Carroll, wife of the Consul General; and Mr. Andrew Albury, President of the Bahamian-American Association of New York.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Learning a hard lesson

Dear Editor,

Thank you for allowing me a

space in your daily.

I am an 18-year-old female, who graduated high school last June. I got my first job about three months ago at a popular restaurant in Port Lucaya, a job as a bus girl and I loved working there.

I only worked weekends and got off in the wee hours of the morning. I caught a cold and had a dry cough. Over the counter did not help so I went to the doctor and got a sick slip that my boss received. The following weekend my cough was still with

me a bit and I couldn't be coughing around the tables. I got another sick slip that I took in.

My boss said no-no you can't be sick two weekends in a row. I didn't know that sickness had a time limit per individual. She (the boss) also said that I was seen running around Port Lucaya and she fired me.

Editor the Good Lord in heaven knows that I was sick and also knows that I was not in Port Lucaya or anywhere else. I have an identical twin sister. I have cousins who are often mistaken

for me, or my twin sister.

I was hurt real bad to know that I didn't do anything wrong and my services were terminated. That experience taught me a lesson. In the future I will show up to work sick and let my boss tell me to go home and come back when I feel better.

I thank the waitress who trained me, and management for giving me my first job.

~Thanks,
A'Anieh NNaema Lightbourne

Quote in time

"Democracy cannot succeed unless those who express their choice are prepared to choose wisely. The real safeguard of democracy, therefore, is education."

– Franklin D. Roosevelt

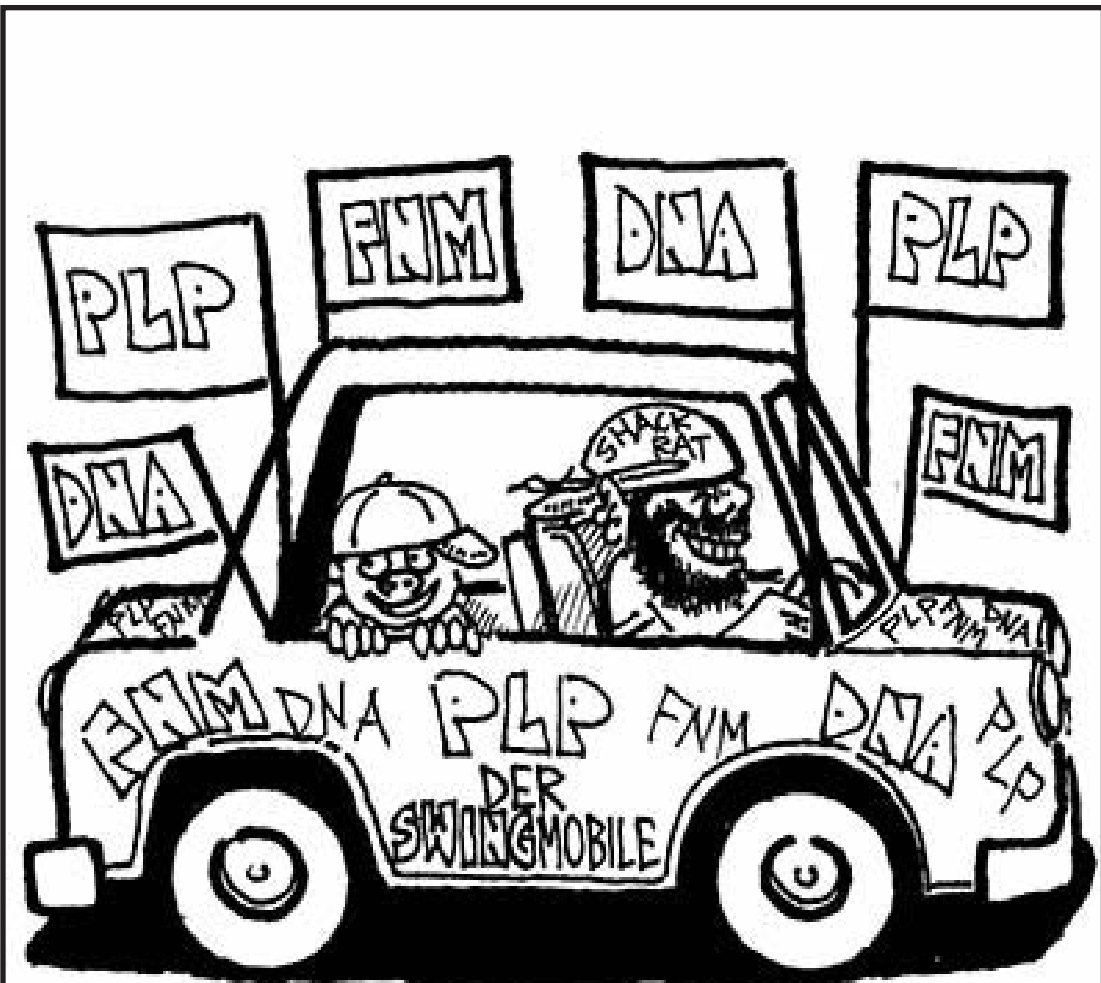
LETTERS & COLUMNS GUIDE

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