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### Psychological Warfare Between the Sexes

The individual who is lonely and unhappy because of the inability to find a compatible mate is usually in emotional agony. This agony can create an individual who holds great antipathy.

Black and white people suffer through this agony in American society. The plight of the black individual, however, has a serious dimension not found among whites. All people suffer through some degree of personal insecurity and feelings of inferiority by virtue of living in such a highly competitive society. This is the first level of daily emotional stress -- and it is experienced by whites as well as blacks.

However, the second level of emotional stress is suffered exclusively by blacks, and it makes normal

stress abnormal. Many of the letters I have recently received from readers indicate a volatile antipathy between black women and men that surprised even me. Even though the letters provide "reasons" for the antipathy of women toward men, and vice versa, a social "chip" appears on the shoulder of black men and women, if these letters are an accurate indicator, that suggests the existence of many, many unhappy black people. And these are black people who are in the prime of their productive years. Who wants to go to a singles club and watch the opposite sex strike Madison Avenue poses across the room -- but dare you to approach. Here are excerpts from several letters.

#1 -- "Dear Dr. Faulkner:

Black women are tired of the phony macho image that black men put on. They wear an 'I'm the baddist in town' image but they can't live up to it. They want everything to be their way, and the black woman is tired of supporting the black man in this one-sided relationship. We have made sissies of them. Yours in the struggle, Denise, Miami."

#2 -- "Dear Dr. Faulkner: The black man wastes too

much time concentrating on unimportant values such as fancy cars and clothes. The cause of the problem between black men and women is the fact that their parents did not instill in them the proper values when they were growing up. This is what caused the loss of self-worth in the black man and you should stop writing trash about the black woman and black man fighting each other. It is bad for fragile black minds. Dr. Roslyn, Los Angeles."

#3 -- "Dear Dr. Faulkner: The black woman is a beautiful thing of God's creation but her head is not screwed on right. If she would just try to be herself the problem between black men and women would go away. Tell her to express herself naturally and not in an artificial way. We love them but we are afraid sometimes to approach

them. David, Philadelphia."

#4 -- "Dear Dr. Faulkner: This is a new day and black women ought to realize that they have to reciprocate. If they want the black man to be kind to them, they are going to have to stop playing psychological games with him. Black men need their women but black women act like they do not need (or want) their men. Mr. K.L.M., Richmond, VA."

Black people cannot find the resources to attain first class stature in society if they cannot defeat the problem of inner insecurity. White society has put the black person down so severely that they must be able to fall back and lean upon a support mate. We cannot achieve racial independence until we have achieved personal emotional stability. We indeed need each other.

### Names given four schools

Stanford, Edna F. Hinman, Clyde Carson Cox and Marion Earl will be the names of the next four elementary schools to be built in the Clark County School District.

The four names were unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees Thursday, based on recommendations from the school naming committee.

The Stanford school is named after Harvey and Mary B. Stanford, for their efforts on behalf of students. The school will be at Betty Lane and Harris Avenue.

Harvey Stanford was a district teacher for many years, beginning his career in the city at Las Vegas High School in 1937. He also taught at Fremont Junior High School and Valley High School until 1966.

He was a football coach, producing championship teams, and is frequently cited as one of the most influential people in the lives of the students he came in contact with.

Mary Stanford was also a district teacher, working for 29 years at Las Vegas High. She taught English and counseled students.

A school to be built at Merlayne and Moser Drives is named after Edna F. Hinman.

Hinman started her career in the district in 1960 as a teacher at Nellis Elementary School, now Lomie Heard School. She served in many capacities in the district, including coordinator of the teacher corps, assistant principal and principal. She retired in 1985.

The school to be built at Redwood Street and Reno Avenue is named for Marion Earl.

Earl taught in the district in 1922 and 1923 as a high school teacher. But his main influence in the community has been in his volunteer activities, including 53 years with the Rotary Club, director of the chamber of commerce and the creation of one of the first Boy Scout troops in the county.

The school to be built at Trout Lake and Timberlake drives is named for Clyde Cox.

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