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care, business development and planning, was named acting hospital chief executive officer to replace Thomas.

Thomas was removed under the "convenience" provision of his contract, effective immediately, Valentine said. Under the terms, he draws six months of severance pay of an approximate \$255,000 salary.

Two other top hospital executives — Richard Powell, the chief financial officer, and Marlo Hodges, chief operations officer — have been named in the police investigation. Both remain employed with the hospital.

County Commission Chairman Rory Reid said he backed the investigation. "I think these losses are the final straw. There must be ac-

countability," he said in a statement.

He added that the report of the larger losses, seven months after the end of the fiscal year, came too late. He said he was concerned about losses for this fiscal year as well.

George Stevens, county chief financial officer, was named the hospital's acting chief administrative officer. Stevens and Silver are to as-

sess the management team and UMC's finances and report back to the county.

Investigators are reportedly examining whether some companies listed as contractors ever provided services to the county-run hospital and whether they circumvented the bid process where required.

Investigators released documents alleging that more than six contracts were issued to associates and fraternity members Thomas personally knew from his previous residence in the Chicago, Ill., area.

The names of several out-of-state firms were named in the documents, among them, a collection agency.

No charges against Thomas or others have been filed and no arrests have been announced. Thomas has not spoken publicly about his termination.

Clark County District Attorney David Roger said the investigation began several months ago, after county officials received an audit that

he said "raised questions about the workings of UMC's administration." Roger declined further comment. County officials vowed that patient care would not be affected by the

developments.

University Medical Center has 544 beds and operates the only Level I trauma center in southern Nevada. It also has the state's only burn care center.

Alderwoman

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Cochran, Myra Young, Michelle Winding and Edward Chaney.

"For them to come out with these felonious charges right before the election was just a way to try make her look bad," said David Lowery of Living and Driving While Black, a civil rights organization that supports Troutman.

Talks with Troutman and a review of the charges showed her innocence, Adam said. "She never took any money to do anything illegal inside or, as we have now learned from the FBI and from the press, outside her ward."

Adam emphasized that the development for which Troutman allegedly accepted bribes

is outside Troutman's Ward. He also characterized Johnson, the government's informant, as a pathological liar with a long criminal history "who has conned the government time and time again," and downplayed the charges against the alderman.

Adam called the allegations false and said Troutman has not done anything wrong, but said he advised her not to speak on the charge.

"She's chomping at the bit to tell you that she didn't do anything," he said.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Randall Samborn said his office declined to comment on the press conference.

Emre Parker and Mema Ayi write for the Chicago Defender.

LEGAL NOTICES

Las Vegas

INVITATION FOR BID
BID NO. 07-1840

PURCHASE OF FORKLIFT

Documents pertinent to this advertisement may be examined and obtained between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. To request a copy of bid documents call (702) 892-2950, or visit our website purchasing.lvcva.com

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Materials Management Office
Room A205
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Las Vegas, Nevada 89109

Pre-Bid Conference: JANUARY 18, 2007 at 2:00 P.M.
Location: SAME AS ABOVE

Bid Opening: JANUARY 25, 2007 at 2:00 P.M.
Location: SAME AS ABOVE

Sealed written bids must be received by the Materials Management Office, at the Las Vegas Convention Second Floor, Room A205, on or until 2:00 PM PST, JANUARY 25, 2007. Bids will be accepted if date/time stamped 2:00 PM PST, JANUARY 25, 2007. Date/time stamps of 2:01 PM PST or later on JANUARY 25, 2007, will be rejected. Proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud, immediately after the established closing time and date. Submittal by fax is not acceptable.

Note: This Invitation does not constitute an order for the goods or services specified. No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of ninety (90) days after the actual date of the bid opening.

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REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF SOUTHERN NEVADA REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS NO. 015-07 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) TASK ITEMS

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is an annual program of planning activities to assist the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC) in ensuring a comprehensive, coordinated and continuing transportation planning process. The RTC is issuing this Request for Qualifications to solicit statement of qualifications from qualified firms based on the five (5) project categories used in the UPWP.

It is anticipated that all requests for modification, interpretation and clarification of this Request for Qualifications be received by the RTC Purchasing Analyst, in writing, no later than February 14, 2007. A written response to such requests will be furnished in the form of an addendum at least seven (7) calendar days before the scheduled deadline for submission of the Statement of Qualifications. Request for Qualifications packages will be available on January 23, 2007, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday at the Regional Transportation Commission's administrative office, 2nd floor.

Statement of Qualifications will be received on, or before 3:00 p.m. PST, March 7, 2007. Statements must be time stamped no later than 3:00 p.m., PST, on the opening date. Statements time stamped at 3:01 p.m. or after the opening date will be returned unopened. Statement of Qualifications must be sent to the Regional Transportation Commission, Attn: Debra Coleman, C.P.M., RTC Purchasing Analyst, 600 South Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89106.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) are encouraged to participate.

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Your Horoscope Says... Jan. 18- Jan. 24

ARIES

Make sure you take care of the emotional side of life. You've been doing a lot of thinking about things, but it is time to let your feelings do the talking. Calm yourself and experience how you really feel about things around you and then move toward what feels peaceful, calm and joyful.

Soul Affirmation: I use my emotions as my guide.

Lucky Numbers: 7, 40, 45

TAURUS

Hello! Destiny is at the door. Let it in and enjoy the change of pace. You'll be happy to make a few adjustments for this most welcome guest. Follow through on instincts and hunches.

Soul Affirmation: My spirit makes all things new.

Lucky Numbers: 8, 41, 50

GEMINI

Let someone else make a few decisions this week. Take a backseat and enjoy the respite from doing all the driving. You'll enjoy the ride more this week if you just admire the view as it goes by.

Soul Affirmation: I enjoy living in my dream.

Lucky Numbers: 18, 30, 43

CANCER

This week is a week to let your diplomatic side work for you. Forcing will get you nowhere. No man or woman is an island. Focus on togetherness even if you are annoyed with people.

Soul Affirmation: Charm is my middle name this week.

Lucky Numbers: 6,8,19

LEO

You have wonderful ideas about interior decorating. Be ready to accept a great opportunity at work. Money doesn't matter this week. Don't make finances more important than they need to be.

Soul Affirmation: I appear to others what I know myself to be.

Lucky Numbers: 21, 29, 36

VIRGO

Keep all your ducks in a row this week. No mixing work with fun or business with pleasure. Save your affection for the home front and stay focused on the work in front of you on the job. Things are working out perfectly.

Soul Affirmation: This week, I find joy in the gifts that life has already given me.

Lucky Numbers: 11, 18, 54

LIBRA

Why not take each perfect moment as it comes? You are struggling to find a solution that time can and will provide. Perform your tasks cheerfully this week and let the future take care of itself. Give yourself the opportunity to enjoy each now moment.

Soul Affirmation: Worry will only create more worry. I stop all worry.

Lucky Numbers: 31, 40, 51

SCORPIO

Your anxiety about an important issue can now be seen as needless. You don't have to worry. Have faith that things are working out perfectly, and they will! This week especially, consider all options before you make decisions.

Soul Affirmation: I am uplifted by the presence of friends.

Lucky Numbers: 12, 17, 28

SAGITTARIUS

You can be discreet and cut down on some of the envious comments you are attracting. Or you can continue to flaunt it since you've got it. It's your choice this week. Watch for a pleasant change in a romantic partner's attitude.

Soul Affirmation: I smile for the cameras. I am the winner!

Lucky Numbers: 3, 39, 41

CAPRICORN

Sometimes you imagine that everyone needs to hear your sensible opinions on all matters of significance. And other weeks you know that you are wise and generous enough to listen to others as they share their good ideas. This week is a week for listening. You'll learn much.

Soul Affirmation: I listen with an open heart.

Lucky Numbers: 5, 39, 43

AQUARIUS

Anybody may occasionally have a week when his or her energy feels low. Your natural good health will see you through a possible down time if you just go with the flow and let yourself relax. Rest if you have the chance and you'll feel like your wonderful self in no time flat!

Soul Affirmation: I calm my emotions by forgetting about the past.

Lucky Numbers: 12, 41, 45

PISCES

You are the center of attention this week and while you'll be very busy, you'll love every moment. Enjoy your time in the spotlight! You may want to indulge yourself with some emotional theatrics this week.

Soul Affirmation: All vibes are good for me this week.

Lucky Numbers: 3, 12, 39