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violence from the pulpit.

"The faith community is where people turn in their time of need. So, we want to make sure we're getting the maximum outreach through the faith community," Ivey said.

Prince George's County has the second highest rate of domestic violence in the state of Maryland. Nationwide, reports show that one in four women suffers abuse at the hands of a boyfriend or husband.

In Prince George's County, Ivey began working with Debra Williams, a domestic abuse survivor whose sister, the late Ernestine Bunn Dyson, was killed by her husband several years ago, to offer awareness and counseling through churches. Ivey, Williams, and Yvette Cade, a domestic violence burn survivor, will partake in a special series of sermons at churches.

"We're training and teaching ministers how to develop action plans for women and how to reach out to brothers who need counseling," Ivey said. Efforts in Prince George's County last year were featured in an article in *Ebony* magazine, prompting calls from ministers around the country seeking to model similar programs.

In the church community, historically, leaders and laymen have misinterpreted — or embraced only half of — Ephesians 5 in the Bible.

"Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything," the verse reads.

Some abusers have used this verse as an excuse to dominate, stopping short of the other half of this verse,

which says, "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church."

Pettus hopes her testimony will help others.

"After my treatment and recovery, I realized I had an obligation to speak out for women, who like myself, were afraid... of how people would react to them," she said. "There is a stigma that comes with being a victim, as many believe it should be easy to leave their abuser. I

know that it was ultimately my faith in God that gave me the courage to leave."

In her book, she doesn't name her abuser or make clear whether he was a boyfriend or husband.

"I choose not to put a title on my ex because it does not change the abusive situation that I had to go through," she said. "He was a devout Christian and active church worker who I thought I would be able to be with for a lifetime."

She sought help from her pastor, but did not feel comfortable divulging all her secrets. But, she has gained courage with telling her story. She released her self-published book earlier this month because October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. She is selling it on amazon.com and through religious bookstores and churches.

"God told me he would turn my misery into ministry

— which is actually the name of my last chapter in my book," she said.

Pettus said she prays for high profile minister Juanita Bynum, who was attacked by

her estranged husband, who is also a minister, in a public parking lot in August.

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
 SOFTWARE IMPLEMENTATION - PROJECT MANAGER
 RFP# 7254-0071**

The Housing Authority of the County of Clark (HACC) is requesting sealed proposals from qualified and experienced firms and/or individuals for a Software Implementation Project Manager to assist and coordinate the replacement of HACC current software applications with a new software.

A pre-bid conference meeting will be held on **October 25, 2007** at **2:00 PM** in the HACC Board Room, at which time the RFP documents, scope of service (SOS), and specifications will be distributed.

Sealed responses to this solicitation will be received by HACC until **November 5, 2007** local time on **1:00PM**. No late bids will be accepted.

Respondents to this solicitation must have documented experience of comparable work as described within the Scope of Service. Minority- and women-owned businesses are encouraged to respond.

All RFP documents are available on the HACC website at www.haccnv.org in Portable Document Format (PDF). If you have difficulty obtaining the RFP documents via the HACC website, please contact the Contracts Administration Department at (702)451-8041 Ext. 1623 between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday, for a bid package.

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Your Horoscope Says... October 18-24

ARIES

This is a good week to think about long-term plans. Your mind is clear and your vision of things to come will be lighted by your razor-sharp instincts. All week long be careful not to sound too sarcastic when you tell people stuff that you know and they don't.

Soul Affirmation: I keep my eyes open for the love that is everywhere.
 Lucky Numbers: 17, 18, 20

TAURUS

The clever way you think could expose you to an experience for you unlike any you've had recently. Move forward. Get into it. Don't doubt your ability to handle it. Don't let your mind get crowded with too much useless information. Love is simpler than you think.

Soul Affirmation: I allow good feelings to flow into my life with ease.
 Lucky Numbers: 6, 21, 34

GEMINI

If someone has told you that you are more mental than emotional, believe them. This week especially your mind will be working a mile a minute to make sure that what you feel is good for you to feel. Cover the mental processes with an emotional facade, but keep thinking about what is best.

Soul Affirmation: I give special attention to special friends.
 Lucky Numbers: 3, 45, 51

CANCER

Usually you're not much for gambling. You like to investigate and make sure before you make your move. This week you are lucky. Move on impulse. Follow your heart. Pay close attention to the love needs of your mate this week. The needs of children call.

Soul Affirmation: I can be whoever I am conscious of being.

Lucky Numbers: 12, 32, 53

LEO

You'll face a formidable task but if you defeat it you'll take big steps toward a goal. Weigh in and give it your best. Your energy is high. The task looks larger before you start than it will once you've put your shoulder into it. Compromise with a partner. This week will bring more love than usual. Look for it.

Soul Affirmation: I give thanks for the blessing of life.

Lucky Numbers: 33, 45, 50

VIRGO

Speak out. Take center stage. Any subject you choose is ripe for the "rap." People listen. Friends and associates will be impressed. Forgive a jealous soul who lingers nearby. Don't neglect the home front.

Soul Affirmation: My love of myself makes me lovable to others.

Lucky Numbers: 2, 15, 16

LIBRA

Enjoy yourself. The need to do that will be very apparent this week. What will not be as apparent is the key to your enjoyment which will depend on the attitude you take to someone who has been getting on your nerves. Don't think about them. Whenever the picture of their face appears in your mind use your imagination to turn that picture into a cartoon. Laugh.

Soul Affirmation: I am in tune with the best that is in me this week.

Lucky Numbers: 36, 39, 40

SCORPIO

If you didn't get invited to the party, that's okay. If your air conditioner doesn't work, if one of your favorite pieces of clothing has a spot on it, if your dinner guest didn't show up, smile. Your ability to accept misfortune with a smile is going to be important to you this week.

Soul Affirmation: I pay special attention to family members this week.

Lucky Numbers: 4, 34, 51

SAGITTARIUS

This week will teach you a valuable lesson about money. Make a mental note of how you got into the shape you're in so that you can avoid future mistakes of the financial kind. Request advice from a friend in money matters. Love and money mix well.

Soul Affirmation: I let peace reign in my life.

Lucky Numbers: 8, 32, 35

CAPRICORN

Emphasize generosity. Give and the gift itself will turn into a reward. This week is excellent for making important decisions and for reaching agreements with others. Agreement with your lover might be the most important one to try to reach.

Soul Affirmation: I stand firm in what I believe and am rewarded.

Lucky Numbers: 9, 10, 23

AQUARIUS

You have opportunities to win big this week. Make the most of them. Stay alert to possibilities concerning a career move. You might see something that you believed was lost. It comes back to you this week. Give it your full attention.

Soul Affirmation: I let my feelings bring me information that I allow myself to trust.

Lucky Numbers: 23, 26, 31

PISCES

Feel deeply for the sorrow of a loved one. They can sense your commitment and that will be a comfort. Change is coming into your life. Handle it in the manner that you usually handle change. Anchor yourself in the past and move forward.

Soul Affirmation: I open up to the wisdom of children.

Lucky Numbers: 1, 26, 39

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF SOUTHERN NEVADA INVITATION TO BID NO. 006-08 PWP-CL-2008-101

SOUTH STRIP TRANSFER TERMINAL PARK-AND-RIDE EXPANSION

CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE: \$450,000

The Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC) is soliciting bids for the expansion of the Park-and-Ride lot at the South Strip Transfer Terminal, located at 6675 Gillespie Street, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119.

This 2.1 acre expansion will create 165 parking spaces within a new and existing asphalt paved area at the north end of the property adjacent to the existing parking lot, and modification of parking stalls within the existing parking lot to create six (6) additional handicap access stalls. The scope of this project includes patching and application of slurry seal on existing asphalt pavement, removing a portion of the existing pavement, excavation and grading for the placement of an aggregate base and asphalt concrete pavement, driveway demolition and construction, curbing, sidewalk, striping, signage, monument signs, new electrical service, installation of area lighting, decorative fence, landscaping, and irrigation.

PREBID CONFERENCE: A Prebid Conference will be held on October 30, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. PST, in conference room 108 of the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) Administration Building, 600 South Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada 89106. The Purpose of the Conference is to review and discuss the contents of the bid package.

All questions, comments and requests for clarification on this Bid must be submitted in writing to Debra Coleman, C.P.M., Purchasing Analyst, by 5:00 p.m. November 6, 2007, via mail, e-mail to colemand@rtcnsnv.com, or facsimile at 702-676-1588. Any addenda in response to questions or as otherwise amend the plans and/or specifications shall be issued no later than November 13, 2007.

Bids must be received at the offices of the Regional Transportation Commission, 600 South Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89106 no later than 2:00 p.m. PST on November 21, 2007. Bids time-stamped at 2:01 p.m. or later will be returned, unopened to the Bidder. A public opening will immediately follow the bid closing.

Bid packages complete with specifications and drawings will be available for purchase beginning Monday, October 22, 2007. An authorization to purchase form must be obtained from the RTC at the above address, at the first floor reception desk, between the hours 8:00am and 5:00pm. The authorization to purchase form must then be presented to CM Repographics located at 4445 S. Valley View Blvd., Suite 1, Las Vegas, Nevada 89103, phone 702-222-1757, along with payment in the form of cash, check or credit card, to obtain hard copies of the specifications and drawings.

Specifications	\$23.00
Construction Drawing Plan Set (full size)	\$33.00
Construction Drawing Plan Set (half size)	\$28.00

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