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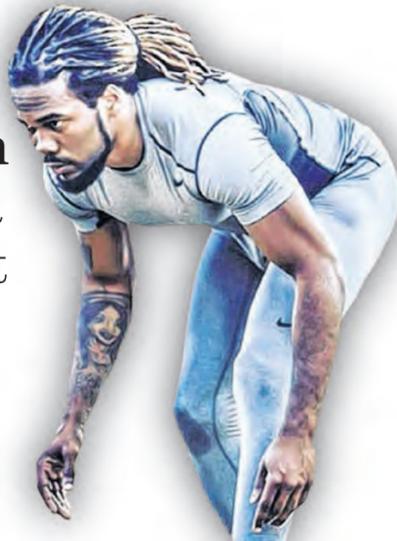
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Officials hope new position eases purchasing issues

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Tourism spending comes under the microscope.

The Okaloosa County Purchasing Department one day soon will employ a media buyer whose paychecks are signed by the Tourist Development Department director.

The new position is being created as the TDD works to ease its marketing duties in-house.

Okaloosa Clerk of Courts JD Peacock said he is confident the move can correct issues uncovered by his inspector general during an investigation of past practices.

"In the past, the same entity was doing the purchasing and

the spending and the deciding what to spend," Peacock said. "It is beneficial to have more than one person controlling the work flow. It will alleviate some of the problems we have noticed between purchasing and the TDD."

The problems were highlighted in a recent 20-page report compiled by Inspector General Sam Scallan.

Scallan launched an investigation when discrepancies were discovered related to spending for the

county's 2015 visitor's guide.

The report noted a lack of TDD oversight by the Purchasing Department and was critical of the TDD staff's lack of knowledge of county purchasing rules.

The new media buyer "will be under the TDD and will work only for the TDD, but will sit here in purchasing and answer to the purchasing director," said Zan Fedorak, the county's purchasing manager.

The media buyer will negotiate the prices the TDD will spend on advertising and procuring placement for those ads.

An application process is being finalized. The job, which will pay between \$15.36 and \$16.90 an hour to start, will be advertised when that is completed, county Human Resources Director GinNeal McVay said.

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Photos special to the Daily News

Local developer Jay Odom and his mother, Emily, are seen last month in front of the old Cox Communications building during the dedication of The Emily Odom Institute for people with health care needs. **Below**, Odom will invest \$5 million to transform the building.

Odom to build 'premier medical campus'

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Chances are you've noticed the giant banner introducing "The Emily Odom Institute" at the old Cox Communications building on Racetrack Road.

Like us, you probably have lots of questions — Who's Emily Odom? What kind of institute are we talking about? Will those beautiful trees be kept?

We've got your answers right here. It seems local developer Jay Odom has big plans for the property, and he



recently shared some of them. Here's what he had to say:

Q: What is the Emily Odom Institute?

A: The Emily Odom Institute is the premier medical campus for health care in Okaloosa County with a friendly, inviting and comfortable

atmosphere.

Q: Why did you decide to buy this building and name it after your mother? And why the medical field?

A: 320 Racetrack Road NW is a beautifully designed building in a spectacular, underutilized setting. It is located within Fort Walton Beach's leading medical corridor.

My mother was the inspiration because after taking her to multiple doctor appointments, I saw the need for a warm and pleasing environment for health care needs.

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Okaloosa could exceed bed tax spending cap

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CRESTVIEW — Okaloosa County commissioners plan to fully fund lifeguards on local beaches next summer, even if they have to defy the Florida Legislature to do it.

Commissioners made the pledge Tuesday against the advice of County Attorney Greg Stewart with a 4-1 non-binding vote during a budget workshop in Crestview.

The board's move was in response to learning of the Public Safety Department's projected budget shortage of about \$62,300. The shortfall would cut daily lifeguard coverage on county beaches by two lifeguards next summer.

"We have a great program in place," Public Safety Director Alvin Henderson told the board. "If we diminish away from that now, we will definitely put people at risk. It's that simple."

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Hillary Clinton accepts Democratic nomination

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Confronting a "moment of reckoning," Hillary Clinton cast herself as a unifier for divided times and a tested, steady hand to lead in a volatile world.

"We are clear-eyed about what our country is up against," she said Thursday in accepting the Democratic presidential nomination. "But we are not afraid. We will rise to the challenge, just as we always have."

Clinton was introduced by her daughter, Chelsea, who spoke warmly of her mother as a woman "driven by compassion, by faith, by kindness, a fierce sense of justice and a heart full of love."



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