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INSIDE TOMORROW

Beginning tomorrow, *The Chronicle-News* will feature *Relish* magazine once a month. *Relish*, a monthly food magazine, is dedicated to celebrating America's love of food and will feature recipes, cooking and entertaining tips and more.



THE FINE PRINT

Pastor's Text Study

Pastor's Text Study will meet at 9 a.m. at Zion's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall today. All pastors welcome to come and study the texts for Sunday and for support of each other.

Alzheimer's support group

The Alzheimer's Association Caregivers Support Group will meet at 10 a.m. today at the H.R. Sayre Senior Center. For more information, call (719) 868-3789.

Pierian Club

Pierian Club will meet 12:30 p.m. today at Sabrosa for lunch and program.

City Council

Trinidad City Council will meet for their work session at 1:30 p.m. today at the City Hall Council Chambers, third floor, City Hall.

Primer BOE mtg.

The Primer RE-2 Board of Education will meet at 5 p.m. for a work session with a regular session to follow at 6 p.m. tonight in the school cafeteria.

THS Band Booster mtg.

The Trinidad High School Band Booster meeting will begin at 5:15 p.m. tonight in the THS band room. All band parents are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Rhonda at (719) 680-1419.

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WEATHER WATCH

Today: Sunny, with a high near 50. West wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 17. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tomorrow: Mostly sunny, with a high near 45. North northwest wind around 5 mph.

Tomorrow Night: A 10 percent chance of snow. Partly cloudy, with a low around 16. Southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

RIVER CALL

Purgatoire river call as of 1/12/09. Hoehne priority # 9 1/1/1863.

Trinidad Lake accounting: Release, .17 acre ft.; Inflow, 63.44 acre ft.; Evaporation, 1.27 acre ft.; Content, 2.0399 acre ft.; Elevation, 6,180.73; Precipitation, 0

Downstream river call, Winter Storage 3/10/1910.

(Provided by Division of Water Resources)

Pats' offensive coordinator takes over in Denver

By **ARNIE STAPLETON**
AP Sports Writer

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) – Josh McDaniels, the man behind the New England Patriots' scoring machine, inherits an offense in Denver that needs only an oil change.

The defense? That needs an overhaul.

The 32-year-old McDaniels signed a four-year deal with the Broncos to replace Mike Shanahan, the only NFL head coach to get fired by a team he led to consecutive Super Bowl wins.

Of course, that was in the 1990s. Shanahan won just a single playoff game in the decade since John Elway retired and team owner Pat Bowlen fired him Dec. 30 after the Broncos missed out on the playoffs for a third straight season. He had three years and \$21 million left on his contract.

McDaniels guided an offense that had led New England to 18 straight victories before a stunning loss to the New York Giants in last season's Super Bowl. That team scored an NFL-record 75 touchdowns and 589 points.

Bowlen thought enough of McDaniels to bypass defensive sages Steve Spagnuolo of the Giants, Raheem Morris of the Buccaneers and Leslie Frazier of the Vikings even though Denver's defense allowed more points and had fewer takeaways than any other team in the NFL last season.

McDaniels helped the defensive staff in New England for three seasons before serving as quarterbacks coach in 2004. Bill Belichick promoted him to offensive coordinator in 2006, and his career took off.

"I'd like to personally thank Bill Belichick for providing me my foundation in this league and for mentoring me for eight years," McDaniels said at his introductory news conference Monday night.

Under his guidance, Tom Brady threw for a record 50 touchdowns in '07 and came within a whisker of the first 19-0 season in NFL history. McDaniels' star grew even brighter in '08 when Brady was lost with a knee injury in the opener and Matt Cassel, who hadn't started a game since high school, led the Patriots to an 11-5 record.

"Josh McDaniels is one of the finest people and brightest, most talented coaches I have ever worked with," Belichick said in a statement. "Since joining us eight years ago, Josh performed a variety of roles and excelled in every one of them."

McDaniels agreed to a four-year deal believed to be worth



The Denver Broncos' new coach, Josh McDaniels, smiles during a news conference in Englewood, Colo., on Monday, Jan. 12, 2009. McDaniels, 32, comes to the NFL football team after serving as offensive coordinator for the New England Patriots; he has agreed to a four-year contract. (AP Photo/David Zalubowski)

about \$8 million to replace Shanahan, who was fired 48 hours after the Broncos became the first team in league history to blow a three-game divisional lead with three weeks left.

Shanahan was 146-91 in 14 years in Denver, leading the Broncos to Super Bowl titles following the 1997 and '98 seasons. The Broncos have gone 24-24 since losing to Pittsburgh in the 2005 AFC title game.

That was unacceptable to Bowlen, who reached out to a man half his age to resurrect a once-proud franchise that is still looking for a general manager.

McDaniels is a baby-faced 32-year-old whiz kid who is younger than many of his players.

McDaniels, who's been around football fields since he was a toddler hanging out at the high school in Canton, Ohio, where his father coached, said his young age shouldn't matter to anybody.

"My age has never been a factor. It's never going to be a factor," he said. "It's about performance. It's about what you're capable of getting the players to do."

McDaniels goes from one potent offense to another. With talented players like Jay Cutler, Eddie Royal, Brandon Marshall, Tony Scheffler, Ryan Harris and Ryan Clady, it's seemingly just a healthy running back away from greatness.

The Broncos finished second in the NFL in yards last season but middle of the pack in scoring, done in by Cutler's 18 interceptions, Marshall's 18 drops and an astonishing seven tailbacks on injured reserve.

The Broncos would like to see most of Shanahan's offense. **Continued on page 2**

Listen up Broncos, great defenses continue to win again and again!

By **MIKE GARRETT**
The Chronicle-News



Mike Garrett

Anyone who closely follows pro and college football these days knows the game is not exactly rocket science in trying to figure out the latest and most innovative trends.

Football fans who watched a good chunk of the 34 college bowl games and most or

all of the NFL playoff games so far can come to only ONE conclusion: Great opportunistic defenses beat good offenses 95 percent of the time and teams winning the turnover battle and or avoid critical and stupid penalties win 90 percent of the time.

The Florida Gators captured the national championship over the best offensive team to ever take a college football field, the Oklahoma Sooners, by playing great defense, winning the turnover battle, not committing costly penalties and making just enough big plays on offense. Oklahoma lost because it did all of the above on offense and not enough of the above on defense.

The four NFL finalists who will be competing in this weekend's AFC and NFC championship games all got there by playing strong defense mixed with opportunistic offenses. One need look no further back than last year's Super Bowl to see that a great defense trumps a great offense almost every time.

The New England Patriots were 18-0 going into that game and had just set NFL regular season records for points scored (589) and average points per game (36.8). The New York Giants suffocating defense held them to 14 points and won 17-14 on just enough passing offense from Eli Manning and a potent running game.

This year's bird-chirping (Eagles, Ravens, Cardinals) NFL conference championship games feature the NFL's top 3 rated defenses in Pittsburgh, Baltimore and Philadelphia. The Arizona Cardinals defense was well down the list during the regular season but came up big with six turnovers to easily defeat the befuddled Carolina Panthers. The Cardinals defense has stuffed two of the NFL's best running backs in Atlanta's Michael Turner (1,699 yards) and Carolina's DeAngelo Williams, (1,515 yards) when it counted the most.

When you force the other team's offense to become one-dimensional, as the Steelers also did to the Chargers Sunday night, you're going to win almost every time.

So all of these games beg the question: Why did the Denver Broncos hire an offensive specialist in Josh McDaniels to become their head coach when their defense was nearly the worst in pro football the past two seasons? McDaniels gets a lot of credit for **Continued on page 9**



Yesterday morning, John Archuleta of Colorado Springs, rear-ended a snowplow just on the north side of Walsenburg. (Photos courtesy of CSP)

Car rear-ends snow plow on I-25

Courtesy of the Colorado State Patrol Special to the Chronicle

On Jan. 12, 2009 at about 9:18 a.m., John Archuleta, 70 of Colorado Springs, rear-ended a CDOT snowplow on I-25 near milepost 64 in Huerfano County, about 12 miles north of Walsenburg. Archuleta stated that he was driving through blowing snow and suddenly saw the CDOT plow but was unable to stop. Archuleta's 1999 Chrysler Cirrus became entangled with the sanding unit of the CDOT snow plow. The plow driver, Fredrick Parrent, Jr., 58 of Westcliff, was **Continued on page 2**

Business Incubator Center to grow Des Moines economy

By **TIM KELLER**
Special to the Chronicle

As many small rural towns struggle to survive, one area community is taking active steps to grow. The new Business Incubator Center, based at Des Moines School, is designed to create local businesses, grow the local economy and provide young people with added opportunities for remaining - or returning - home after finishing their schooling.

Serving the communities of Des Moines, Capulin, Folsom and Grenville, Des Moines School is working with the Rural Education branch of the Public Education Department of New Mexico to administer the BIC and its counterpart, the Rural Revitalization Initiative. The state agency has provided multiple resources to help the local community launch and sustain the new programs. Sunny Hill of Folsom was recently hired to serve as Program Director.

The BIC's first initiative is to develop a for-profit school-based business to



Des Moines Business Incubator Center Steering Committee members go over details with University of Wyoming consultants. Left to right - Justin Bennett, Union County Commissioner; Dr. Tena Hoyle, University of Wyoming; Sunny Hill, Program Director; Damon Brown, President, Des Moines School Board; Dr. Todd Bartee, University of Wyoming. (Photo courtesy of Tim Keller)

provide students with experience, academic credit, and mentoring in entrepreneurship. The BIC will provide opportunities for students to participate in business contests and confer-

ences around the country. A week-long business plan development workshop in June will be open to the entire community, including students. **Continued on page 3**

Obama promises changes in use of bailout billions

By **ANDREW TAYLOR** and **JIM KUHNHENN**
Associated Press Writers

WASHINGTON (AP) – Seeking to reassure wary lawmakers, President-elect Barack Obama said Monday he will fundamentally change the way the second half of the \$700 billion financial bailout fund is spent, focusing some of the relief on housing and small businesses.

Obama asked President George W. Bush to submit a request to Congress so that the remaining \$350 billion would be available quickly after the inauguration next Tuesday. Bush agreed to do so. **Continued on page 2**



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