

Biden gets coronavirus vaccine

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NEWARK, Del. — President-elect Joe Biden on Monday received his first dose of the coronavirus vaccine on live television as part of a growing effort to convince the American public the inoculations are safe.

Biden took a dose of the Pfizer vaccine at a hospital not far from his Delaware home, hours after his wife, Jill Biden, did the same. The injections came the same day that a second vaccine, produced by Moderna, which was approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration on Friday, will start arriving in states. It joins Pfizer's in the nation's arsenal against the COVID-19 pandemic, which has now killed more than 317,000 people in the United States and upended life around the globe.

"I'm ready," said Biden, who was administered the dose at a hospital in Newark, Delaware, and declined the option to count to three before the needle was inserted into his left arm. "I'm doing this to demonstrate that people should be prepared when it's available to take the vaccine. There's nothing to worry about."

The president-elect praised the health care workers and said President Donald Trump's administration "deserves some credit getting this off the ground." And Biden urged Americans to wear masks during the upcoming Christmas holiday and not travel unless necessary.

Vice President-elect Kamala Harris and her hus-



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President-elect Joe Biden receives his first dose of the coronavirus vaccine at ChristianaCare Christiana Hospital in Delaware on Monday.

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band are expected to receive their first shots next week.

Other top government officials have been in the first wave of Americans to be inoculated against COVID-19 as part of the largest largest vaccination campaign in the nation's history.

Vice President Mike Pence, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., and other lawmakers were given doses Friday. They

chose to publicize their injections as part of a campaign to convince Americans that the vaccines are safe and effective amid skepticism, especially among Republicans.

Trump is discussing with his doctors the timing for taking the vaccine, the White House has said. He tweeted earlier this month that he was "not scheduled" to take the vaccine but that he looked "forward to doing so at the appropriate time."

The White House has

offered another reason for waiting, saying Trump was showing support for the most vulnerable to get the vaccine first.

Trump was hospitalized with COVID-19 in October and given an experimental monoclonal antibody treatment that he credited for his swift recovery. A Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advisory board has said people who received that treatment should wait at least 90 days to be vaccinated to avoid any potential interference.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's top infectious diseases expert, and other experts have recommended that Trump be vaccinated without delay as a precaution.

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in the past three seasons. Longtime coach Joel Dierickx stepped down after 2018; Dan McFadden had the Gulls in 2019; and Ross Knutsen took over for McFadden in 2020, the season that was lost to the coronavirus pandemic.

Knutsen stepped aside, and in came Wolfe, who was hired as the varsity coach over the summer. Wolfe said he met with representatives from the school last Christmas about this time.

"I drove up and met with Jeff (Roberts, Seaside High School principal) and told him my intent. Me and my wife (Kim, married 37 years) looked at this as our target area to retire to, because we love the area and we've always wanted to live up here."

The couple has a son in Mount Vernon, Washington, and a daughter who teaches in Medford.

Wolfe said he also "wanted to keep my hand in baseball, and this was the perfect match."

At first, he was looking to serve as a substitute teacher,

but an opening for a teaching spot at the high school occurred near the start of the new school year. Wolfe accepted the position and is now teaching full time.

He added, "I knew Seaside was looking for a coach the year before, and I couldn't make the transition at the time. Ross (Knutsen) stepped in and said he would do the interim year (2020), then I could take over the program after the season ended. Unfortunately, the season never happened."

Citing family and business priorities, Knutsen stepped down and Wolfe was hired. Knutsen will still serve as an assistant.

At North Medford, Wolfe coached the Black Tornado from 1995 to 2019, and finished six wins shy of the 500-career win mark, all for a 6A school.

Wolfe knows he is stepping into a hot area for Oregon high school baseball. Since 2006, teams from Clatsop County have made a combined 10 appearances in state championship games, winning seven.

Wolfe has done his home-

work and is aware of the successful programs in Astoria, Warrenton and Knappa.

"It's a different culture, a different level of play," he said.

"There's some good baseball around here. I'm excited, because rumor has it that the OSAA (Oregon School Activities Association) might be pushing for local leagues this spring to limit travel. If that's the case, the good thing is that there's some very good baseball here."

And Wolfe hopes the Gulls will be part of the mix.

Wolfe compares his coaching approach to that of Warrenton's Lennie Wolfe (no relation), saying "I'm kind of an old school guy. You give your best effort, you don't throw your bat or your helmet and you hustle on and off the field."

"There's good athletes here in Seaside," he said.

"And I'm excited about the baseball program."

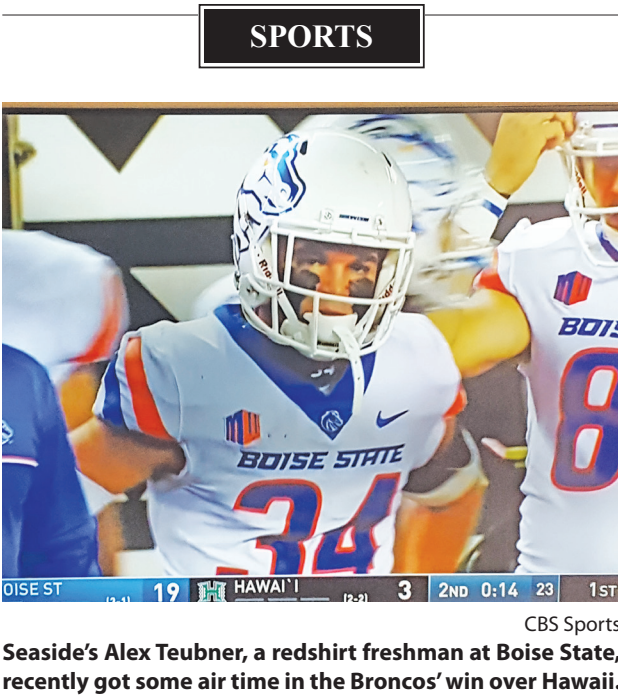
Living in Seaside is just a plus.

"As far as the weather goes, it's great," Wolfe said. "It's a little grayer than I'm used to. But we love the life-

style, and we go to the beach every day."

The only negative: there's more shark attacks in Seaside than Medford.

"Fortunately, I'm not a surfer," Wolfe said of the recent shark attack. "And that just kind of confirmed that I never will be."



Seaside's Alex Teubner, a redshirt freshman at Boise State, recently got some air time in the Broncos' win over Hawaii.

Utti sidelined, Teubner finishes 2020 season

By GARY HENLEY
The Astorian

While athletes at Seaside High School wait for the start of a sports season, a couple of former Gulls are busy competing at the collegiate level.

Maddi Utti is in her senior season with the Fresno State University's women's basketball team and Alexander Teubner is a redshirt freshman for Boise State University football.

Both have seen action this month, although Utti recently had her string of 94 consecutive starts snapped in a Dec. 11 game vs. St. Mary's College of California. She also missed the next game, a 102-93 double overtime loss at the University of San Francisco on Dec. 13.

Fresno State's latest game, Dec. 20 vs. California State, Bakersfield, was canceled.

The Bulldogs' next scheduled game is Jan. 2 at the University of Wyoming.

Utti had started Fresno State's first four games, and was averaging 14.8 points per game and 6.3

rebounds per game.

The Bulldogs are 3-3 through six games.

Meanwhile, Teubner saw action in five of Boise State's seven games of the 2020 season.

The former Seaside running back, who rushed for 2,420 yards and scored 44 touchdowns in his senior season in 2018, is listed as a safety on the Boise State roster.

He had two solo tackles and saw action on special teams.

The Broncos finished 5-2 overall, 5-0 in conference.

Boise State lost to San Jose State University 34-20 in Saturday's Mountain West Conference Championship game.

Teubner was awarded "Scout team Player of the Year" for the Broncos last season. He had to quarantine the first two weeks of practice after Boise State resumed because his roommate tested positive for COVID-19.

Teubner missed two games because he contracted the virus. He returns as a sophomore next fall and is expected to be a major contributor for the Broncos in 2021.

SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
48 33	48 35	51 40	47 41	49 36	47 35	49 37
Periods of sunshine	Partly sunny	Clouds and sun	Cloudy, a little rain	Rain possible	Cloudy, rain possible	Rain possible

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Astoria through Sunday

Temperatures

High/low	53/47
Normal high/low	48/36
Record high	59 in 2018
Record low	9 in 1990

Precipitation

Sunday	0.31"
Month to date	5.31"
Normal month to date	6.45"
Year to date	61.63"
Normal year to date	64.07"

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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn. Visible around 4:50 p.m. PST as the dusk sky fades, 15 degrees above the SW horizon.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	7:56 a.m.
Sunset tonight	4:33 p.m.
Moonrise today	12:58 p.m.
Moonset today	12:24 a.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Dec 21	Dec 29	Jan 6	Jan 12

TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
7:24 a.m.	7.6	12:43 a.m.	1.7	
7:25 p.m.	5.9	1:50 p.m.	2.9	
Cape Disappointment	7:08 a.m.	7.4	12:03 a.m.	1.8
7:02 p.m.	5.8	1:22 p.m.	3.1	
Hammond	7:14 a.m.	7.8	12:18 a.m.	1.8
7:14 p.m.	6.2	1:34 p.m.	3.1	
Warrenton	7:19 a.m.	7.9	12:27 a.m.	1.8
7:20 p.m.	6.3	1:34 p.m.	3.0	
Knappa	8:01 a.m.	7.8	1:44 a.m.	1.5
8:02 p.m.	6.3	2:51 p.m.	2.5	
Depoe Bay	6:27 a.m.	7.7	12:51 p.m.	3.4
6:19 p.m.	6.0	none		

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Low/W	Wed. Hi/Low/W
Atlanta	59/37/s	60/46/pc
Boston	41/29/pc	38/33/s
Chicago	41/37/pc	49/20/sh
Dallas	66/56/s	63/35/pc
Denver	56/22/s	30/20/sn
Honolulu	83/69/pc	84/70/s
Houston	67/57/s	76/40/r
Los Angeles	66/49/pc	71/48/pc
Miami	75/64/s	78/69/pc
New York City	43/30/pc	40/38/s
Phoenix	70/43/s	68/42/s
San Francisco	57/43/s	58/43/s
Wash., DC	49/31/pc	49/42/pc
Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.		

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REGIONAL FORECAST

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

City	Today Hi/Low/W	Wed. Hi/Low/W
Baker City	40/16/c	34/17/s
Brookings	51/39/pc	55/39/pc
Ilwaco	48/33/pc	47/33/pc
Newberg	48/32/pc	44/29/pc
Newport	48/34/pc	49/37/s

City	Today Hi/Low/W	Wed. Hi/Low/W
North Bend	50/35/pc	54/34/s
Roseburg	47/29/pc	46/28/pc
Seaside	48/32/pc	46/31/s
Springfield	49/29/pc	42/28/s
Vancouver	48/30/pc	44/27/pc