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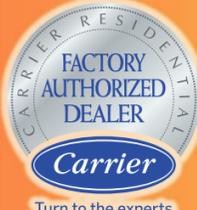


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SPORTS

Reports: Utah State fires coach Andersen

Aggies dropped to 0-3 after loss to Wolf Pack

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On Thursday, Nevada scored 34 straight points to manhandle Utah

State, 34-9, and keep the Aggies winless on the season.

On Saturday, Utah State decided it needed a new head coach.

According to reports, the Aggies fired Gary Andersen on Saturday morning, two seasons into his second stint with Utah State. The news was first reported by USA Today.

Andersen is 59-63 in 11 seasons as a

head coach. He also led the Aggies from 2009 through 2012. His other coaching stops came at Wisconsin and Oregon State.

Utah State dropped to 0-3 with its loss to the Wolf Pack, falling to the bottom of the 12-team Mountain West. The Aggies have been outscored, 114-29, on the season.

On Thursday, Nevada rolled to 542

yards of total offense while limiting USU to 3.6 yards per play. The Pack's 34 points actually turned out to be the fewest the Aggies have given up this season.

There was no immediate word of Andersen's replacement.

Utah State next plays at home against Fresno State on Nov. 14.



John Genasci is shown on the Hug campus. PROVIDED TO THE RGJ

Genasci remembered as a gentle giant

Jim Krajewski
Reno Gazette Journal
USA TODAY NETWORK

Before he was a school administrator, he was a boxer and a football player, but John Genasci is remembered as being a gentle giant, although he was not afraid to use his physical skills, when necessary.

For as big as his heart was, it was his heart that gave out. Genasci died from heart failure on Oct. 17 in Reno, just two days after his good friend Dale Wiggins died.

Genasci played football at Nevada from 1957-60, for Dick Trachok, and was on the boxing team there at the same time, under coach Jimmy Olivias.

He was a principal at three Washoe



John Genasci played quarterback for the Wolf Pack football team. PROVIDED TO THE RGJ

County schools, Sparks Middle, Washoe High and Hug.

Two years after starting at at Hug in 1984, Genasci took out a second mortgage on the family house, about \$80,000, to help pay for lights on the football field. Local businessmen Luther Mack and Grove Holcomb later helped him pay off that loan.

When Nevada football coach Chris Ault got a new scoreboard for Mackay Stadium, he asked Genasci if he wanted the old one. Genasci showed up that day to pick it up and install it at Hug.

Heart disease

His son, Joe Genasci, said John

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Cevallos goes from struggling batter to guru

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When Jaime Cevallos started playing baseball, he was not a very good hitter.

But Cevallos figured out what he was doing wrong and has since made hitting a baseball better his life's work. The Carson City resident is credited with helping former Major League Baseball players, Ben Zobrist, Drew Stanton and Raul Ibanez hone and refine their swings.

Cevallos has written three books on swing mechanics and on Nov. 13 he will be holding a baseball swing clinic for youth, parents and coaches at Tommy's Grandstand in Sparks.

After Cevallos figured out how to tweak his swing, he became the best hitter on his Mount Saint Mary's baseball team in the late 1990s, going from a .197 batting average as a freshman in 1996, to .364 as a sophomore.

Cevallos says fluidity and athletic movement are two keys to hitting, adding there are several other small, simple changes that can give a hitter more power and consistency.

Working on improving batting for other baseball players has been a 20-plus-year project for Cevallos.

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Jaime Cevallos will give a swing clinic on Nov. 13 at Tommy's Grandstand in Sparks. PROVIDED TO THE RGJ

Hamlin faces tough field for NASCAR Cup title

Jenna Fryer
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AVONDALE, Ariz. – Denny Hamlin is 0-for-3 in championship chances, his shot at an elusive first NASCAR crown ending just short each time.

It's his turn again, without rival Kevin Harvick in his way and his Toyota teammates all eliminated. Hamlin on Sunday

will try to close his own career-defining season with the Cup title in NASCAR's season finale at Phoenix Raceway.

Hamlin will be racing with Joey Logano and Brad Keselowski, Ford teammates from Team Penske, as well as NASCAR's most popular driver. Chase Elliott last week drove Chevrolet and Hendrick Motorsports back into the championship race for the first time

since 2016.

Elliott's win at Martinsville put him on NASCAR's biggest stage for the first time in his career, but the upset also bounced Harvick out of the finale. Harvick won a Cup Series-high nine races and was the regular-season champion, and Harvick and Hamlin went head-to-head nearly all summer in a rivalry worthy of NASCAR's golden days.

Harvick's elimination theoretically made Hamlin the favorite.

He won seven races this season and the title for the first time is being decided at Phoenix, where Hamlin is a two-time winner including last November when he raced his way into the championship four.

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Genasci

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grew up playing football and boxing without knowing he had heart disease.

Joe said his father's heart was only functioning at about 50-70 percent capacity before he had surgery seven years ago, then had a pacemaker installed in 2018.

"He always shared that his sports career was hampered by his lack of training and conditioning required to go on to the next level," Joe Genasci said. "He beat himself up over the lack of training until about seven years ago when he learned and had corrective surgery on his heart for what doctors said was lifelong heart disease."

"It meant that he played basketball, football and boxed while hampered by lack of proper blood flow to fuel his body."

John and Joe built and remodeled three houses and Joe said his father would rarely stop for a break.

"He always competed to be the hardest worker. It's a testament to his determination and competitiveness," Joe Genasci said.

On Oct. 17, John Genasci was working in the yard at his house and he died from heart failure due to that lifelong heart disease. He turned 81 on Oct 6.

Strong character

Joe Genasci said his father was a unifying force.

"He took over schools that were struggling, to say the least, and always brought staff and students together to work things out," Joe Genasci said.

While working towards his Masters degree at Utah State in the 1960s, John Genasci joined the Peace Corps and went to Africa for three and half years.

While working at school there, he built a boxing ring near his office for students to sort out their differences.

When he took over at Hug there were often fights on campus. John Genasci said he would get a pizza for anyone who helped stop the fighting.

In a few days, there were no more fights on campus.

John Genasci boxed at Nevada on the same team as national champions Mills Lane and Joe Bliss and he used his boxers' mentality as an administrator.



John Genasci is shown boxing for Nevada. PROVIDED TO THE RGJ

Joe Genasci recalled an incident after a game at the Old Gym on the Nevada campus, now the Virginia Street Gym, in which a large group of people outside were agitated and about to riot. The 6-foot-4 John Genasci ran into the middle of the swarm and said they had to go through him.

Joe Genasci said the group quickly dispersed.

He said another time a group of adults was drinking in the parking lot at Hug after a football game and started threatening students.

John had his son stand back-to-back with him and offered the same ultimatum, which the group took to heart and soon left the area.

Excellence in Education

He inspired people to work together toward common goals.

After working at Hug for four years, he accepted an Excellence In Schools award from President Reagan on the White House lawn in 1986.

Dutch Belnap was John Genasci's good friend from Utah State. Belnap was a long-time college coach and he went on to work for the Los Angeles Dodgers under Tommy Lasorda.

Belnap said John Genasci had two personalities, one in the boxing ring and on the football field, and one off of it.

"The one off, he was very, very concerned about everybody and he really was a fighter for the underdog," Belnap said. "He was always trying to help people. He was just a special person. He loved athletics and he was always trying to promote the Wolf Pack."

Former Washoe County School District spokesperson Steve Mulvenon said John Genasci was a trailblazer.

In the late 1980s he and Ron Jeffries, the GM at Harrah's Reno, long with Lynn Atcheson, launched the school district's first school-business partnership at Hug.

That was the start of the Partners in Education program, which evolved into what is now the Education Alliance.

"He knew that the students at Hug would benefit immensely from that 'adopt-a-school' model and he was right," Mulvenon wrote to the RGJ. "Today, students all across the district are still reaping the rewards of that innovative program. John was singularly focused on what was best for kids."

The 6-foot-4 Genasci grew up on a 1,400-acre ranch in Loyalton, Calif., before enrolling in college at Nevada. He was a quarterback and linebacker for the Wolf Pack football team.

Former Washoe County School District facilities director Dale Sanderson said John Genasci was a gentleman.

"I always found him to be a real people person and a gentleman, always thinking and doing what was best for the students," Sanderson wrote to the RGJ. "He never got angry and demanding, so when he did call with facility problems at his school, I knew it was important."

Joe Genasci is organizing a virtual celebration of life for John at 11 a.m. on Dec. 5 via a Zoom link on the JohnGenasci.com website.

John Genasci is survived by his wife Kay, sons Kerby, Andy and wife Katherine, grandson Garrett and granddaughter Ava, son Joe and wife Lisa, grandsons John Carl and Maximus Attilio, brothers Bob, wife Carolyn, brother Jim and wife Mary.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Hug High School and the Sierra School Foundation can be made in Genasci's name at johngenasci.com.

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Guru

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In 2007, he was at a batting cage in Tennessee and the owner invited him talk to Zobrist and Stanton, who were also working out there. Cevallos started calling himself a swing coach later that year.

Zobrist played for several MLB teams, ending his career with the Chicago Cubs after the 2019 season.

Cevallos said Zobrist was concerned, at first, that his coaches would not want him changing his swing. But his changes led to more consistency and power.

Fixing his swing

When he started, Cevallos studied photos in magazines, cutting them out, then adapting what he saw to his own swing.

That helped him understand how to help other hitters, namely that by making subtle changes during a swing, the batter can have better and stronger contact.

He dropped out of college and worked in the golf industry for a while, learning how golfers use video to fix their swings.

Coaching swing mechanics

Cevallos, who moved to Carson City about two and a half years ago from the Bay Area, quit coaching in 2012 so he could further refine his techniques.

He has two daughters, ages four and eight, but said they don't seem interested in playing softball, or baseball, yet.

His newest focus is pitch recognition for baseball players. To aid that, he has developed a screen for batters to use in bullpens during games, so they can see live pitching before going to the plate.

People can sign up for his clinic at Tommy's Grandstand in Sparks on his website, theswingmechanic.com and click on 'clinic.' Cost is \$15.

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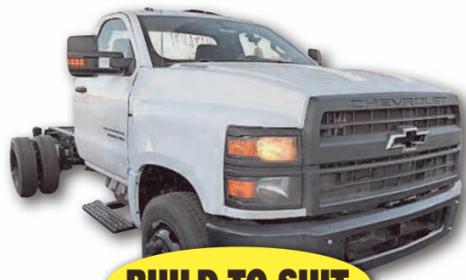


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