

# Groups offers sports camps

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The Las Vegas After-School All-Stars program, in conjunction with Inner-City Games, is providing two free summer sport programs for youth ages seven to 17.

"Although there are many summer programs available to the youth in Las Vegas, the After-School All-Stars is the only completely free program of its kind," Inner-City Games Executive Director Jackie Locks said.

Volleyball is offered on Saturday mornings, from 9 a.m. to noon. The four-week program, which is already underway, includes free transportation, a free T-shirt and free snack. An experienced

coaching staff teaches the basics of the sport.

The After-School All-Stars swimming program is linked with participating entities like the cities of Las Vegas, North Las Vegas and Henderson. Swimming lessons are taught by American Red Cross instructors.

When youth are signed up to the Greater Las Vegas After-School All-Stars, they receive one free session of swimming and can select the pool, date and time of their choice.

The program runs through August and is offered at 14 pool sites around the city.

Last year, the Las Vegas Inner-City Games serviced

nearly 10,000 children in the valley. The program branched into after-school initiatives to combat the issue of unattended youth; the majority of youth violence, drug use, gang activity and teen pregnancy occur after school between 3 and 6 p.m. In response, Inner-City Games now offers year-round programs, including homework assistance, tutoring, life skills enhancement, cultural arts and sports.

A contest held to find a new name embodying the program yielded After-School All-Stars. Those interested can call 382-5447 or log on to [www.lvafterschoolallstars.org](http://www.lvafterschoolallstars.org).

# Humanitarian, musician, teacher, leader — Larry Dismond did it all

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Larry Dismond, 70, a local businessman, humanitarian, entertainer and motivational speaker, died Sunday, June 6 of natural causes.

Funeral services for Dismond will be held Thursday, June 10 at St. James the Apostle Catholic Church, 1920 N. Martin Luther King Blvd. Viewing is at 6 p.m., followed by the memorial service at 7:30 p.m.

Dismond was affectionately nicknamed "Dr. D." During his early career, Dismond was an internationally acclaimed musician, singer, dancer, model and actor. He was a member of St James the Apostle Catholic Church, where he often performed in passion plays and sang in the choir.

"He was the most uplifting and positive person you would ever run into. His smile will be missed," said Clark County Commissioner Lynette Boggs McDonald, who is also a member of St James. "Though I knew him from a church relationship, when I was out in the community, in my public capacity, I was always amazed at how people said Dr. Dismond had helped them in (one way or another).

"He was as caring inside his church community as he was out in the community," Boggs McDonald added.

In recent years, Dismond became best known for his motivational speaking and singing engagements for churches and national business groups. His signature song was "Sail Out Beyond the Breakers," a direct appeal to the audience to be inspired through faith and their own inner greatness. Dismond opened the performances of that song with an inspirational spoken phrase that has encouraged and inspired thousands in network marketing organizations, civic groups and student bodies across the United States. He used the metaphor of a ship going out beyond the rocky barrier called breakers.

Dismond performed in musicals and stage productions throughout the world with notable actors such as James Earl Jones and Leslie Uggams. He toured with musical shows throughout several countries in Western Europe. Shows included "The Black New World" and Eugene O'Neal's "Emperor Jones."

"A fine baritone, warm and true with tremendous spiritual impact," said critic Theodore Strongin of the New York Times.

Dismond's love for music and the per-

forming arts was formed early in his life. He earned a Bachelor of Music Education degree in 1958 and Master of Music Education in 1961, both from Howard University. He then studied voice at the Manhattan School of Music from 1961-62. After four years with the Philathia College in London, Ontario, he was bestowed a Ph.D. in musicology in 1968.

After graduating from military academy, he studied theater in Morgan State College for two years. Dismond taught music in the New York City Public Schools from 1958-89. He was music chairman from 1964-74. He was also Dean and Student Coordinator from 1964-80. For the Boy's Club of New York, he was their concert band director from 1964-71 and director of special activities from 1964-76.

He had also been an officer in numerous charitable and public service organizations. Dismond was elected to Community Mayor in Harlem from 1964-88, where he earned a reputation for turning ideas into action. Community Mayors is an international, non-political, non-profit organization dedicated to helping mentally and physically disabled children. Friends say it was Dismond's favorite charity and the service he enjoyed most.

He moved to Las Vegas in 1990 with his wife, Yolaine, and family and continued to do charitable work as a volunteer. Recently he did fundraisers featuring local headliner Melinda, First Lady of Magic, and dancers from the Showgirls of Magic.

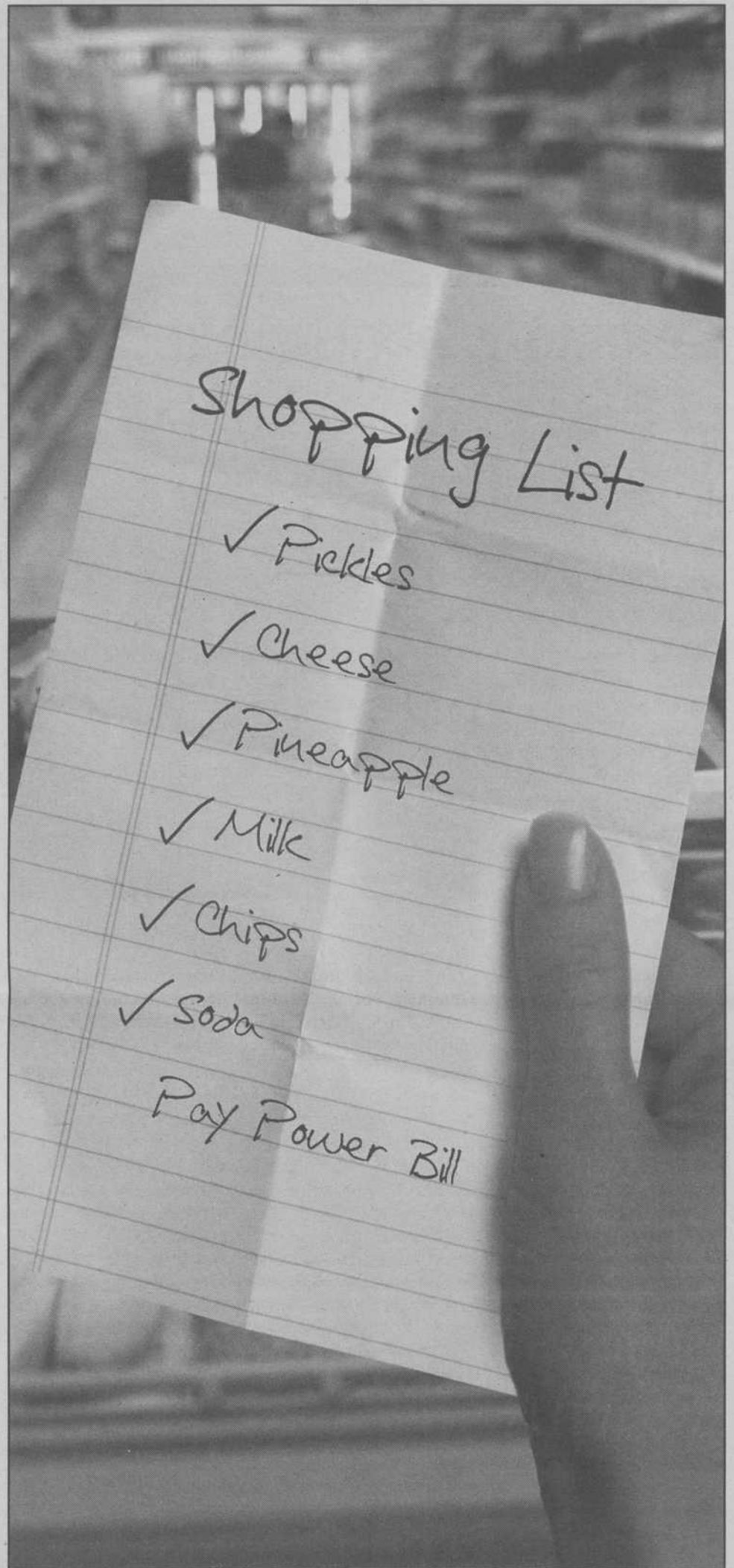
Dismond was a recording artist with two recent inspirational and gospel CD's "Carry On" and "I Love You Lord."

In 1968, "Carry On My Brothers" was written to honor President John F. Kennedy, Sen. Robert Kennedy and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. All three had been slain by assassins' bullets.

His mother, Carolyn Drummond, civil rights activist in Pennsylvania, presented it to former First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy. The 45-rpm record was included in the estate of Kennedy and was preserved by Americana Resources, an Auction House in Maryland.

He is survived by his wife, Yolaine; sister, Yvonne McLamb; and brothers, Samuel and Michael Dismond.

His children are daughter, Kimani Dismond; and sons, Phillip Darbouze; Andre Dismond, Larry "Geno" Dismond Jr., and Joshua Dismond.



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