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Community Calendar

Seniors Fall Festival

The 4th Annual Seniors Fall Fun Festival for ages 50 and up will be held on Oct. 12 from 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the 14th Street Recreation Center, 2020 N.E. 14th St. There will be fun, fellowship, health screenings and prizes. The admission fee of \$3 includes a light meal. Call 336-727-2891 for more information.

Author to visit

Author Jennifer Bean Bower will visit the Lewisville Library, 6490 Shallowford Rd., on Oct. 8 at 4 p.m. The Friends of the Lewisville Library is hosting the writer, who penned "Winston-Salem, Tales of Murder, Mystery and Mayhem." Bower was awarded the Willie Parker Peace History Book Award in 2008. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 336-703-2940.

Big Four Dance tickets

Tickets to this year's Big Four Dance will be on sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot of the Winston Mutual Building, 1225 E. 5th St., on the next two Saturdays (Oct. 3 and Oct. 10). Tickets are \$25 each or \$250 for a table. EnVision and Signature Soundz will provide entertainment. Manard "Busta" Brown will serve as emcee. The Big Four Dance is Oct. 24 at 9 p.m. at the Benton Convention Center.

To obtain tickets at other times, call Judy Brown at 336-767-1487 or Linda Davis at 336-767-2714.

Diabetes support groups

Novant Health hosts regular support groups for people with Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes. The groups are held at 6 p.m. at 1900 S. Hawthorne Road, Suite 504, and are free and open to the public. Type 1 group meetings are on Tuesday, Oct. 20; and Thursday, Dec. 17. Type 2 group meetings are Sept. 3 and Nov. 19. There are guest speakers for each meeting.

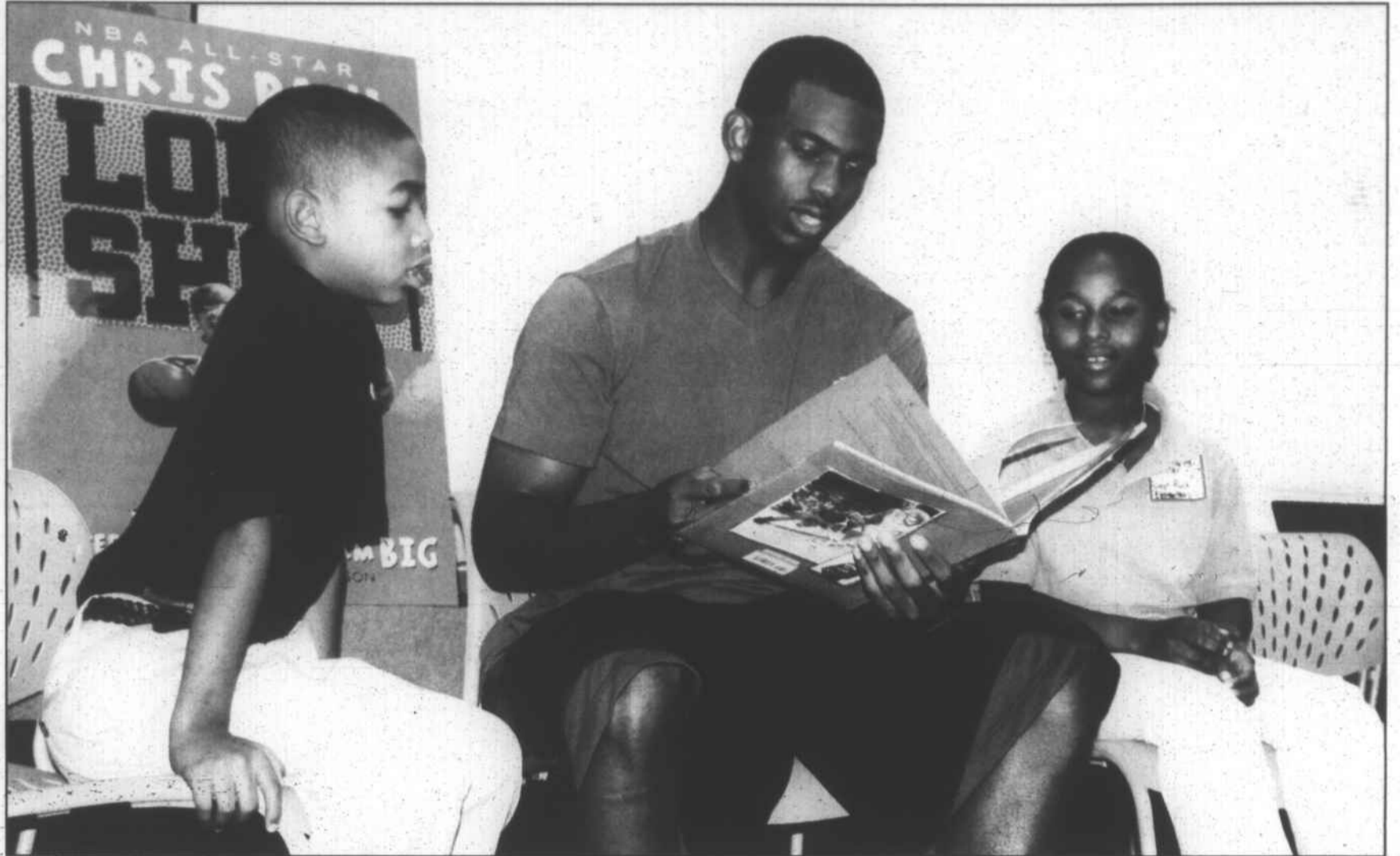
Substance abuse help

If you or a family member is struggling with substance abuse HELP is a phone call away. The Twin City Area Narcotics Anonymous Helpline can be reached at 800-365-1035 or online at www.tcana.org. For meeting schedules and additional information for this 12-step Recovery Program, please call the number or visit the Web site.

Disability awareness fair

Monarch-Forsyth Industrial Systems, 650 North Highland Ave., will host a disability and health awareness fair on Friday, Oct. 2 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The event will be held in conjunction with National Disability Employment Awareness Month. The fair is designed to inform the public about local agencies that provide physical and mental health services as well as to educate about the vital contributions people with disabilities make.

For more information, call 1-800-230-7525 or go online at www.MonarchNC.org.



Antonio Jones Jr. and Jana Miller sit by Chris Paul as he reads.

Photos by Todd Luck



Chris Paul unveils his new book.



Senior Services' Richard Gottlieb accepts a contribution.

From Whence He Came

NBA star returns home to give back

BY TODD LUCK
THE CHRONICLE

Chris Paul kicked off his annual weekend-long series of fundraising and community service events last Friday at the Ken Carlson Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club on Reynolds Park Road.

The New Orleans Hornets star point guard returns home each summer to give back to his home-

town and to host events that raise money for his CP3 Foundation, which supports the efforts of local nonprofits.

"Today is always a special day because we get an opportunity to give back to the community, to give to kids, to different families who need it; it's always a great day," Paul said on the first day of the jam-packed weekend, which also included a celebrity bowling tour-

namment, a youth basketball clinic and a gala that paid tribute to his former Wake Forest University coach, the late Skip Prosser.

The first order of business at the Boys & Girls Club for Paul was presenting checks, on behalf of the foundation, to the Special Olympics of North Carolina, the Make a Wish Foundation of Central and Western North Carolina and Senior Services' Meals on Wheels

program.

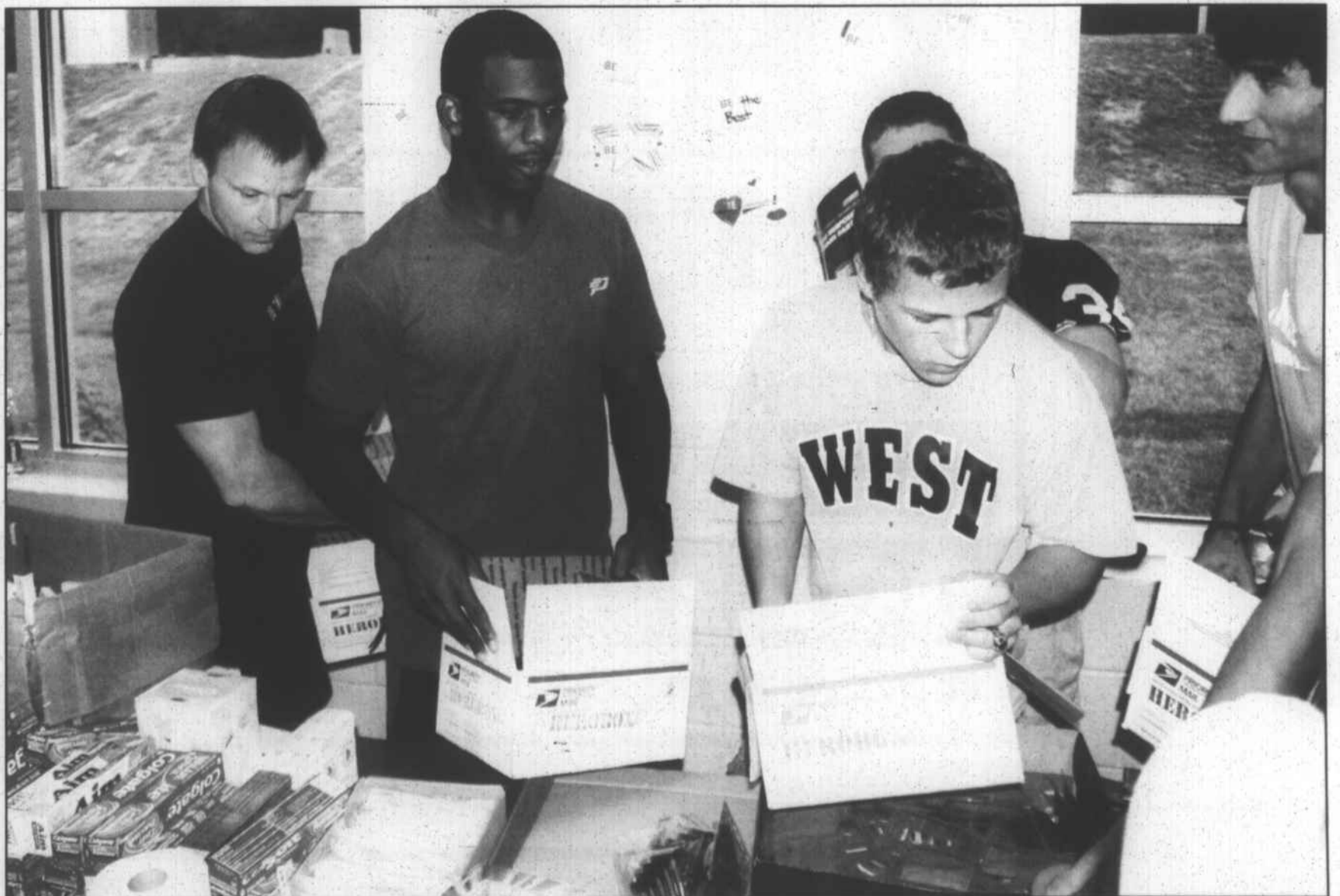
Paul then turned his attention to the kids at the club. He read his recently-released children's book, "Long Shot: Never Too Small to Dream Big," to a group of students from local elementary schools and a daycare. The book recounts how a young Chris Paul tried out for a basketball team even though everyone said he was too short to play hoops. Even today, as a six-

foot-tall adult, Paul is still relatively short for a pro basketball player. Paul said it took more than two years to complete the book.

"It was hard work ... much harder than basketball will ever be," he said.

The throngs of children, seated on the floor around the NBA star, were transfixed as Paul read to them. They were full of questions

See Paul on B2



Chris Paul and West Forsyth students put together HeroBoxes.