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Santa Clause is coming to town

**Tulalip Bay Fire Department is bringing
Christmas cheer to your neighborhood**



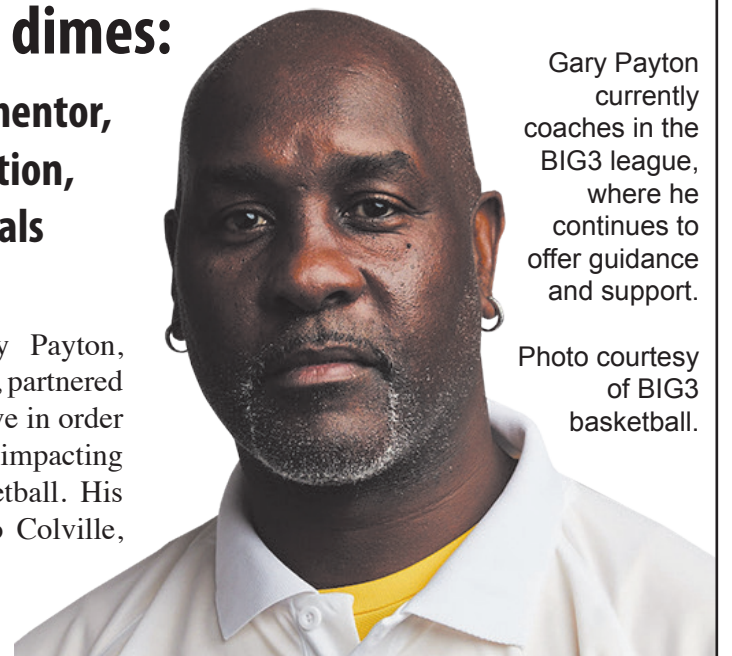
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Gary Payton dropping dimes:

**The importance of being a mentor,
inspiring the next generation,
and setting practical goals**

By Micheal Rios

Seattle SuperSonics legend Gary Payton, better known by his nickname “The Glove”, partnered with the Native basketball camp Rise Above in order to put his Hall of Fame talents to good use – impacting thousands of Native youth through basketball. His partnership with Rise Above took him to Colville,



Gary Payton currently coaches in the BIG3 league, where he continues to offer guidance and support.

Photo courtesy of BIG3 basketball.

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syəcəb holiday schedule:

Due to Christmas and New Years, there will be no December 25, 2021 or January 1, 2022 issues of the syəcəb. The first issue of 2022 will be January 8, with a submission due date of January 3. Happy holidays!



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Keep an eye out for Santa, Dec. 18 and 19!



By Calvin Valdillez

“We’ve built a relationship with our community that is so strong and we want to continue to build that,” said Tulalip Bay Firefighter, Derek Kuhn. “This is a great way, even with COVID, for us to get out there and see everybody and be able to give back toward the greater good.”

The Tulalip Bay Fire Department will be visiting neighborhoods throughout the reservation this year on Friday December 17 and Saturday December 18. As always, there will be a jolly guest among the local fire squad who will be paying all the children of Tulalip a special visit before his big night on Christmas Eve.

Every year, the fire department teams up with none other than Santa Clause during the holiday season, not only to bring smiles to all the families who reside at Tulalip, but to also collect food, goods, and funds for those in need this time of year.

“All of our donations go to the Tulalip Church of God,” exclaimed Derek. “We’ll be accepting non-perishable items. A lot of what we get is canned foods, but anything non-perishable. We also accept cash donations that we send to the red church as well.”

In addition to organizing the yearly Santa Run event, the fire department will also be sponsoring a family through beda?chelh and Tulalip Family Services. Although this act of kindness might not have been highlighted as much as the Santa Run, it is something that is equally important to the department as they’ve consecutively participated in the local Sponsor-A-Child initiative over the years.

Through the Santa Run, the Tulalip Bay Fire Department has raised thousands of dollars and collected hundreds upon hundreds of pounds of food each year. During the weekend of this year’s food drive, the crew plans on being out in the community during the hours of 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. each day and will visit multiple neighborhoods to help spread Christmas cheer.



The schedule for this year’s Santa Run event is as follows:

Friday, December 17

- Madison Estates
- Tulare
- Spee-Bi-Dah
- Tulalip Shores
- 83rd Place NW
- Hermosa

Saturday, December 18

- 43rd Street NW
- Potlatch
- 56th to 62nd
- Y Site
- Mission
- Lower Projects
- Walter Moses/28th Site
- Ezra Hatch/Larry Price
- Mission Highlands
- Silver Village

As they visit each neighborhood, the fire department will be updating their

whereabouts through a live Google Maps tracker so families can anticipate when they will arrive to their area of residence. Santa and company are requesting that families wear their masks and practice social distancing to prevent the spread of the virus.

The fire department is also asking that any food donations are bagged-up. And if you plan on graciously donating via check, that it is made out to the Tulalip Bay Firefighters Association.

Derek shared, “Personally, this will be my third Santa Run. I love getting out there just as much as everyone else here [at the department]. We love to be there for our community and get out to see all those people who we already know, and on top of that we get to meet new people every year. It’s awesome that it brings joy not only to the children, but it is great seeing the parents out there excited as well.”

For more information, be sure to follow the Tulalip Bay Fire Department Facebook page.



Payton from front page

Coach Payton speaking to the next generation of Tulalip hoopers at a Rise Above basketball camp.



Kalispel, Coeur d'Alene and many other reservations throughout the Pacific Northwest.

One of the truly unforgettable basketball camps Rise Above held was in Tulalip. Back in September 2015, Payton co-hosted a youth skills camp at the Tulalip Youth Center. For all those youth who participated and the adults who volunteered, they quickly realized the camp was about much more than just basketball. It was about using basketball as a means to empower our kids and teach life lessons, while instilling a bit of resiliency in each participant so they could grow into productive members of the community.

Following that memorable basketball camp, Payton sat down with Tulalip News staff to share what his insights are on how to most effectively impact urban youth.

You may be wondering what kind of insight a former NBA superstar can have about our Native kids. Well, the answer is simple – Payton's very familiar with growing up in an impoverished neighborhood,

being surrounded by the poverty mindset, witnessing drug use and petty crime being committed by his friends and family...all while having to struggle against a system determined to see him fail.

Payton grew up and survived the drug-infested streets and gang filled neighborhoods of Oakland, California in the 1980s. Oakland was plagued in the eighties by a continuation of the rising crime rate and drug issues of the previous decade. Crack cocaine exploded as a big problem for the city during this period, and Oakland was regularly listed as one of the U.S. cities most plagued by crime.

From being born and raised in Oakland to currently following his new life mission to travel to mentor and coach youth in most need of positive role models, Payton has the ability to not just address the issues of most concern to today's youth, but also offer simple guidance to the adults who want to make our community better.

The following conversation may have happened six years ago,

however the knowledge and perspective the Seattle hoops icon offered is just as relevant today. Here now, we offer our See-Yaht-Sub readers unique insight from one of the best point guards in NBA history as he endeavors to assist parents, teachers, and guardians to create a better environment for our kids.

"Growing up in Oakland, California I was in a similar environment to a lot of these kids today, where they have a lot of free time on their own with not much adult supervision. That means you get to be around your friends the majority of the time, and your friends are going to be doing things that you want to be involved in because you want to fit in. Then things start to happen.

As a kid, I had a father who was working all the time, but he used to tell me 'you got to be your own man, you got to be a leader not a follower.' If somebody says something or wants to do something that ain't right, then tell them they ain't right. If they don't want to be that person who helps you and says okay I understand, then they aren't really

not your friend. That's what a lot of these kids are starting to see more and more of because youth of this generation prefer to do anything to not be bored.

My generation was different because we knew how to go outside and just have fun. Everyone didn't have a fancy cellphone, iPads, and all the rest of it. Even our cartoons and TV shows were only on during Saturday mornings and a couple hours after we got home from school. Today TV, cellphone apps, and the internet caters to these kids so they can be burying their face in a screen all day, every day.

I think for these kids today, all they need is a little push. They need someone, like myself, who has been through and seen the same things they have, to come around and give them a talking to and tell them the right way and what not to do. Because once we leave and they get someone they think is a friend who pressures them, it's hard for them to make the right decision because of the peer pressure and idea it's better to fit in than stand out.

But when these kids have adults and role models around who are not only looking out for their best interest, but are actually making themselves available by text, phone call, or to meet up to talk, then it becomes easier for them to say no to the bad choices and yes to the good ones. All they need is to have that support behind them, people they know are helping build them up into the best person they can be. But it can't be only a sometimes thing, it has to be an all the time thing because these kids can tell who is fake and who is real.

It's important for us as mentors, the adults who these kids will listen to and respect, to get the youth to set individual goals. We want them to set goals or to have an ultimate goal for themselves. Most of these kids don't have goals other than to have fun or good times with their friends, that's not a goal. We see it all the time where they'll get just a little bit of satisfaction from what they are doing in school

or from actual hard work and then they'll immediately flip to okay that's enough now let me go and hangout with my friends. That mindset comes from not having goals to succeed, not having the goal to be someone who the community looks up to.

If they had goals that are bigger than just hanging out with friends or messing around on social media, then they'd be more willing to say no to the little things that get in their way in order to achieve their goals. That's the biggest problem with youth today. They're so focused on the immediate and what's right in front of them that they don't see the larger picture, they don't have the passion to set long-term goals and follow through. They don't understand that by focusing in and setting goals today that they are actually investing in their future.

As mentors, advocates, and educators we have to remain vigilant and get these kids to buy into setting goals and following through. It starts

with their education because nothing is more important than getting a good education. A good education means opportunity and with opportunity comes the ability to do what you want to do, not just what you have to in order to scrape by. We know that kids today love doing what they want to do, so now it's on us to get them to see that through education they can be adults doing what they want to do as well. Getting them to set goals in the classroom and with school is where it starts.

We want them to have goals like, 'I'm going to get better grades this year than I had last year', 'I'm going to make honor roll this semester', 'I'm going to graduate with my high school diploma', and 'I'm going to go to college'. They seem like no-brainers, but we've seen they are too interested in other things and have lost that focus in school and on their education, and I'm going to keep going back to it and say it's because there's a lack of goal setting. It's not good enough

to be satisfied with just showing up or only doing enough to get by. We have to want and expect more from them in order to get them to want and expect more from themselves.

Our mission as mentors is to encourage, and support our youth as they discover who they are and what they want to be. Through goal setting and an emphasis on education as future opportunity for themselves, they'll be able to become the best person they can be. Once they have that mindset to want better, to be better, everything will start to click and it's an amazing process to witness. These kids have so much they can accomplish and so many opportunities available to them. When they are empowered to realize they're capable of reaching their goals and achieving like they never thought before, then this entire community benefits. Let's do our part to make this happen."

The season of giving

Community members collecting donations for local non-profit



By Shaelyn Hood; photos courtesy of Dominic Flores

For the past few years, Dominic Flores, Vivi Do, and a handful of their fellow Tulalip Resort Casino workers have joined together to raise funds and collect new clothing and essential item donations for people in need. Each year, they choose a different non-profit organization to work with and contribute to.

Last year's event was organized for a women's homeless shelter in Everett. It was a success and they put together over 300 bags worth of clothing and essential items. This year, the group decided on Hand in Hand.

Hand in Hand is a non-profit located in Everett, Washington. They provide hope and opportunity for children and families in need by providing services focused on protection, provision, and permanence. They offer foster support services, a resource closet with clothing and essential items for children, rental/utilities assistance, emergency food boxes, child academics mentoring, and work with the Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) to provide visitation to youth and

families that are going through the Child Welfare system.

Dominic's passion for helping others stems from his early life. Through most of Dominic's childhood, his family utilized programs and non-profits like Hand in Hand. Now that he is in a more financially stable point in his life, he knew it was time for him to start giving back. Dominic also works alongside his son, "I want to inspire him. We're blessed to have our jobs, and we're in a position to give back."

Currently, Dominic and Vivi have a Facebook page with a list of items that are needed, including but not limited to: New or very gently used clothes for all sizes from toddler to adult, hairbrushes/combs, hoodies, sweats, leggings, t-shirts, shorts, new shoes, new socks, new underwear/boxer-briefs preferred for boys, diapers, wipes, new pajamas, etc. Their Facebook page also includes a direct link to an Amazon wish list of items that specific children with Hand in Hand are wanting.

Dominic and Vivi will be doing their first drop off at the Hand in Hand office on December 12th, but they will continue taking donations up until Christmas.

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If finances are tight for you this season, Hand in Hand is also looking for volunteers to sort through donations, organize them, and help with their day-to-day ventures.

So far, they have been able to fulfill 20 children's wish lists and are looking to continue to help more. Without a specific goal in mind, Dominic, Vivi and friends are hoping to help as many children as possible.

Flores said, "I just want people to give. Whether it's through Hand in Hand, or other organizations like Salvation Army, churches, homeless shelters, etc. I just want people that are struggling out there to know that there are

people who want to help, that will go out of their way to donate something and make them happy. Everyone deserves something for Christmas."

Flores went on to talk about possibly extending to other non-profits in the future, running food drives, toy drives, etc., investing in a storage pod to hold all the items, and overall growing and reaching more people.

The donations are currently being taken and stored with Dominic Flores. For more information, please refer to their Facebook page "Christmasgiving" or contact Dominic Flores directly at: dominicflores1992@icloud.com or (360) 228 - 8063.



Court notice

TUL-CV-YI-2021-0545. SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA. In Re the Welfare of: L. L. K.-L. TO: JAMACIA FAYE KEELINE and BRANDON ANTHONY LLOYD: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Youth in Need of Care action was filed in the above-entitled Court pursuant to TTC 4.05. You are hereby summoned to

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