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Chief Halftown, who died Saturday at the age of 86, appeared at Pistol Pete's Saloon in Pleasantville with fellow children's TV show host Sally Starr on Oct. 29, 2000.

Children's TV show host Chief Halftown dies at 86

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Traynor O. Halftown knew a little something about devotion. He hosted Philadelphia's longest-running children's show, "Chief Halftown," for nearly 50 years. The show, which ran from 1951 to 1999, educated children

on American Indian culture.

He took his act to nursing homes, where he brightened the day for senior citizens, and he also appeared and spoke at hospitals, churches, schools and at parades.

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