



WILLIE HENSLEY CAMPAIGNS

Wee Buffy Sainte-Marie 'Is Spontaneous, Enigmatic, Enchanting, and Gifted'

An Indian girl, born on a reservation in Canada, and adopted by an American couple in New England, will highlight the entertainment at the annual Tundra Times-AFN, Inc. banquet in Anchorage this Saturday.

Wisp, fragile Buffy Sainte-Marie is spontaneous, enigmatic, enchanting and gifted. Although often called a "folk" singer, her songs are her own, born of her own experience and realization.

Everything she does is in her own name. One moment, with almost a peal of thunder, she delivers a bloodcurdling denunciation of the genocide committed on her Indian brothers in the name of democracy. The next, she knocks you over with a feather, telling you how she falls in love. No matter what she does, she is unspeakably beautiful (and personal) doing it.

The big name star and headline attraction comes to Alaska and the Captain Cook Hotel's Discovery Ballroom thanks to the efforts of U. S. Senator Ted Stevens and Mrs. Laura Bergt.

Native leaders from around Alaska will attend the banquet, held in conjunction with and as the grand finale of the Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. annual convention which opens at the Captain Cook tomorrow.

Banquet tickets are \$15 per person with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. and the meal at 8 p.m. Honored guests, invited by



BUFFY SAINTE-MARIE

Howard Rock, editor of the Tundra Times, include Congressman Lloyd Meeds of Washington; Governor and Mrs. William A.

Egan; U. S. Senator Ted Stevens; U. S. Senator Mike Gravel; Congressman Don Young; the AFN

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Eskimo Legislator Springs Into Politics Via Simple Background

By KENT BRANDLEY

He was born in a shack on the fringe of the frontier and educated with the hill folks of Tennessee. Then he went off to Washington, D.C.

Nope, it's not Davy Crockett or Abe Lincoln, but Alaska's Willie Hensley, and he may be the first Eskimo ever to serve in the U.S. Congress.

The dynamic young legislator from remote Kotzebue is looking more and more like a winner according to the statewide polls. Time magazine declares the 33-year-old graduate of George Washington University "has a better than even chance."

Because Alaska is unique, says Hensley, the 49th State's lone Representative must also be unique. "Who ever is there is going to be visible," Hensley says of that one vote among 435 Congressmen. "And visibility sometimes means power."

Hensley was born in a drafty tar paper shack in Kotzebue in 1951. There were about 500 people there then, and no electricity or plumbing.

He was adopted by his grandparents, John and Priscilla Hensley, who eked out a subsistence living by hunting and fishing. While Kotzebue was the hub in his early life, the Hensleys actually lived about 15 miles out of town on the Little Noatak River.

they hunted caribou and caught sheefish under the ice.

During the colder months the family lived in a sod hut at Itkatuk (that means shallow water in Eskimo). When the sod house became too damp in the springtime, they moved upriver where the muskrats were, and lived in tents. In midsummer, they would move back to the coast to fish and hunt seal.

The family kept busy drying whitefish, catching sheefish and rendering seal oil. It was a tough living. When the adults miscalculated, the family might go for days without food.

Willie recalls one time his sister, his grandmother and himself were the only ones left in town. The food was all gone. The children slept a lot, and Willie recalls he thought he was dreaming when he heard an outboard motor approaching. The others had at last arrived through the spring breakup with a boat load of food and other goods.

The Congressional candidate lived in the Kotzebue area until he was about 13. He went sporadically to school. Sometimes school didn't fit into the lifestyle too well. But Willie was

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Dinyea, Air North Announce Doubling Air Service

The Dinyea-Stevens Village Native Corporation and Air North, Inc. of Fairbanks jointly announced recently a doubling of scheduled air taxi service between Fairbanks and Stevens Village.

According to Air North President Tommy Olson, the Alaska Transportation Commission late last week approved the new ser-

vice, effective November 1, 1974, to meet the fast-growing transportation needs of the people of Stevens Village.

The new service will provide regular air taxi schedules to and from Stevens Village and Fairbanks, Monday through Saturday, leaving Fairbanks at 11:30 a.m.

Greg Thies, Dinyea Corporation's chief executive officer, said the increase in flights from three (3) per week to six (6) per week, will enable the corporation to operate more efficiently, and encourage development of the tourist potential of the lands selected by the corporation under the Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971.

Thies also indicated the additional service will improve communications between Dinyea's business office in Fairbanks and the village itself.

Humanities Forum Announces Awards

At its fall meeting, the State Committee of the Alaska Humanities Forum made grant awards totalling \$42,393, seated three new members and elected officers for the coming year, according to Ellen Lang, Chairman of Committee.

The Forum allocated funds to seven new projects. Awards ranged from \$875 to \$10,000; Recipients included: University of Alaska, Anchorage, Southeastern Alaska Community Action Program, University of Alaska, Sitka, University of Alaska, Fairbanks,

Environment Alaska, Anchorage, Land Use Planning Commission, Anchorage, Institute of Social, Economic and Government Research, Fairbanks.

"Each of these projects is designed to involve academic humanists and the general public in discussions of public policy issues related to our State Theme, 'Land: Bridge to Community,'" noted Lang. "The program is supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities in Washington, D. C." she added

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Senator Willie Hensley and his wife Abby.

His grandfather used a chicken wire fish trap to catch sacks of whitefish in the fall. In winter

ANDERSON ENDORSES HENSLEY

Nels A. Anderson, Jr., Democratic State House candidate for District 16 stated that he fully endorses the candidacy of Senator Willie Hensley for the U. S. House seat.

Anderson states, "Senator Hensley has always gone out of his way to support programs that have helped us in Bristol Bay. His views and support while he worked as an Alaska State Senator have helped to make rural and urban Alaska a better place to live.

"There is no doubt in my mind that Senator Hensley's past voting record will show that he is for programs that help all of Alaska.

"I urge all concerned Alaskans to give Senator Hensley an opportunity to work in Congress for all of us. I know he will be responsive to our needs in Washington, D. C., as he implements

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PROCLAMATION

ALASKA NATIVE PEOPLES WEEK

In 1973, the State of Alaska commemorated the history and progress of Alaska's Native residents with the designation of Alaska Native People's Week.

During that week, in a ceremony before the Alaska Federation of Natives assembled in Anchorage, we wit-

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