



NY scholars claim Indian treaty document is fake

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — The Onondaga people and tribal representatives from other Iroquois nations plan numerous events this year, ranging from canoe convoys down the Hudson River to presentations about the dangers of hydraulic fracturing, as part of the 400th anniversary of the first treaty between the Iroquois nations and Europeans.

But according to two upstate scholars, they will be commemorating an event that never occurred. The pair have tried to alert underwriters that the document being used to support the "Two Row Wampum" renewal campaign is a fake.

At issue is an ancient document, delivered to the Onondaga 40 years ago, that lays out the 1613 agreement of coexistence between the Dutch and the Native Americans who had established communities here well before Henry Hudson's voyage.

Onondaga Chief Irving Powless Jr. said the document in dispute was the actual treaty signed at the mouth of the Normanskill south of what is now Albany, and for which an Iroquois beaded belt was made.

"Oral history is what we go by," said Powless, 83, recalling the stories his father told him about the wampum, considered one of the most important legacies depicting relations with the white man. He disputes the work of the scholars, who don't believe the parties entered into such

a treaty.

The story Powless' father told him decades ago held that the agreement was enshrined years after the initial encounter with a wampum belt that includes two rows of purple clam shell beads. The parallel rows signify canoes and boats traveling together down the river of life. They are separated by three beads that signified a silver chain with three links for peace, friendship and forever, Powless said. He owns a small replica and has seen the original, some 6 feet long, which resides in Canada.

"I don't know when it was created, but it represents the meeting we had with the Dutch people," he said.

Albany's Charles Gehring, however, argues that the beaded Two Row wampum belt tale handed down from generation to generation of Onondaga people doesn't prove the supposed agreement took place.

He and his research partners say the wampum should not be tied to a bogus document, and the many events being planned for next year along the Hudson River from Albany to Manhattan are based on a fraud.

"It's not a treaty; it's a fake document," said Gehring, director of the New Netherlands Project and a State Library official for 38 years.

A quarter-century ago, Gehring joined William Starna, a professor of anthropology at the State University of New York at Oneonta, and William N.

Fenton, the director of the State Museum, to check out the treaty record, written in old Dutch text. Starna is now retired and Fenton has died.

In 1987, they published a paper in the journal *New York History* debunking the document. But the Iroquois have embraced the record as supportive of the 17th-century agreement between the Dutch and a confederation of five nations—the Onondaga, Mohawk, Oneida, Cayuga and Seneca tribes. (The Tuscarora later moved north and joined the confederacy.)

Some state officials are privately talking about the political aspects of the wampum campaign. Onondaga leaders say the treaty means that Europeans and natives made promises that hold force today. Onondaga Chief Jake Edwards said that the Two Row wampum treaty is the foundation for all the treaties that followed.

He calls Starna and Gehring's work "racist." He said he first heard about the Two Row agreement in the 1970s, when he and other nation members protested a proposed expansion of Route 81 near the Onondaga Reservation at Nedrow. Tribal leaders said that such a project made them feel that the project represented "outside governments passing a law on us, and we said they can't do that because we had an agreement."

But Starna and Gehring find no evidence of such a

treaty. "We have no problem with their oral history; they can believe what they want to believe," Starna said. "But... people need to know it's not based on a legitimate document."

They say the treaty being cited by planners was a poorly crafted fake, one of many credited to a now-deceased doctor named L.G. Van Loon. Many of his works mistakenly entered collections such as the New York State Library's.

Starna and Gehring said they found a trail of "bogus" 17th-century documents produced by Van Loon, including a deed to Manhattan and early maps of Albany and the Hudson River.

They examined Van Loon's "treaty of Tawagonshi," which became known as the Two Row Wampum pact, dated April 21, 1613. Van Loon published the document in 1968, the scholars said. He gave it to the Onondaga in 1972, said Powless.

Gehring said he could tell the Van Loon record was not genuine from 10 paces. Closer inspection showed it was made by a pen and the language contained a vocabulary and phraseology that did not fit the 17th century. The

signature of a Dutchman of the time did not look like an authentic autograph from archives in the Netherlands, and the names of chiefs were the names of villages from a late 19th-century publication.

IRS auctioning off seized Native American artwork

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Native American artwork owned by a Sioux Falls nonprofit organization has been seized by the Internal Revenue Service and will be put up for auction next month.

The IRS seized the 16-piece collection of artwork in September from the Washington Pavilion's Visual Arts Center, where the art had been on loan for more than a decade.

Federal tax liens show the collection's owners, American Indian Services, owed the government more than \$118,000. The IRS has put a minimum bid of \$24,750 on the artwork to help satisfy those liens. The auction is set for Jan. 31.

But a community group has been formed to raise money to bid on the collection in an attempt to return it to the Washington Pavilion.

Hospital to hire 2 Native healers

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The country's largest rural, nonprofit hospital system is hiring two traditional Native American healers to train medical staff in the Dakotas and Minnesota.

Sanford Health says the healers will not perform traditional healing ceremonies in the hospital but rather con-

sult with staff about cultural issues in an effort to better serve the Native American patient population.

Read Sulik is the senior vice president for Behavioral Health Services at Sanford. He says the healers will be knowledgeable in Lakota/Dakota and Ojibwe (oh-JIB'-wee) beliefs.

The healers are being hired as part of a three-year, \$12 million Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services award.

In addition to the healers, the health system is hiring a cultural and diversity specialist to understand and serve patients from a variety of cultural backgrounds.



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Tribal jobs

See Amelia Tewee in the personnel department to submit an application, or call 541-553-3262. View full descriptions and apply online at www.ctws.org.

Day Care Teacher.

Meet Child Care Division Teacher qualifications; may include child care development college credits, teaching experience in a certified child care center. Assist with completing assessment and identifying individual child goals, lesson plans that describe planned experiences, adult roles, materials needed and benefits intended for children. Salary Range \$20,187. Yr. Reona Trimble 553-3241. Open Until Filled

Head Start Bus Driver.

Provide safe and supervised transportation for children and families to and from school on fixed route. Nurture and guide children in a manner that fosters positive development. Communicate program information between parents, teaching staff.

Physical fit for assisting children off and on the school bus and dealing with emergency situations. High School diploma or equivalent required. Must possess a valid Oregon CDL with passenger and school bus endorsement, with a clean driving record for a 3yr verified by DMV. Salary Range DOE Kirstin Hisatake 553-3242. Open Until Filled

Cash Management/Senior Accountant.

Must have a Bachelor's degree in Accounting or related field. Five years relevant experience. Two years supervisory experience. Must have knowledge of banking, cash management and investing practices. Working knowledge of computerized accounting systems. Personal computer skills in excel and Microsoft work. This is a "hands on" position requiring tactfulness, patience and a high degree of detailed, upper level accounting and analyses. Knowledge of FMS, Quick Books and other popular accounting software's. Ability to multi task and work extended overtime hours if needed. Full time position.

Salary Range: DOE. Brandie McNamee 553-3497. Closes 1/14/13.

Cash Management Specialist.

Associates degree in accounting or related field. Three years accounting experience or in a related field. Personal computer skills in computerized accounting systems, word processing, and excel. Business telephone techniques, record keeping systems, and efficient methods of processing paper flow. 10key by touch. Good communication skills, written and oral. May Require over time if required. Full Time position. Salary Range: \$22,026-\$32,292 B r a n d i e McNamee 553-3497. Closes 1/21/13.

Voc. Rehab. Counselor.

Provide vocational rehabilitation counseling services to disabled clients. Case Management; analyze, interpret and evaluate medical, psychological and other documentation to determine eligibility; consult related medical personnel for accurate diagnosis. Bachelors' degree in

Rehabilitation Counseling or Human Services related field. Two Years' experience as a VR Counselor. Must possess a valid Oregon Driver's License. Salary Range \$26,707. Yr. To \$34,000. Yr. Cheryl Tom 553-4952. Open Until Filled

Wildlife Biologist.

Determine the ecological impact of various land use activities on wildlife resources for the Warm springs Indian Reservation. Salary Range \$35,000. Yr. To \$45,000. Yr. annually depending on experience. Doug Calvin 553-2001. Open Until Filled

Sergeant of Corrections.

High school diploma or equivalent, D.P.S.S.T certified corrections officer, minimum of 3yrs corrections/law enforcement experience, must be 21yrs of age. Salary Range Min-36,082yr Max-42,000yr Lt. Priscilla Whittenburg 553-3272. Open Until Filled

Police Officer.

High School Diploma or equivalent. Must pass pre-employment test; basic math,

spelling, reading, comprehension and writing. Must submit to pre-employment drug test. Physical examination required. Must pass DPSST academy within one year of hire. Must be 21 years of age. No misdemeanor convictions within one year. Must maintain all minimum requirements during employment. Salary Range \$29,675. Yr. To \$37,689. Yr. Lt. John Webb 553-2037. Open Until Filled

CRITFC job

Dispatcher/Communications Officer: The dispatcher is directly responsible for the operation of all office radio/telephone communication equipment, maintaining a close watch on patrol activities in the field, and for the general office needs of the agency. The vacancy closes February 1, 2013. For a full-vacancy announcement and "how to apply" instructions, visit <http://www.critfc.org/critfc-employment-opportunities>

Casino position

Cottonwood Restaurant Server. Part-time. Open till filled.

Contact: Esten Culpus/Gus Conner 541-460-7777 Ext. 7726. Responsible for helping your co-workers and other staff at IHC provide each of our guests a pleasant, enjoyable and special experience. The Cottonwood Restaurant Server position is to provide friendly, efficient service of food and beverages desired by guests and collect payment for such items with self-banking. Working weekends and holidays is a must, and possible overtime if necessary. Assume all responsibilities in the absence of a Cottonwood Supervisor., Wage: \$9.50

The next deadline to submit items to the Spilyay Tymoos is Friday, Jan. 18. Thank you!

In the Tribal Court of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

Charlene Smith, Petitioner, vs. Vicki Niday, Respondent; Case No. DO60-12. TO: Charlene Smith/Vicki Niday:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an Elder Protection Order has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for 30th day of

January, 2013 @ 11:00 a.m., at the Warm Springs Tribal Court.

Jennifer Orozco, Petitioner, vs. Jennifer Orozco, Respondent; Case No. DO173-12. TO: Jennifer Orozco:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a NAME CHANGE has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court.

By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 7th day of February, 2013 @ 3:00 pm, at the Warm Springs Tribal Court.

MARY TOHET, Petitioner, vs. BEVERLY FRANK, Respondent; Case No. CV75-12. TO: MARY TOHET / BEVERLY

FRANK:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CIVIL COMPLAINT has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 11th day of FEBRUARY, 2013 @ 9 am, at the Warm Springs Tribal Court.

Fail to Register

Fail to register as a sex offender: Roderick Wesley. Date of birth 7-29-1957. Physical description: 5'7" 230 lbs. If anyone knows of his whereabouts they can contact me at 541-553-2214.

