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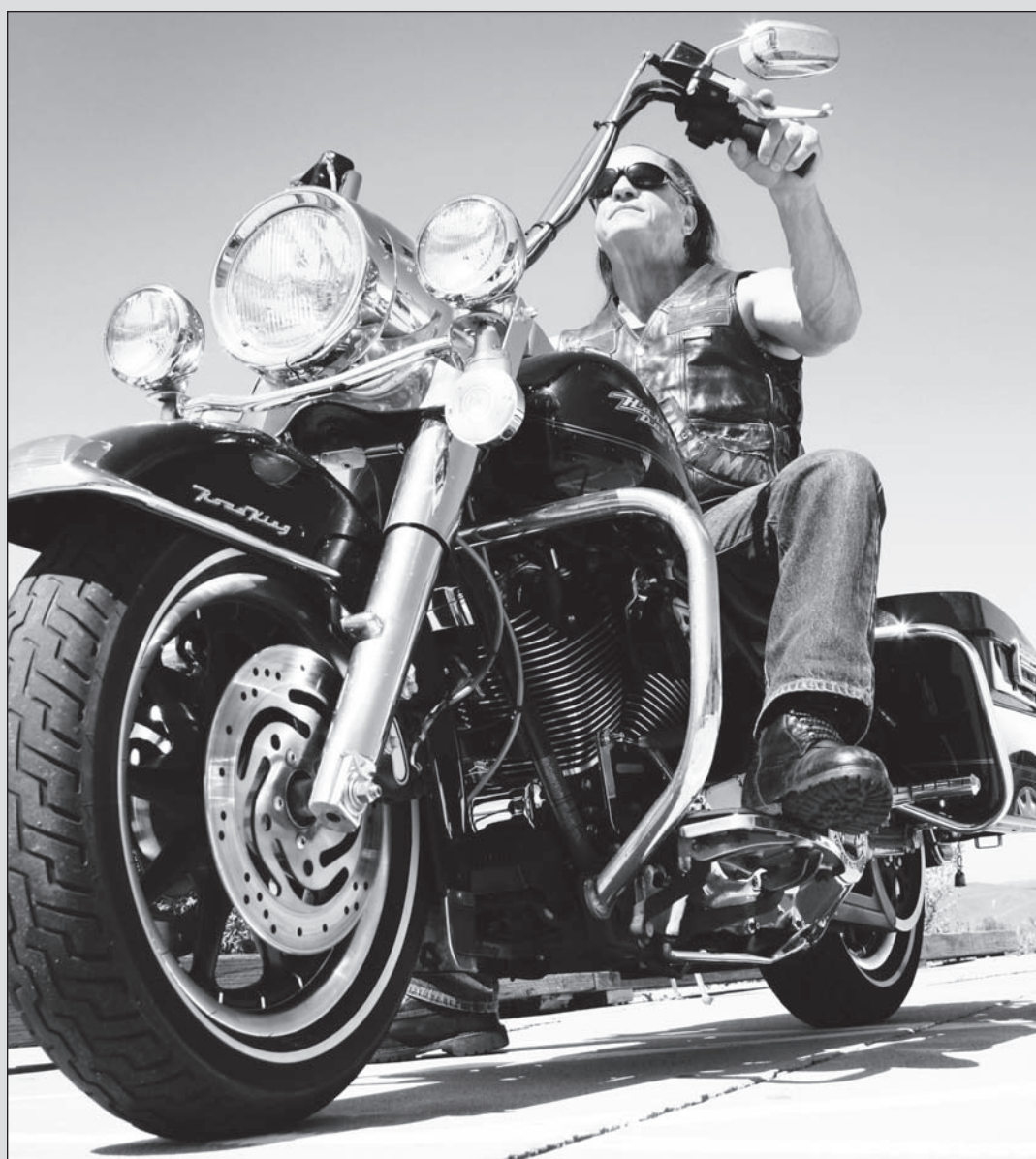


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Bennett Oppenheim, Ohlone sociology instructor, prepares to ride off on a 3,000-mile "Run for the Wall," an annual veteran motorcycle ride set for Memorial Day. Story on Page 4, 5.

Ex-Army Intelligence officer to speak today

By NOAH LEVIN
Staff writer

Students interested in learning about America's effect on the world at large and how to prevent another attack similar to that on 9/11 are invited to hear a speech by peace advocate and humanitarian David Dionisi.

Dionisi, author of the book *American Hiroshima*, is responsible for National Awareness for Freedom From War, advocate for the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, previously served as an Army Intelligence Officer and has committed himself to international volunteer humanitarian aid work in every part of the world.

He has also worked for several Fortune 500 companies.

Dionisi's speech will address a wide array of topics, ranging from nuclear overkill and overspending, understanding why terrorists are at war with America, covert propaganda and how to stabilize Iraq.

The Monitor invites your opinions about the Wars in Afghanistan and Iraq for a special page being planned in two weeks. Please send opinions to monitor@ohlone.edu.

American Hiroshima addresses these topics, as well as predictions of an inevitable war with America and Israel attacking Iran, possibly with nuclear weapons - citing plans from throughout the 20th century to covertly attack and kill

American citizens in order to gain public support and approval for various wars.

Dionisi mentions Operation North Woods, which was presented to then-President John Kennedy to disguise American fighter planes to look like MiG fighters from Cuba, and have them attack passenger airlines or army bases in order to justify an invasion of Cuba. Moreover, he cites the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution at the start of the Vietnam War.

But Dionisi isn't merely a conspiracy theory-toting doomsayer. He participates in wide-ranging humanitarian aid work across all corners of the globe.

The ASOC has invited Dionisi to appear in the lobby of Building 1 on Thursday, April 12, from noon until 1:30 p.m.

Board to reopen frontage bidding

By OMER AHMED
News editor

The approach to developing the frontage property was revised by Ohlone's Board of Trustees at Wednesday's bimonthly meeting.

The Board will now instruct the administration of the college to work on a development package and seek developers and clients with a new round of bidding.

Previously, the board had worked with Sobrato Development Companies. A non-binding letter of intent (LOI) was created and plans for the development began. However, President Doug Treadway explained at the meeting that the project became derailed. The negotiation over how much of the project would be residential or retail space was one of the main reasons for the Sobrato plan not going forward.

Afterward, a group of local developers, The Ohlone Group, put in

a collective bid on the project but the board decided to step back and reconsider all of its options.

Trustee Bob Brunton recalled the previous frontage negotiation and commented, "I think we have learned that the LOI process wasn't working."

In a search for other options, Board Vice President Garrett Yee and Newark Mayor/Executive Director Enterprise Management David Smith met with officials from Washington Hospital to learn about how they had managed a similar project in the '90s.

Yee, drawing from the meetings, explained that the school acting as its own negotiator and broker was an option, but it had its downsides, mainly cost and time.

After deliberation, the board decided to forgo a new LOI or acting as its own agent for now and, while reopening bidding, to remain flexible - open to suggestions.

Earth day blooms



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Clubs and organizations from across campus each placed a plant in a garden across from parking lot N for Earth Week. As above, each plant was labeled for its sponsoring Ohlone club. More about Earth Week on Page 4.