A variety of art exhibits and theatrical productions are coming to the Smith Center. See story on page 2.

Comedian, author Copeland to perform on Fremont campus

Actor, author, comedian and radio show host Brian Copeland will perform his solo play "Not A Genuine Black Man" at the Ohlone College Fremont campus next week in recognition of Black History Month.

The play, the longest running solo show in San Francisco history, will be from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, in Room 7101. The show, which premiered in 2004 at The Marsh in San Francisco, features a monologue on "housing discrimination and suicidal depression."

The show divulges a secret history that lies within the Bay Area.

In 1971, San Leandro was named one of the most racist suburbs in America. The media covered the epidemic and civil rights groups held congressional hearings about the problem.

At this time, Copeland was 8 years old and a new resident in San Leandro. He explores his experience with racism and depression.

Not a Genuine Black Man has been described as "A beautiful mix of wry humor and heartbreak" by the San Francisco Chronicle.

Copeland is the author of "The Jewelry Box: A Memoir of Christmas" and the memoir "Not a Genuine Black Man: My Life as an Outsider." He also hosts a Sunday talk show titled "The Brian Copeland Show" on KGO Newstalk 810.

Check out our next issue for a review of "Not a Genuine Black Man."

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Browning discusses future

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College President Gari Browning touched on Ohlone's successes and laid out a vision for the future Jan. 22 during her State of the College Address.

Here are some of the key issues she discussed:

Measure G

The Academic Core, a construction project funded by the Measure G bond, was originally scheduled to open in Fall 2018. However, due to legal and bureaucratic setbacks, the opening date has been pushed back to Spring 2019, as long as there are no further delays.

Rain delayed the opening of the baseball and softball fields until late March or early April. The opening will depend on how much it rains in January and February. The soccer field is expected to be

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SO YOU CAN SEE

PROGRESS IS A LITTLE UNEVEN,

BUT WE'RE GETTING THERE

- GARI BROWNING

COURTESY OF PATI MEYER

Brian Copeland, as his grandmother, checks the price of a potential Christmas gift in his one-man holiday show "The Jewelry Box."

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