

# 5 THINGS IN JANUARY

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**San Francisco:** For the past year, naturalists have been studying endangered species in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Check out what they found at the GGNRA Big Year Closing Ceremonies Jan. 10, 1 to 4 p.m. at Crissy Field Center.

[www.ggnrbigyear.org](http://www.ggnrbigyear.org).

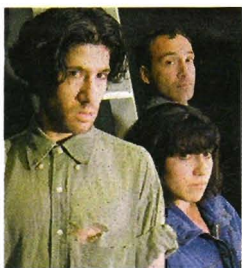


**Stanford:** This month marks 10 years since Stanford University added a wing to its museum and reopened as the Cantor Arts Center. The marble entryway is the best part, and second best is the Andy Goldsworthy sculpture.

(650) 723-4177; [www.museum.stanford.edu](http://www.museum.stanford.edu).

**Tahoe:** The Sierra Skogg-sloppet sounds like a slog in the mud, but it's a Swedish term for "skiing through the trees." The Nordic ski race is 15k, with a junior 7.5k to benefit Truckee High.

Jan. 19, 10 a.m. at Tahoe Donner Cross Country, [www.tdxc.com](http://www.tdxc.com).



**San Francisco:** "Mud," in this interior drama, means poverty, and there is always the risk of sinking into it. Maria Irene Fornes' script is about Mae, a Midwestern girl learning to read while learning to balance boyfriends. Set in 1973.

Jan. 9-Feb. 8 at Exit on Taylor, [www.cuttingball.com](http://www.cuttingball.com).

**San Francisco:** As all the seasonal lights fade to black, the Palace of Fine Arts has never burned brighter. The steel netting under the dome was removed and the rotunda ceiling and arches painted. It is something to see on a clear, cold January night.

[www.lovethepalace.org](http://www.lovethepalace.org).

