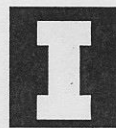




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Is the 30-year reign of Jackson Hole and Corbet's Couloir over? Big Sky may now have the continent's most hellacious terrain. BY READE BAILEY



T'S 20-BELOW OUTSIDE ON THIS SATURDAY NIGHT IN early February. But inside the Grand Ballroom at Big Sky, Mont., the temperature is 70-above and rising quickly. Nearly a thousand people are packed into the ballroom hall for the 15th Annual Dirt Bag Ball, a Mardi-Gras-meets-Halloween midwinter celebration of everything local—and loco. It appears the nearby thrift store
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