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Barring a Return

Skiing magazine's list of the "Top Mountain Bars," where customers can "Rage Like Bode," included Cisero's in Park City.

"Destroying any notion that Utah is prudish, this two-level Main Street joint serves up late-night Scooby Snacks (a rum, pineapple and melon concoction), crotch-to-butt grinding and plenty of Ugg-wearing beauties."

Hearty Meal

Skiing magazine deemed the Star Burger at the Shooting Star Saloon in Huntsville as one of its five favorite "Artery-Clogging Burgers." Its mouth-watering explanation: "In 1960, a barfly pointed to a simmering pot filled with beer and sausages and demanded that one of the knockwursts be added to his burger. A star was born . . . two beef patties and a sausage topped with cheese, lettuce, tomato and grilled onion. Snarf one under the watchful gaze of Buck, the stuffed head of a 300-pound St. Bernard that stands guard over one of the booths."

Calling Voyeurs

For a quick glimpse into the current scene at your favorite resort, bookmark www.skiutah.com/snow report/mosaic/ on your browser. The page provides a look at multiple Utah resorts.

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Out-State Slopes, Pt. I

Once known as Mount Holly, Elk Meadows Ski Area above Beaver has not operated since the 2001-02 season and its last owner's bankruptcy proceeding is nearly wrapped up. New owners have ambitious plans to turn it into a \$3.5 billion private resort, whose conceptual plan received approval last week from the Beaver County Planning Commission.

Out-State Slopes, Pt. II

The Brian Head Town Council recently pledged \$900,000 to build a bridge across the main road through the southwestern Utah town that will help connect its two ski hills. To be completed before next season, the bridge will supplement new lifts that will add 33 percent more terrain to the ski resort.

Downtown Turns

Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper recently announced that an urban terrain park will be created in his city's downtown to introduce urban youth to skiing and snowboarding. Staff from Winter Park Resort, which is owned by the city, and the Denver Department of Parks and Recreation will team up to provide instruction in riding rails at the free facility in Ruby Hill Park.

Blog, Blog, Blog

Kent Hyden, a Wasatch Front skier, will share his experiences about making the rounds of Utah resorts on a new blog being offered by Ski Utah at www.skiutah.com. The blog also will include photos and quotes from readers.

Hyden, who grew up ski racing in Minnesota, took on big mountain skiing in Aspen and Crested Butte and appeared in "Ski Movie" before moving to Utah. Recent accomplishments include placing third at the U.S. Nationals at Snowbird and 10th at the U.S. Extremes at Crested Butte.

Shuttle System

Utah Transit Authority will provide seven-days-a-week bus service in Big Cottonwood and Little Cottonwood canyons starting Dec. 17. UTA also has bus service from Provo to Sundance Resort.

Cost is \$6 round trip.

The No. 91 and 92 buses will serve Solitude and Brighton in Big Cottonwood Canyon, the first uphill bus leaving the 700 South TRAX Station at 6:10 a.m., the last bus downhill departing Brighton at 8:30 p.m. (except Sundays and holidays, when the last bus leaves at 6:20 p.m.).

Snowbird and Alta will be serviced by buses No. 95 through 98. The earliest departure is from the 7200 South TRAX station at 5:20 a.m. The last leaves Alta at 6:20 p.m. daily.

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