# [***What Really Made Utah Sizzle in '02?***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:47K9-MG80-0093-G113-00000-00&context=1516831)

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**Body**

Sure, you know all about the Olympics figure skating scandal, the Legacy Highway shutdown and the Main Street Plaza debate. But how well do you remember the more trivial stuff that made Utah news in 2002? Take this quiz and find out:

1. What happened at the 2002 Sundance Film Festival in January to draw a mob of paparazzi and the wrath of critic Roger Ebert?

a. Someone cut Ebert off at the snack bar

b. Robert Redford wore a tie

c. 148 attendees' ***cell phones*** all rang at once

d. Star Jennifer Aniston arrived with husband Brad Pitt

2. In a trial that lasted only an hour, 4th District Judge Donald Eyre found polygamist Tom Green guilty of the 1986 rape of Green's then-13-year-old bride. Eyre convicted Green on the strength of two birth certificates after saying:

a. "Mr. Green, you are a sick man."

b. "Can't you find a woman your own age?"

c. "Will the sister-wives in the back please stop blubbering?"

d. "Basically, this case comes down to math."

3. What oft-heard Utah expression became the catchphrase of Neleh Dennis, the Weber State student who was runner-up to the $ 1 million prize on TV's "Survivor: Marquesas?"

a. "Oh my Heck!"

b. " 'Preciate cha!"

c. "Oooh, green Jell-O!"

d. "Utah may be a desert, but it's not dry!"

4. BYU officials asked country music star Toby Keith to censor his controversial hit, "The Angry American," at July Fourth's Stadium of Fire show because the song contains the word "ass." So when he took the stage that night, what did Keith do?

a. He didn't sing the song.

b. He recited a prayer instead of the song.

c. He sang it but changed "ass" to "heinie."

d. He sang "ass" to a huge ovation.

5. After he and partner Jamie Sale were awarded gold and silver medals in pairs figure skating at the 2002 Winter Olympics, Canadian David Pelletier joked to reporters:

a. "This Cold War is over!"

b. "We do hope we get the bronze, too, so we can get the entire collection."

c. "Too bad for those Russian hosers, eh?"

d. "Ice, Ice, Baby!"

6. Which international figure did not visit Utah in 2002?

a. Nicole Kidman

b. Desmond Tutu

c. George W. Bush

d. the Dalai Lama

7. A flock of sentinel chickens kept a grim vigil last summer in an undisclosed Salt Lake County location. Who or what were they waiting for?

a. the return of their roommate, Dick Cheney

b. the ghost of Colonel Sanders

c. the deadly West Nile virus

d. the network TV premiere of "Chicken Run"

8. After some parents complained about Springville High School's Red Devil mascot, the school board voted 3 to 1 to do what?

a. change it to the Blue Beelzebub

b. change it to the Lavender Lucifer

c. change it to the Soul-Suckin' Satan

d. keep it as the Red Devil

9. In preparation for the Olympics, Salt Lake International Airport in January became the first in the nation to do what?

a. open a Starbucks at each gate

b. free body cavity searches!

c. screen every checked bag for explosives

d. offer daily nonstop service to Ogden

10. To cut costs and streamline operations, several major Salt Lake City cultural groups merged in July to form which $ 17 million behemoth?

a. the Utah Symphony & Opera

b. the Utah Jazz & Opera

c. the Mormon Tabernacle Choir & Rodeo

d. the Utah Symphony & Opera & Theater & Ballet & Zoo

11. Encountering a hungry black bear cub in a tree in the Ashley National Forest in October, a wildlife officer startled onlookers by:

a. capturing the bear in a net

b. coaxing it down with a jar of honey

c. shouting "Lil' Smokey!" at it

d. shooting it out of the tree and watching it die

12. Straight-arrow Salt Lake Olympics chief Mitt Romney apologized for losing his temper with a volunteer officer over an Olympic traffic snarl near the Snowbasin ski venue. According to the officer, what did Romney do?

a. He doffed his shirt to reveal his bare chest

b. He pelted the volunteer with snowballs

c. He berated him repeatedly with the F-word

d. He threatened to "squelch his fire within"

13. To prepare for the closing of the Hansen Planetarium and its reopening next spring at The Gateway, a phalanx of officials and security guards in December removed what craggy, prehistoric item from the building?

a. the Millennium Falcon

b. a moon rock

c. a meteorite

d. Robert Redford

14. U.S. Rep. Jim Matheson, a moderate Democrat, barely survived a challenge from conservative Republican John Swallow, who ran TV ads relentlessly touting:

a. his party affiliation

b. his chummy photo op with President Bush

c. his ability to ride a horse

d. all of the above

15. Denver-based William Dean Singleton, who in August became the first out-of-state publisher of The Salt Lake Tribune in the newspaper's 131-year history, vowed upon taking charge to:

a. "show those Mormons in Utah who's boss."

b. "provide more coverage of the Broncos."

c. "stomp the Deseret News into the ground."

d. cover the LDS Church "aggressively, factually and fully."

ANSWERS: 1.d; 2.d; 3.a; 4.d; 5.b; 6.d; 7.c; 8.d; 9.c; 10.a; 11.d; 12.c; 13.b; 14.d; 15.d

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