

RadioWest Broadcasts, 3rd Quarter 2014

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01-Jul-14	Falconer on the Edge	R	Wednesday on RadioWest we're profiling one of America's greatest falconers, Steve Chindgren. Chindgren spends 6 months a year practicing his ancient sport on the sage prairies of Wyoming. Biographer Rachel Dickinson says it's not just about one man's passion though. Steve Chindgren hunts grouse with his hawks - and changes brought on by the mining and the energy industries could have a dire effect on them all. Chindgren and Dickinson join Doug to talk about the new book "Falconer on the Edge."
02-Jul-14	Through the Lens: Art and Craft		Wednesday we continue our Through the Lens series with "Art and Craft," an intriguing film about a beguiling man. Mark Landis is soft-spoken, slight of frame and long on talent. His artwork has appeared in museums across America, but really, they're not his. Landis is an art forger and a self-styled philanthropist who donates his fakes to institutions. The filmmakers Sam Cullman and Jennifer Grausman join Doug to discuss their film about Landis, his enigmatic past, and the people he's duped.
03-Jul-14	Understanding Racism in America		It seems like every week there's news of a white person run afoul of racial etiquette. It often happens that he or she is compelled to apologize, resign, or be fired. Cliven Bundy, Donald Sterling, and a Utah legislator claiming the NAACP is a racist organization are just a few recent examples. But are these men outliers or symptoms of deeper cultural problems? Thursday we're examining how racism in America has changed, asking where we've made progress on race relations where we've fallen short.
04-Jul-14	Bunker Hill	R	Monday, Doug is joined by author and historian Nathaniel Philbrick for a grassroots look at the American Revolution. His new book takes to the streets of Boston during the British occupation of 1775 and follows the merchants, farmers, artisans and sailors - the vigilantes and the sober citizens on their march towards rebellion. The tension climaxed in June with the Battle of Bunker Hill. It was the bloodiest engagement of the war and the moment, Philbrick says, that set the course for Revolution.
07-Jul-14	Missing Microbes	R	Your body is host to about 100 trillion bacterial cells that form your microbiome, the complex ecosystem of microorganisms on which your life depends. Today, our microbiomes are threatened by a loss of species diversity that could be our undoing. In a new book, Dr. Martin Blaser argues that our obsession with hygiene and overuse of antibiotics has bleached our microbiomes, making them weak and making us more susceptible to dangerous new diseases. He joins us Monday to explore the dangers of our missing microbes.

08-Jul-14	The Roberts Court and the Constitution	From Citizens United to rulings regarding Obamacare and gay marriage, the Supreme Court under Chief Justice John Roberts has profoundly affected American life. In the Court's most momentous decisions, the public sees nine men and women justices narrowly split along ideological or political lines. But the legal scholar Laurence Tribe says it isn't quite as simple as that. He's co-written a new book that explores the complexity and fluidity of the Roberts Court and he joins us Tuesday to talk about it.	
09-Jul-14	New Music of 2014	Wednesday, Bob Boilen of NPR's All Songs Considered is our guest. He's joining us to talk about his favorite music of 2014 (so far). There are some names you may recognize, like Kishi Bashi, Beck and Jack White. There are also some new artists that may remind you of old artists (you can tell us if you hear Neil Young or ELO). He's even got a song in Portuguese (which you don't need to speak to understand.) And since it's summer, there may be a tune or two you'll want for your next road trip.	
10-Jul-14	Scripture, Translation, and Belief	The LDS Church yesterday released its latest essay on contentious issues within the faith. The article concerns Joseph Smith's claims to have translated a book of scripture from Egyptian papyri. Some Mormons believe the Book of Abraham is a literal translation, while others say modern translations of the papyri don't jibe with Smith's rendition. The new essay makes room for both sides. Thursday, we're talking about the essay and the questions it raises about belief and the difficulty of literalness.	
11-Jul-14	Blood Will Out	R	Tuesday, Doug is joined in studio by the writer Walter Kirn, whose latest book is the story of his friendship with a man he knew as Clark Rockefeller. Kirn found him charming, intelligent, if a bit eccentric, and he enjoyed rubbing elbows with someone well-off and upper-class. But it was a ruse, and the man was eventually exposed as a fraud, a sociopath and a murderer. So how was Walter Kirn so handily duped? "Rockefeller" himself explained it this way: vanity, vanity, vanity.
14-Jul-14	The Tastemakers	Greek yogurt. Chia seeds. Croissant-donut hybrids. Natural, organic, farm-fresh, Bacon-flavored everything! The list of food trends is ever-changing and seemingly knows no end. According to the writer David Sax, whether or not you personally pay much attention to these trends, they reach into every nook and cranny of our culture. Sax has written a book about our evolving tastes. He joins us Monday to explore where food trends come from, how they grow, and where they end up.	
15-Jul-14	Oh Hell	It's as hot as you-know-where, so we thought it would be a good time to talk about the history of hell. Our guests are Utah scholars Margaret Toscano and Isabel Moreira, co-editors of a book that looks at historic and modern views of the underworld. They say that hell is all but disappearing in mainstream religions, but it still permeates our books, films and even cartoons. Tuesday, we'll talk about how the idea of hell developed in religion and philosophy, and why we still seem to need it today.	

16-Jul-14	Shurtleff and Swallow		Wednesday, we're discussing the legal allegations against former-Utah Attorneys General Mark Shurtleff and John Swallow. Both were arrested Tuesday morning and charged with multiple felony counts. Shurtleff says the accusations against him are politically motivated and masterminded by Salt Lake County's District Attorney. Both he and Swallow maintain their innocence. A panel of journalists will join us to talk about the cases against Swallow and Shurtleff and to review the story leading up to their arrest.
17-Jul-14	The Executioner's Song		In 1976, Gary Gilmore arrived in Utah after 13 years in prison. He fell in love, got a job, and then, that summer, robbed and murdered two Utah County men. He would later become the first man executed under America's renewed capital punishment law. Thursday, we're revisiting the saga surrounding Gilmore with guest Lawrence Schiller. He hired Norman Mailer to write the classic book The Executioner's Song about Gilmore. Schiller also directed and produced the TV adaptation of the book, which is screening in Utah this week.
18-Jul-14	Sundance 2014: Alive Inside	R	You may be one of the millions of people who've seen the viral video of Henry, an elderly man in a nursing home who popped out of the fog of dementia when he heard a cherished tune from his youth. That video is actually part of a larger documentary called Alive Inside that explores the healing power of music. It's premiering at this year's Sundance Film Festival, and Friday we're joined by the film's director, Michael Rossato-Bennett, and social worker Dan Cohen, who's trying to convince the world that music can enliven elderly people suffering from dementia and also help us provide them better care.
21-Jul-14	First Contact	R	How often has man looked up to the sky and wondered, can we really be alone? Aliens have been the stuff of science fiction, while scientists have generally held that life is unique to this planet. But recent breakthroughs have led to new ideas about the building blocks of life and increasingly sophisticated equipment is helping us explore beyond our world. Monday, Doug is joined by science writer Marc Kaufman for a conversation about astrobiology's search for extraterrestrial life.
22-Jul-14	The Minimalists	R	If you stripped your life of "stuff" -- the toys, the electronics, the furniture, even the house -- what would be left? That's the question at the heart of "Everything That Remains," a memoir by "The Minimalists" Joshua Fields Millburn and Ryan Nicodemus. At an existential crossroads, they left behind their careers and compulsive consumption to figure out what really adds value to their lives. They're in Utah and join Doug on Tuesday to talk about living more fully with less.

23-Jul-14	Gary Shteyngart: Little Failure	R	Writer Gary Shteyngart's parents hoped he would grow up to be a doctor, or maybe an accountant. When it became clear he would be neither of those things, his mother gave him a nickname: Failurchka, or Little Failure. In his new memoir, Shteyngart owns the name and tells the poignant and funny story of a Soviet family emigrating to the consumerist promised land. Tuesday, Shteyngart joins Doug to talk about growing up from an awkward, asthmatic and runny-nosed kid to a 40-something, balding Manhattanite with a memoir to write.
24-Jul-14	Utah Legends	R	With lost mines and the Three Nephites, grieving Indian maidens and a lake monster - Utah is full of legends. Whether they can be proven true or not, they're great stories and they teach us a lot about who we are. Thursday, Doug talks to folklorist David Stanley and historian Will Bagley. From Bryce Canyon to Bear Lake, we'll talk about the state's best loved stories - and we hope you'll join us with some of your own.
28-Jul-14	The Everything Store	R	According to journalist Brad Stone, Santa Claus and Amazon.com share a few things in common: they both know what you want for Christmas and they have armies of menial laborers working in remote warehouses to fulfill your desires. In a new book, Stone chronicles the rise of Amazon from a small-fry bookseller to the pinnacle of Internet retail. The story's also about Jeff Bezos, the company's innovative and demanding founder. Stone joins us Thursday to profile an online juggernaut that has changed the way we shop and read.
29-Jul-14	John Wayne: The Life and Legend	R	In December of 2009, Susan Powell, a 28-year-old wife and mother of two young boys in West Valley City, went missing. The public scandal that followed culminated in 2012, when Susan's husband Josh Powell – a person of interest in her disappearance – blew up his home, killing himself and his boys. In a newly released book, co-author Rebecca Morris traces the threads in this tragic tale. She joins us Tuesday to help make sense of Susan Powell's mysterious disappearance and the strange stories surrounding it.
30-Jul-14	The Predator Paradox	R	For centuries, humans have waged war against other apex predators, and mostly, we've won. But at what cost? And how successful have we really been? Stories of backyard bears and cat-eating coyotes are becoming increasingly common—even for people living in non-rural areas. In a new book, wildlife biologist John Shivik lays out a game plan for ending our conflict with wolves, coyotes, bears and cougars, while maintaining safety and maintaining healthy ecosystems. He joins us Tuesday to make his case.

31-Jul-14	Surviving Anxiety	R	<p>The journalist Scott Stossel suffers from anxiety so intense it can render him nauseous--which is a problem given his extreme fear of vomiting. Between acute anxiety attacks, Stossel's mind constantly buzzes with worry about his health, about finances, work, the dripping sound in his basement, about everything and nothing. In a new book, Stossel serves as an expert guide to the culture and history of anxiety disorder. He joins us Wednesday to explain what anxiety is, where it comes from and how choice and freedom rewire our brains to make us increasingly anxious.</p>
01-Aug-14	The Devil and Rock	R	<p>In the 60s, 70s, and 80s, there were a lot of rumors about the dangers of rock music. If you played The White Album backwards, was John Lennon really saying "turn me on dead man"? Did Led Zeppelin have hidden messages in Stairway to Heaven? Ministers preached and albums were burned to protect against communism, secret societies, and the occult. Tuesday, we're talking with folklorist Lynne McNeill and journalist Jesse Walker about the era of backmasking paranoia and asking what it reveals about our fears.</p>
04-Aug-14	Through the Lens: Newburgh Sting		<p>In 2009, four men from a poor New York town were arrested for trying to bomb a pair of synagogues. In the months leading up to their apprehension, the men were befriended by Shahed Hussain, an F.B.I. informant. The attorneys for the "Newburgh Four" thought they had a clear-cut case of entrapment, but the men received lengthy prison sentences. A new film dissects their story and sheds light on the F.B.I.'s pattern of targeting Muslims in depressed communities and luring them into committing terrorist acts. Filmmaker David Heilbroner joins us Monday to discuss his film. It's called The Newburgh Sting.</p>
05-Aug-14	Evolving		<p>Tuesday, Utah Valley University geneticist and artist Daniel Fairbanks is our guest. Fairbanks has written extensively on how humans have evolved over time. But his most recent book also demonstrates why it matters. Fairbanks says that evolution has impacted our environment, our food production, and even our health. He joins Doug to talk about how understanding evolution can help us make better choices for our future. We'll also talk about his work as a sculptor, and how art helps him explore science.</p>
06-Aug-14	Cliven Bundy's Spiritual Battle		<p>Over the weekend, rancher Cliven Bundy told a political gathering in St. George that God instructed him to "disarm" federal law enforcement agents when they tried to confiscate his cattle in April. We're talking with Bundy on Wednesday about his controversial actions and about how his Mormon faith and heritage inform his political views. The journalist Scott Carrier will also join us to examine where Bundy and his self-styled freedom-fighter compatriots fit on the spectrum of political dissent.</p>

08-Aug-14	Spillover	<p>R</p> <p>Tuesday, Doug's joined by the science writer David Quammen. Twelve years ago, Quammen began researching the concept of "spillover," the sudden transfer of disease from one species to another. He traveled around the world, investigating the science, history and human impact of diseases like AIDS, SARS and Ebola. In his newest book, Spillover, Quammen says that what he's learned makes clear "the old Darwinian truth that humanity is a kind of animal, inextricably linked with other animals: in origin and in descent, in sickness and in health."</p>
11-Aug-14	Animal Madness	<p>Laurel Braitman was very worried about her dog's mental health. Oliver was an anxious animal, especially when left home alone. And he was alone when he moved an air conditioner, chewed through a screen, and jumped out of a 3rd story window. Braitman is a science historian, and her new book explores seemingly human mental disorders in the animal kingdom. Monday, she joins Doug to explain why every animal with a mind has the capacity to lose it from time to time.</p>
12-Aug-14	Paper Boy to Pulitzer	<p>Tuesday our guest is former Deseret News editor John Hughes. His recently published memoir details his distinguished career as a journalist. Born under the German blitz of London, he witnessed the fall of colonial rule in Africa as a cub reporter. He went on to cover the Vietnam War, earn a Pulitzer Prize for his coverage of governmental collapse in Indonesia, and edit publications across the country. Hughes has said he wrote a book because he thought he had a love story to tell, and it's about journalism.</p>
13-Aug-14	Creativity: Everything is a Remix	<p>We're launching a series on how creativity works, and Wednesday, we begin with filmmaker Kirby Ferguson. Ferguson says there was a time when we thought of creativity as something divine and even today, we still have a tendency to fetishize originality. But Ferguson argues that art, technology and more can't be made without building on the work of others. He's the creator of a web series called "Everything is a Remix," and he joins Doug to talk about why he set out to demystify creativity.</p>
14-Aug-14	Skiers, Snowboarders, and the Fight Over Alta	<p>Thursday, we're talking about the fight to force Alta Ski Area to open its slopes to snowboarders. Once banned at ski resorts across the country, snowboarding is now outlawed at just three, two of them in Utah. A suit filed earlier this year against Alta claims the resort discriminates against snowboarders. As both sides wait for a U.S. District Court judge to rule, we'll explore the differences between skiing and snowboarding, and we want to hear from you. Is there a good reason to restrict a resort to skiers only?</p>

15-Aug-14	Rise of the Warrior Cop	R	Investigative journalist Radley Balko says that American police forces have become more like armies than keepers of the peace. He traces it back to the creation of SWAT teams in the 60s, which led to increased use of military tactics and weapons. These days, there are some 50,000 raids each year as part of "wars" declared on drugs and crime. Balko is coming to Utah and Monday, he joins Doug to talk about how law enforcement has changed throughout history and what militarized police forces mean for citizens.
18-Aug-14	Sexual Fluidity		In a world that tends to separate people into defined groups, it's not easy to be bisexual. Psychologist Lisa Diamond says the stereotype is that people who claim to be attracted to both sexes just haven't come out yet. Of course, it's much more complicated. In 2008, Diamond wrote a book about how flexible sexuality is for women. These days, she's learning men are, as she puts it, "pretty darn sexually fluid, too." Monday, Lisa Diamond joins Doug to talk about the spectrum of human sexuality.
19-Aug-14	The Book of Unknown Americans		Tuesday, our guest is novelist Cristina Henríquez, whose new book centers around Latino immigrant families living in the US. Her work isn't an argument for or against our immigration system, which Henríquez says everyone knows is broken. Instead, it's the story of the ordinary lives that get lost in the news headlines of border patrols and political battles. Henríquez set out to give voice to people she says are often denied a chance to speak. It's called The Book of Unknown Americans.
20-Aug-14	The Secret History of the Office	R	Wednesday, the acclaimed British historian Bettany Hughes is joining us to talk about one of history's most fascinating characters, Socrates. You know much of the story: Socrates was a brilliant, disheveled figure of 5th century Athens who wandered around the city barefoot asking random people the most important questions about life. Hughes says Socrates is relevant for us now in a materialistic society because he's asking "what is the right way to live?"
21-Aug-14	The Ark Before Noah	R	In a new blockbuster film, the actor Russell Crow portrays Noah as he struggles to save God's creation from a global flood. The story of Noah and the ark is strongly linked to the Hebrew Bible, but that's not the only place the myth of a global flood appears. According to the archeologist Irving Finkel, a very similar flood myth circulated among the Babylonians, long before Hebrew existed, and versions of the story are told in cultures around the world. Finkel joins us Monday to explore the roots of the flood myth and to help us understand why we've told and retold it for millennia.

22-Aug-14	Reimagining Conservation	<p>Many in the West (and everywhere really) are worried about the future of wildlife and environment as we grow and alter the landscape. Recently, a dissenting voice has emerged in the conservation movement asking whether the strategies of the past are outdated. Today, we're live in Montana, at the University of Utah's Taft-Nicholson Center for Environmental Humanities. We'll talk about what's working and not working in conservation today, and what better paths there may be for moving forward.</p>
25-Aug-14	The Life of Margaret Fuller	<p>Even if you've never heard of Margaret Fuller, you know the people of her circle. She was Thoreau's first editor, Horace Greeley made her a front-page columnist, and she was an intimate of Emerson. Fuller was an exceptional writer and a ground-breaking advocate for gender equality, but her untimely death in 1850 led to a legacy of scandal and tragedy that overshadowed her remarkable work. Monday, Pulitzer-prize winning biographer Megan Marshall joins us to talk about the life and passions of Margaret Fuller.</p>
26-Aug-14	Building a Better Teacher	<p>Think about that one teacher who had the biggest impact on your education. What skills or qualities did that person have that other teachers didn't? What would it mean for America's future if we could impart the expertise of all those best teachers to every other classroom instructor? In a new book, the journalist Elizabeth Green sets out to define a concrete set of best practices any teacher can learn and apply in the classroom. Green joins us Tuesday to make her case for building a better teacher.</p>
27-Aug-14	Sons of Wichita	<p>R</p> <p>Along with the Rockefellers and Kennedys, the Kochs are among America's most influential dynasties. Fred Koch built a business empire and helped create the ultraconservative John Birch Society. When he died in 1967, his four sons waged war over their inheritance. But that legacy allowed controversial brothers Charles and David to become two of the world's wealthiest men and a powerful force in American politics. Thursday, biographer Daniel Schulman joins Doug to talk about the dynamics that created the Koch family.</p>
27-Aug-14	The Quest to Live Forever	<p>There may be but two certainties in life—death and taxes—but of those two, death is most frightening. Humans hate the fact of death, and so we constantly tell ourselves stories to avoid its inevitability. According to the philosopher Stephen Cave, these stories about a god, a nation, a family, or an art help us manage the terror of our own demise. They've also fueled the expansion of civilization for eons. Wednesday, Cave joins us to explain how our unique and implacable yearning for immortality makes us human.</p>

29-Aug-14	Speaking American, Speaking Utahn	R	Did you go to "high skull" instead of "high school?" Maybe you put "melk" in your coffee instead of "milk." Have you seen a cougar "ki'uhn" in the "mou'uhns" of "Lay-uhn?" If so, you speak like a Utahn, especially if you call fried bread a "scone." In the age of globalization and cultural flattening, regional accents and vocabularies are thriving, especially in urban areas. Wednesday, we're talking about the way we talk, not just on the Wasatch Front, but across America, and we hope to hear from you.
01-Sep-14	The Man Who Never Died	R	Almost a century ago, labor icon Joe Hill was executed by firing squad for the murder of a Salt Lake grocer. His controversial conviction rested largely on two pieces of rickety evidence: the gunshot wound he sustained the night of the murder and the IWW membership card in his wallet. The writer Bill Adler has uncovered new evidence debunking the evidence against Hill. He'll join Doug on Wednesday to talk about his new book, The Man Who Never Died, and make the case for Hill's innocence.
02-Sep-14	Through the Lens: The Kill Team		We continue our Through the Lens series Tuesday with "The Kill Team." A U.S. Army platoon made headlines in 2010 after it was learned they'd murdered several innocent Afghan civilians. In his film, director Dan Krauss examines those events and their fallout through the story of Adam Winfield, one of the guilty soldiers. Winfield tried to alert the military of the atrocity he and his comrades committed. His warnings went unheeded and Winfield found himself the target of a massive war crimes investigation. Krauss joins us to discuss his film, which explores the intersection of morality, conflict, and violence.
03-Sep-14	A Celebration of Harold Pinter		As the Nobel-winning playwright, Harold Pinter was known for his intense, uncomfortable, and dark works. But he was also a poet, and in 2005, he asked the actor Julian Sands to step-in for a reading Pinter was too sick to perform. Sands says what he found was the work of a sensitive man of immense love. After Pinter's death, Sands created a one-man show from his prose and poetry. He's bringing it to Utah, and Tuesday, he joins Doug to talk about his "Celebration of Harold Pinter."
04-Sep-14	The Big Fat Surprise		Since the 1950s, a war has been waged in America against an accused dietary culprit: fat. Avoid fat, we were told, and you'll live longer and healthier. However, as the investigative journalist Nina Teicholz discovered, there isn't solid evidence of the benefits of a low-fat diet nor of the dangers of fat. In a new book, Teicholz reviews the science and history of the war on fat and she joins us Thursday to explain how America's nutrition was derailed by personal ambition, bad science, and politics.
05-Sep-14	Charles Bowden	R	Charles Bowden is a hard hitting journalist and author who writes fearlessly and passionately about the American south-west. He takes on difficult topics ... killers, drug traffickers, the destruction of nature and the predicament of modern civilization. Bowden joins Doug for a conversation about his writing and his work. (Played to mark his death)

08-Sep-14	College and the "Party Path"		A troubling statistic has been making a lot of headlines recently: 20% of college women are sexually assaulted in the US. So Monday, we're asking if there is something inherent in the structure of college life that puts students at risk. Sociologist Elizabeth Armstrong says many students think they deserve a social experience that's more about partying than academics, and competition for tuition dollars has universities providing them with what they want over what they need. She'll join us to talk about what this means for women and men.
09-Sep-14	The Republic of Pirates	R	Thursday, our guest is journalist Colin Woodard, whose book "The Republic of Pirates" is the basis for a forthcoming TV series starring John Malkovich. Woodard tells the story of the Flying Gang, an 18th century coalition of men like Blackbeard and "Black Sam" Bellamy who were more than just criminals on the high seas. In age of oppressive governments and influential commercial interests, they had their sights set on social and political upheaval. We'll talk about the "golden age" of piracy and the mark it left on our world.
10-Sep-14	A Better Way of Death	R	After her father suffered a debilitating stroke, the journalist Katy Butler became his caretaker. Doctors gave him a pacemaker and other medical devices meant to keep him alive, but past a certain point, they were only sustaining his suffering. At the end of life as he wanted to live it, his doctor's refused to turn off the gadgets and let him die "naturally." Butler is in town this week and she joins us Tuesday to share her family's struggle and to talk about what it means to die a "good death" today.
11-Sep-14	The Crucible of Doubt		Thursday, Doug is joined by Mormon scholars Terryl and Fiona Givens. Their latest book is an exploration of faith and doubt in religious life. It's a conversation we've had throughout the summer, as Mormon feminists and progressive Mormons faced disciplinary action for publicly challenging theology. For the Givens, who have an orthodox perspective, there's nothing wrong with doubt. They say the problem comes when those questions are based on flawed assumptions. Their book is called "The Crucible of Doubt."
12-Sep-14	The News	R	Philosopher Alain de Botton gets his news the way many of us do these days: in bed, in the bath, in the car, at a desk. "News" is a force so powerful that de Botton says it's like a religion. It shapes our worldview, forms our ideas of right and wrong, and when we ignore it, we risk a sort of heresy. De Botton has written a book he calls a user's manual for the news and Tuesday, he joins Doug for a conversation about what the news is, how it affects our lives and what it could one day be.
15-Sep-14	Ken Burns and The Roosevelts		Monday, Doug's guest is renowned filmmaker Ken Burns. His new PBS documentary chronicles the lives of Theodore, Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt. It's not just about the deeply significant influence each had on American political life. It's also the story of flawed, yet courageous individuals and of a complicated family. Burns has called it an "American Downton Abby, with the added virtue of being true." The 7-part series begins Sunday night on KUED Channel 7.

16-Sep-14	What Really Happened in Benghazi		On September 11, 2012, terrorists attacked a U.S. State Department compound and a CIA building in Benghazi, Libya. Those events have been the subject of immense scrutiny and hearsay, with some saying they lay the grounds for impeaching President Obama. In a new book, the writer Mitchell Zuckoff tells the story of a team of security contractors who fought to repel the attackers in Benghazi. He joins us Tuesday to tell the story of what happened during those 13 hours of mystery and controversy.
17-Sep-14	Chase Peterson: The Guardian Poplar		Wednesday, we're remembering former University of Utah President Chase Peterson, who died Sunday at the age of 84. Dr. Peterson wrote a book he said was less memoir than it was stories of his "human and spiritual journey" from the American West to New England and home again. Chase Peterson was a scholar, a scientist, and a physician. Our conversation was about the moments that brought his life meaning. (Rebroadcast)
18-Sep-14	Guns in Utah's Classrooms		Last week, a Utah teacher shot herself when her concealed handgun accidentally fired. The incident renewed discussion across the state about whether or not teachers should be packing heat while on the job. Gun-rights advocates argue that everybody's safer when instructors and administrators are armed. Those pushing for stricter gun controls contend firearms are an evident danger, and they say parents have a right to know which teachers are carrying. Thursday, we'll hear from both sides in this heated debate.
19-Sep-14	All the Light We Cannot See	R	The writer Anthony Doerr's new novel All the Light We Cannot See tells the tale of a blind French girl in possession of a possibly cursed jewel, a German boy fascinated by radios, and their intersecting fates during World War II. For Doerr, it was a chance to explore the effects of war on children and his research for the book at times haunted him. He joins us Thursday to talk about his highly anticipated novel, his approach to writing, and about the profusion of miracles we encounter every day.
22-Sep-14	The World Shaped by Us		As the writer Diane Ackerman tells it, homo sapiens is a force of nature nearly unprecedented in Earth's 4.5-billion years. Like an asteroid blast, humans altered some of the planet's fundamental processes in a geological blink of an eye. In her latest book, Ackerman takes stock of the changes wrought in the Anthropocene or "human age," from the stamp of our settlements viewable from space, to the redistribution of life-forms, to ocean acidification. She joins us Monday to take stock of the world shaped by us.
23-Sep-14	Powers of Two		Forget what you think you know about creativity being the domain of the solitary genius. The writer Joshua Wolf Shenk says it's a myth that's outlived its usefulness. In a new book, Shenk looks at hundreds of creative duos -- like John Lennon and Paul McCartney or Marie and Pierre Curie -- to understand what he calls the "electrified space" of their partnership. We continue our series on creativity Tuesday when Shenk joins us to explain how these creative connections work, and why two heads really are better than one.

24-Sep-14	Addressing Alcohol and Preventing Rape on Campus		Wednesday, we continue our examination of the problem of sexual assault on America's college campuses. Alcohol is at the heart of that problem. According to researchers, students who are either the victims of rape or the assailants are more often than not drunk. But, for lots of reasons, schools avoid directly discussing alcohol and rape in the same breath. We'll talk about what colleges and universities should be doing to prevent rape and where the blame lay when an assault does occur.
25-Sep-14	Big Data and the End of Privacy		You may not be aware of it, but you are being tracked. Nearly every move you make on the Internet results in data that is gathered not just by governments, but by marketers, retailers, and just about any company looking for a financial edge. They harvest your information with near impunity. The journalist Adam Tanner has surveyed the world of personal data and investigated the companies mining it for profit. He joins us Thursday to explore how big data could result in the end of privacy as we know it.
26-Sep-14	First Contact	R	How often has man looked up to the sky and wondered, can we really be alone? Aliens have been the stuff of science fiction, while scientists have generally held that life is unique to this planet. But recent breakthroughs have led to new ideas about the building blocks of life and increasingly sophisticated equipment is helping us explore beyond our world. Monday, Doug is joined by science writer Marc Kaufman for a conversation about astrobiology's search for extraterrestrial life.
26-Sep-14	Ira Glass	R	Ira Glass of This American Life is coming to Utah this week, which gave us the opportunity to talk to him. Ira has said that "joy and empathy and pleasure are all around us, there for the noticing." And that's what his popular program is all about – taking the time to notice the stories around us. Monday, we're broadcasting Doug and Ira's conversation about his career, making news headlines personal and the philosophy that recently earned This American Life a Peabody award.
29-Sep-14	Empathy and Social Change		Across Africa, some 92 million women and girls have undergone female genital cutting. It comes with serious health risks like bleeding, infections, and even death. Women's rights activist Molly Melching says it's understandable to be outraged, but you can't simply tell people to abandon a deeply embedded cultural practice. Melching is founder of a non-profit called Tostan, which doesn't "fight" FCG, but educates a community about what's happening to their girls. Melching is in Utah, and joins Doug to discuss the crucial role of empathy in effecting change.

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Alex Blumberg's StartUp

For 15 years, the journalist Alex Blumberg enjoyed a pretty respectable career in public radio. He was an executive producer on *This American Life*, and he co-hosted NPR's *Planet Money* podcast. Given that success, why did he quit his day job, ditch public radio, and go it alone as a business entrepreneur? Don't worry, Blumberg hasn't gone too far afield. His new pursuit: it's a podcast company. He joins us Tuesday to explain his career change and to share his story of getting a startup off the ground.