Sight: The Story of Vision

Saturday, July 14 at 9 p.m.

Sight is arguably our most important sense, an extremely complex process, which requires light that can start with photons, generated in distant stars and ending in the visual cortex of our brains. In the middle of this process are our eyes. The documentary looks at the science, medicine and technology of vision and the individuals who are battling the darkness of blindness.

Parent’s Survival Guide: Childhood Obesity

Tuesday, July 17 at 9 p.m.

Although the causes of childhood obesity vary, the effects do not. Obesity compromises a child’s growth, health and quality of life. By combining interviews with experts and profiles with families, the documentary helps parents determine their children's risk for obesity and offers proven, practical strategies for prevention and intervention. It also addresses the more complex matters of behavior modification, a key, albeit challenging, component in controlling weight.

Do No Harm: The Opioid Epidemic

When members of the medical profession take the Hippocratic oath, they never imagine that the drugs they prescribe for pain would kill or destroy the lives of their patients. But that is what is happening all across America since the year 1997. According to the CDC over 500,000 lives have been lost due to drug overdose since 2000. Did the pharmaceutical companies, who created and marketed opioids as “safe, non-addictive treatment for pain”, realize they were unleashing a modern plague? Or was it a deliberate marketing effort?

The Favored Strawberry

Tuesday, July 24 at 9 p.m.

What could be sweeter than a freshly picked strawberry? Scarlett and sumptuous and grown on a crown of green, this masterpiece among plants begs to be savored. Once a seasonal fruit, strawberries are desired and available year round, from sub tropical winter fields in the heart of central Florida, to sweeping ranches along the shores of Monterrey Bay, California. They’re grown on the windy plains of Texas and in the dirt of old Carolina tobacco plantations-in the flint rock hillsides of Oklahoma and on “you-pick-em” farms in New Jersey and lots of places in between.

The Al Race

Monday, July 30 at 9 p.m.

The documentary challenges the beliefs and fears of ordinary people, asking what AI (Artificial Intelligence) would mean for their jobs, safety and humanity itself. Will experts persuade them that AI is a change for the better, or will the implications of it remain too great to overcome?

Design Time

Tuesday, July 31 at 8:30 p.m.

“Design Time” captures two exciting days in the lives of grade school students and educators from Rose Park Elementary School in Salt Lake City. They face a real-life design challenge: design transition services for military veterans coming home from Iraq and Afghanistan. They partner with Rayfel Bachiller, a retired Marine Colonel, who represents returning veterans and their families. Using a design thinking process, students interview the Colonel, analyze his concerns, brainstorm possible solutions, and prototype spaces that serve the needs of returning vets. The students connect deeply with issues new to them, and exceed everyone's expectations for their learning.