

Q1 2013 ISSUES AND PROGRAMS
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CRIME: Overall, crime is a national problem, and middle Georgia has it's share of both violent and non-violent crimes. Almost daily, there are reports of armed robberies, assault and battery, drug arrests and lesser crimes. During the first quarter of 2013, these stories were reported by this station to make the public more aware of where crimes are most likely to occur, and often, how the public can assist in catching criminals.

HEALTH CARE: Many middle Georgians are uninformed about many health problems. Coliseum Health Systems, Dr. Johnny Gayton, local optometrist Melody Faircloth of the health supplement store Willow Tree and others appear on Mix in the Morning regularly with health tips in many fields.

EMPLOYMENT: The unemployment rate in middle Georgia does fluctuate, depending on the season, but during most times of the year, it is as high or higher than the state average. Regular reports on the unemployment issue and public service announcements help to keep the public informed of the trends.

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE: Robins Air Force Base is the largest single employer in middle Georgia, and is a vital player in the economy of the area. Constant confirmation of the community's support of the base help to keep the base open and flourishing. With periodical BRAC assessments, it's important that those in higher places know that the community appreciates the value of the base and supports it's efforts. Periodical releases from the office of information, other base-related organizations and our own news department help this station keep the public updated.

CONSOLIDATION: With the passing of the Macon-Bibb County consolidation bill, plans are in full swing for a smooth transition in 2014. The public is kept informed of plans, disagreements, and the ups-and-downs the transition committee faces.

EDUCATION: This is not only a class-room issue, but one that encompasses education on issues that concern the community, information on programs that assist residents and progress made in consolidating educational institutions to reduce costs while adding availability.

ISSUE: Title Description

CRIME: Mix in the Morning: News anchor Gail Daniels reported that the Bibb County Sheriff's department is looking for two suspects in the shooting of a 37-year old woman. Daniels gave description of the suspects and their vehicle, as well as phone numbers for citizens to use in reporting information, including Macon Regional Crimestoppers, which offers rewards for useful information.

Recap: story aired at 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30am on Jan 9, 2012, a total of Four minutes.

Mix in the Morning: : Gail Daniels reports a story from the Macon Police Department revealing details of an arrest in an earlier sexual assault. Police identified the suspect as

Quintarius Sims, who surrendered to police after news stories about the assault had been aired by local media, including this one. Daniels reports that Lofton was arrested January 10, 2013, three days after the alleged sexual assault and battery of a 22-year old victim. Daniels reports that this is Sims' second arrest in Bibb County since 2011.

Recap: story aired at 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30am on Jan 11, 2013 Total of four minutes

Mix in the Morning: The suspect in a nearly 3-year old case has been arrested by the Bibb County Sheriff's Department. In a story during today's Mix in the Morning, Gail Daniels says officers received a tip in the 2010 stabbing death of Tony Lord in Lizella on March 5, 2010 after he answered a knock on his door while having dinner at his parents home. Acting on the tip that the suspect was already in custody,, investigators arrested 38-year old David Allen Stewart of Lizella, who was in custody on unrelated burglary charges.

Recap: story aired at 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 am on Jan 14, 2013 total of four minutes

Mix in the Morning: Police in Macon have asked the public for help, through media broadcasts, in helping to identify two black female suspects wanted for questioning in the use of stolen credit cards at a local convenience store. News anchor Gail Daniels responded to the request by airing the story on January 16, 2013. Daniels reminded the public that anonymous phone tips to CRIMESTOPPE S could lead to an arrest, and a cash reward.

Recap: Story aired at 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 am on Jan 16, 2013 Total of four minutes

Mix in the Morning: Houston County authorities have arrested eight people and seized thousands of dollars worth of drugs and property in connection with the break-up of a major narcotics, gambling and dog fighting ring in Houston County, according to a story by news anchor Gail Daniels today. The arrests included that of suspected drug kingpin Andrew Martin Holiday of Kathleen, and were the culmination of joint efforts by the Houston County Sheriff's department, Warner Roibns Police and Houston County District Attorney's office. The arrests, announced today, were made on January 7th, but weren't announced as other suspects were being sought.

Recap: story aired at 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 on Jan 17, 2013 Total four minutes

Mix in the Morning: News anchor Gail Daniels reports that Bibb County Sheriff's investigators, acting on a tip, arrested two suspects who were working together to sell marijuana out of houses along Boulevard Avenue. The police report indicated that one and a half pounds of marijuana and a semi-automatic handgun were confiscated. On the same day of the arrest, Sgt. Robby Martin, who heads up the CRIMESTOPPERS division of the Macon Police Department, appeared on Mix in the Morning to bring the public up to date on recent crimes and apprehensions.

Recap: story aired at 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 on Jan 25, 2013 Total of four minutes for the story, and ten minutes for Sgt. Martin's appearance.

Mix in the Morning Gail Daniels reported an update on the recent arrest of two Macon Police officers, who have been accused of stealing a tractor

from a local plumbing company earlier in the month, are now facing additional charges. 41-year old Troy Guidry and 32-year old Jon Wantz are now accused of breaking into the offices of a Macon orthodontist and another doctor's office while on duty. The two officers, who have been suspended, worked of the department's Precinct 3, headquartered on Pio Nono Avenue. Police spokesman said the case is not closed, and the investigation is still going on into the activities of the officers.

Recap: Story aired at 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30am on Jan30, 2013 total of four minutes

Mix in the Morning News anchor Gail Daniels reports today that a former Centerville city employee has pleaded guilty in Housotn County Superior Court to charges that she took money from the city during 2011. Cinnamon Adams Hovezak, a former administrative assistant, was charged with taking about \$11,000 from the city. Daniels reports that, under her Monday plea bargain, Hovezak received 15 years probation on one charge, and 5 years probation on a second, lesser, charge of computer forgery. She was also ordered to make restitution of the \$11,000 to the city, plus an additional \$13,000 the city incurred in investigating the theft.

Recap: Story aired at 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 am on Feb 6, 2013

Mix in the Morning: Gail Daniels reports that charges of financial transaction card fraud have been filed against a Kathleen woman, who is accused of increasing her tips on credit cards while she worked at Buffalo's Café in Warner Robins. In her story, Daniels said 28-year old Rachel Louise Johnson was indicted by a Houston County Grand Jury earlier this week on six counts of financial transaction fraud in connection with the alleged incidents, which occurred on November 1, 2012.

Recap: Story aired at 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 am on Feb 14, 2013 Total four minutes.

Mix in the Morning: Sgt. Robby Martin, head of the Macon Police Department CRIMESTOPERS unit, was a guest on the show to update citizens of recent crimes, and how the public has responded in helping police apprehend suspects. Sgt. Martin reminded citizens that their tips are anonymous, and can lead to financial rewards of as much as \$1,000.

Recap: Sgt Martin appeared on the show from 7:35 to 7:45 Feb 22, 2013, Total ten min.

Mix in the Morning: Gail Daniels reports this morning that the Macon Police Department is seeking help from the public in locating a local pastor accused of raping a 16-year old girl at his home on two occasions in January. Warrants have been issued for 39-year old Yohandry Bravo, who is wanted for aggravated child molestation and rape. Anyone with information should call the Macon police department at 746-9441 or Macon Regional Crimestoppers at 8778-68-CRIME.

Recap: Story aired at 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 am on March 11, 2013 Total four minute

Mix in the Morning: News anchor Gail Daniels reports that Victims Services officials in Georgia are inviting crime victims to participate in an annual ceremony and open house hosted by Multi-Agency Victim Services Partnership on April 23rd at State Offices South at Tift College in Forsyth. The ceremony will honor crime victims and their families, and allow them to meet with parole staff to discuss offender cases and to learn more about the services offered by the agencies. Daniels provided telephone numbers for those who wish to register.

Recap: Story aired at 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 am on Mar 14, 2013 Total four minutes

Mix in the Morning: Gail Daniels reports this morning that an alert citizen could be responsible for the arrest of two men in an incident of Atwood Drive in Macon. Police say they spotted two men loading stolen goods into a car after they were called to the 3700 block of Atwood Drive around 1:45am on Monday morning.. The thieves managed to drive away, but were apprehended minutes later on Mercer University Drive. Police found a large amount of copper tubing, bolt cutters and gloves. 26-year old Bobby Smith and 25-year old Timothy Brown, both of Macon, were arrested and taken to the Bibb County jail.

Recap: Story aired at 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 am Mar 19, 2013 Total four minutes

Mix in the Morning: According to a story this morning by Gail Daniels, Macon police are seeking two people believed involved in an early Sunday morning shooting in downtown Macon. According to Jamie Gaudet of the Macon Police department, two black males were shot as they walked to their car, parked in the 600 block of Poplar Street. The victims have identified the shooter as Kendall Sherrod Williams, Sr, and are asking for help from the public in finding the suspect.

Recap: Story aired at 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 on Mar 25, 2013 Total of four minutes.

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| HEALTH CARE: | Mix in the Morning: | News anchor Gail Daniels reports this morning that a woman is suing the city of Macon after she fell on a sidewalk while walking down Telfair Street near Anderson Avenue nearly a year ago. The suit claims the area was not properly illuminated by a street light nor was it properly maintained by the city. The suit further claims the city is responsible for keeping its streets safe, and is liable for Geraldine Polite's injury, pain and medical expenses. |
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Recap: Story aired at 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 on Jan 21, 2013 total of four minutes

Mix in the Morning: Dr. Johnny Gayron of Eyesight Associates appeared on the show to take questions from callers health problems concerning vision. Dr. Gayton discussed the advanced technology in the eye care field, including the latest laser procedures used in cataract and other eye surgery.

Recap: Dr Gayton was on the show for a total of thirty minutes (7:30 to 8:00am)

Mix in the Morning: Cathy Pope, Community Health Director of Susan G. Komen for the Cure of Central Georgia appeared on the show to talk about breast cancer awareness, and how early detection most often results in positive results.

Pope pointed out that one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime, and reiterated the importance of regular checkups..

Recap: Pope was on the show from 8:00 to 8:15 on Jan 22, 2013 Total 15 minutes

Mix in the Morning: Dr. Gayton of Eyesight Associates returned to the show to continue his discussions on the latest methods of eye care, citing in particular the advanced technology of laser cataract surgery. He also fielded questions from callers who had questions not covered by his original discussion.

Recap: Dr. Gayton appeared on the show from 8:00 to 8:30 Jan25, 2013, Total 30 min.

Mix in the Morning: News anchor Gail Daniels aired a story attributed to the Associated Press that concerns the licenses of registered nurses in Georgia. The story says that licenses for more than 3,500 registered nurses have placed on hold because state officials have not received documents necessary to renew them, including documents of citizenship and qualified alien status. The licenses have not lapsed, become inactive or invalid, but the issue could become a crucial one given the already advanced shortage registered nurses.

Mix in the Morning: Melody Faircloth of the Willow Tree made her monthly visit to the show to bring the public up to date on the values of eating healthy and supplementing diets with natural vitamins and such. These health food tips are provided to Mix in the Morning, and the public, by the Willow Tree.

Recap: Melody was on the show from 8:00 to 9:00 am Feb 14, 2013. Total one hour.

Mix in the Morning: Dr. Stevenson from Coliseum Health Systems was on the show to discuss health problems and solutions, with the focus this week of back pain.

Recap: Dr. Stevenson was on the show from 8:30 to 9:00am Mar 13, 2013. for a total of thirty minutes.

Mix in the Morning: Melody Faircloth of the Willow Tree made her monthly appearance to discuss health food tips, and how a healthy body begins with how and what a person eats.

Recap: Melody was on the show from 8:00 to 9:00am Mar 15, total one hour.

EMPLOYMENT:

Mix in the Morning Gail Daniels reports statistics from the Georgia Department of Labor revealing Georgia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for December 2012, which was 8.6, up one tenth of a percentage point from November's 8.5. However the rate was down from the 9.4 reported for December, 2011. The latest modest increase was due to a small job loss driven by seasonal layoffs in education.

Recap: Story aired at 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 am Jan 17, 2013 total of four minutes

Mix in the Morning: News anchor Gail Daniels reports good news in the job market this morning. Daniels says that Tractor Supply will look to hire 100 employees additional at a new distribution center in Bibb County. These figures will be in addition

to the 200 the company originally planned to hire for the facility, which is being built at the I-75 Industrial Park near Hartley Bridge Road in south Bibb County.

Recap: Story aired at 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 am on Feb 22, 2013 Total of four minutes

Mix in the Morning: Gail Daniels reports this morning that thousands of jobless workers in Georgia receiving Federal Extended Unemployment Compensation (EUC) will soon see a reduction in their weekly benefits. The Georgia Department of Labor says the reductions are due to sequestration. EUC is a federally funded benefit for long-term unemployed workers who have exhausted regular state unemployment insurance benefits. The current maximum weekly benefit is \$330, with an average of \$260, Regular state funded unemployment benefits won't be affected.

Recap: Story aired at 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 am March 5, 2013 Total four minutes

Mix in the Morning: Gail Daniels reports that the Georgia Department of Labor unemployment statistics for Macon Metro have been released for February, and show a decline of four tenths of a point from January, from 9.4 to 9.0 percent. Macon Metro includes Macon and Warner Robins. Overall in middle Georgia, the rate was down by four tenths of a point also, from 9.2 to 8.8 percent.

Recap. The story aired at 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 am on Mar 28, 2013. Total four min

Mix in the Morning: Latoya Hagens of Middle Georgia Spouse Connection appeared on the show to promote a job fair scheduled by the Warner Robins VFM chapter. The job fair is to assist spouses of military personnel both at home and deployed abroad.

Recap. Ms Hagens was on the show from 8:00 to 8:30am Mar 26, 2013 Total 30 min

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE (RAFB)

Mix in the Morning: News anchor Gail Daniels reports that a Robins air Force Base C-130 team has received an award for increasing aircraft availability. John Johns, who is the deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for maintenance policy and programs at the Pentagon presented the Robert T. Mason Award to the team for returning 64 aircraft to operating units, achieving one hundred percent on-time delivery. Customer reported deficiencies were reduced by sixty percent.

Recap: Story aired at 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 am Jan 11, 2013 total four minutes

Mix in the Morning: Bob Dubiel of the Museum of Aviation at Robins Air Force Base was a guest on the show to talk about the museum's upcoming fundraiser. Proceeds from the museum's fundraisers go toward sustaining the museum's many and varied educational projects, many earmarked for youth.

Recap; Bob was on the show from 7:45 to 8:00 am Jan 14, 2013 total of fifteen minutes

Mix in the Morning: Gail Daniels says that former Warner Robins Logistics Center commander Robert McMahan spoke to a group of local political, business and spiritual leaders at the Museum of Aviation today regarding upcoming

defense spending cuts. In his new role as president of the 21st Century Partnership, McMahon told the gathering that the cuts could mean an \$83 million loss in earnings among civilian employees at RAFB. The former commander said that translates to a \$54 million loss in discretionary spending. Congress has until March 1, 2013 to cut federal spending of face automatic cuts through sequestration. McMahon warned those in attendance to be prepared for the fallout should Congress fail to act.

Recap: Story aired at 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 am Jan 29, 2013 Total four minutes

Mix in the Morning; News anchor Gail Daniels updates a January 29th story relating to defense spending cuts. Today, Daniels says the impact of pending automatic cuts for Robins Air Force Base may be a bigger hit than previously expected. Air Force Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Larry Spencer said last week the cuts set to take place March 1st would mean the Air Force maintenance budget would be cut by one-third though the remainder of the fiscal year. That means furlough days for workers in the maintenance area at Robins could go beyond the 22 days previously projected. Right now, according to base spokesman David Donato, there are no current plans to furlough or lay off civilians, but the 22 days of furlough could come in sequestration goes through.

Recap: The story aired at 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 am Feb 14, 2013 total four minutes

Mix in the Morning; Maj Gen (ret) Robert McMahon, president of 21st Century Partnership, was a guest on the show to update citizens on the latest, and hottest topic, automatic cuts. Gen. McMahon stressed the affect sequestration will have on the community should Congress fail to act on budget cuts.

Recap: Gen McMahon was on the show from 8:30 to 9:00am Mar 6, 2013 Total 30 min

Mix in the morning: According to a story aired this morning by Gail Daniels, leaders from Robins Air Force Base answered questions about sequestration during a meeting at Houston Lake Cinemas on Wednesday. Furlough notices will be handed out in two weeks, beginning March 21st, and the furloughed period will begin after April 25th, extending over eleven pay periods through September. The base will also have 28 fewer planes coming in for overhaul in the next seven months. Biig.Gen. Cedric George said Robins had been scheduled to overhaul 177 lanes, but the number has been reduced to 149. Robins is expecting a negative economic impact nearing \$150 million.

Recap: Story aired at 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 am Mar 7, 2013 total four minutes

Mix in the Morning: Just over 400 civilian employees at Robins Air Force Base have accepted a buyout offer. Gail Daniels reports this morning that out of 880 applications received, offers were made to 593 workers, with 401 accepting. Those that were accepted will leave by the end of April and will receive up to \$25,000. Base officials said the buyouts were unrelated to sequestration and other Air Force cost-cutting initiatives. The move was made to reduce excess personnel in certain area of the base.

Recap: Story aired at 7:00, 7:30, 8:0 and 8:30 am Mar 14, 2013 total four minutes

Mix in the Morning: Gail Daniels reports today that one of middle Georgia's most-used attractions, the Museum of Aviation at Robins Air Force Base, is

scheduled for downsizing. The museum is getting rid of 29 planes and three missiles, according to museum director Ken Emery. The move is largely due to Air Force personnel cuts in 2011 that eliminated eight civilian positions at the museum, most of whom were restoration specialists. Emery says the museum does not have enough personnel to maintain the planes, especially those that are kept outdoors. Some of the planes will be scrapped, others sent to private museums and still others being sent to the Air Force's storage facility in Arizona.

Recap: Story aired at 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 am Mar 25, 2013 Total four minutes

Mix in the Morning: News anchor Gail Daniels says this morning that a Robins Air Force Base contractor will be shutting down at the end of May, putting nearly 300 workers out of a job. DynCorp International has been notified by the Air Force that they have decided not to exercise an option on their contract. The company had a one year contract to provide maintenance support on U.S. Air Force aircraft. Federal funding limitations led to the decision not to renew the contract.

Recap: The story aired at 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 am Mar 28, 2013 total four minutes

Mix in the Morning: On Mix in the Morning today, Gail Daniels reports that the Pentagon is reducing the number of unpaid furlough days civilian workers will have to take in coming months. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said late last week that a new spending law lets the military services cut furlough days from 22 to 14. About 15,000 civilian workers at Robins Air Force Base will be affected. The spending bill was signed this week by President Obama, shifting \$10 billion to operations and maintenance to give the Pentagon flexibility to deal with billions of dollars in automatic cuts that kicked in March 1st. Base officials anticipate furlough days will begin in mid-June and run through the end of September.

Recap: Story aired at 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 am Mar 29, 2013 total four minutes

CONSOLIDATION:

Mix in the Morning: Keith Moffitt, Chris Flore and Macon Mayor Robert Reichert appeared on the show today to bring citizens up to date on the mayor's state of the city as Bibb County and the city of Macon prepare for the transition into a consolidated government in 2014. Mayor Reichert, a strong supporter of consolidation, has announced plans to run for mayor of the consolidated county government.

Recap: The three appeared from 8:00 to 8:30 am January 29, 2013 Total of 30 minutes

Mix in the Morning: Gail Daniels reports that members of the Bibb County Democratic Party are hoping to block legislation approved by the General Assembly and signed by Gov. Nathan Deal that would allow for nonpartisan elections in the new Macon-Bibb county consolidated government. A letter was sent this week to assistant U.S. Attorney General Thomas E. Perez calling the legislation a veiled attempt to thwart democracy by diluting minority voting. However, before the bill passed, Macon was the only city in Georgia that still held partisan elections for local offices. The Justice Department has 60 days to approve the changes. Elections are scheduled for July 16, 2013.

Recap: Story aired at 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 am Feb 19, 2013 Total of four minutes

Mix in the Morning. State Senator Cecil Staton announced in Atlanta that he will file local legislation that will require the Bibb County Board of Education to present its final budget to the governing body of the new Macon-Bibb Commission for review and approval. Voters authorized the school board to set its own millage rate in 2004, and if the legislation passes, it would be a step backwards for the board, which, according to Staton and other leaders, has shown a lack of prudence when spending taxpayers money.

Recap: Story aired 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 on Feb 20, 2013, total of four minutes

Mix in the Morning: The Knight Foundation announced Wednesday that it will provide funding to help make the consolidation of Macon-Bibb County more open and transparent. City of Macon Director of Public Affairs Chris Flore says the \$62,000 grant will help forward the transition task force's goal of creating a new, consolidated Macon-Bibb County focused on serving the public rather than merely merging the two existing governments.

Recap: Story aired at 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 am Feb 21, 2013 Total four minutes

Mix in the Morning: In a story aired on this morning's show, news anchor Gail Daniels reports that a legislative move to dissolve Payne city and merge the area into the consolidated Macon-Bibb County has failed. Payne City is made up of 214 residents, who turned down consolidation in 2012. A Senate Bill pushed by Republican state senator Cecil Staton would have overturned the bill.

Recap: Story aired at 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 am Feb 28, total of four minutes

EDUCATION:

Mix in the Morning: David Murray, a representative of Virginia College in Macon, appeared on Mix in the Morning today to discuss the school's upcoming registration dates, and stressed the school's nursing program and its efforts to help reduce the shortage of registered nurses and LPNs by making financial packages available to qualified nursing students, as well as students in other fields.

Recap: Murray was on the show from 8:00 to 8:30 am, a total of thirty minutes

Mix in the Morning; Gail Daniels reports this morning that a Bibb County resident has filed a lawsuit in Superior Court contending that a December vote by the school board to extend superintendent Romain Dallemann's contract through 2015 violated the state's open meeting. Thomas Bradley DeFore seeks that the vote from the meeting be declared null and void. The lawsuit also asks the court to stop the school system from paying Dallemann's salary under the terms of both the current and former contracts.

Recap Story aired at 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 am Feb 17, 2013 Total of four minutes

Mix in the morning: Darren Latch appeared on the show with a staff member from Mathnasium, a math learning center, whose motto is 'we make math make sense' Mathnasium is a learning center where students go after regular school hours to boost their math skills. Students from 2nd grade to SAT1 attend once or twice a week for about an hour. The school representative stated that the goal is to significantly increase math skills, understanding of math concepts and overall school performance.

Recap: Latch and the school representative were on the show from 7:-00 to 7:30am Feb 29, 2012 Total of thirty minutes

Mix in the Morning: Jason Downey, a member of the Bibb County School Board, was on the show to discuss problems the school system is facing in the fields of overspending on questionable projects, contracts that are shrouded in secrecy and buyouts of those contracts that have cost taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars while putting the system back to square one in the field of administrative leaders. Downey is a newly-elected member of the board who was not involved in most on the decisions concerning deposed superintendent Romain Dallemand, whose questionably contract extension was bought-out, and the buy-out came with several severance stipends, that cost taxpayers even more money.

Recap: Downey was on the show from 6:30 to 6:45 Mar15, 2013 total of fifteen minutes