



## Dr. Laura to set Portland straight on KGW-TV

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**W**hile protesters gather in cities across the nation this summer to object to Dr. Laura Schlessinger's imminent syndicated television show, the Portland-area community has yet to organize around the issue. But national protest organizers do want Portlanders to take part in the campaign to keep Schlessinger's opinions about gay men and lesbians off the airwaves in the Northwest.

Schlessinger, who attracts nearly 20 million listeners to her national radio show, has recently been in rehearsals preparing for the *Dr. Laura* television show, which will debut Sept. 11. It is slated for broadcast in markets throughout the country, including Seattle and Portland, where the program will air weekdays on KGW-TV.

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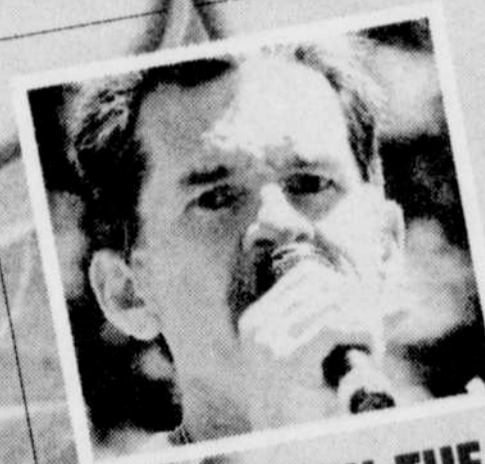
Pete Gregson of StopDrLaura.com-Seattle says his group plans to join national protest days but is now focused on contacting companies that may advertise on KING-5 (Seattle's NBC affiliate and sister station to Portland's KGW) and asking them to reconsider. Once the show airs, Gregson says, Seattle's effort will include active boycotting and protesting of any local sponsor of the show.

KGW Program Director Brenda Buratti says her station is still planning to carry *Dr. Laura*, despite protests around the country. She says she has had several conversations with Paramount Television, the show's owner, regarding Schlessinger's comments on her radio show. folks at Paramount, she says, has been advised that KGW "won't have anything defamatory on the air."

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