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In this Feb. 10, 2008 file photo, Harry Shearer arrives at the 50th Annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles. (AP Photo/Chris Pizzello, file)

NEW YORK — As the red light switched off and her program went into a commercial, Laura Ingraham's face dissolved from a smile into a frown _ then, a look of pure disgust.

In a nine-minute video clip of on-set behavior at Fox News Channel, Ingraham radiates hate at everyone around her. There's a word misspelled on her teleprompter, her script makes no sense, a stranger hanging around annoys her, a producer is talking too loudly in her earpiece.

"Oh, my God," she says. "This is a train wreck."

It wasn't the only locomotive going off the rails, particularly after comic Harry Shearer posted the visual evidence on his Internet channel last month and it spread virally across the Web. Those who don't like Ingraham's politics had something to ridicule her for; others had reason to guestion the sincerity behind her smile.

Shearer's "Found Objects," a semi-regular feature of the "My Damn Channel" Web site, is a place where news personalities don't