

The Insider

THE INSIDER is produced and distributed by Paramount Domestic Television in Hollywood, California. Bureaus are located in New York, Chicago and Washington D.C. LINDA BELL BLUE is Executive Producer. PAT O'BRIEN is Host; LARA SPENCER is New York Anchor; VICTORIA RECAÑO and PAULA FROELICH are Correspondents. KATHIE LEE GIFFORD, STEVEN COJOCARU, and KIMORA LEE SIMMONS are Special Correspondents.

Pat O'Brien: Continuing a broadcast journalism career that spans over 20 years, PAT O'BRIEN serves as Host of THE INSIDER, Paramount Domestic Television's nightly, access, half-hour newsmagazine, which premiered last season as the highest-rated debut of any newsmagazine in syndication since 1996, and continues to rank second only to ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT in the genre. Based on the popular ET segment of the same name, THE INSIDER reports on the world of celebrity from a unique "insider" perspective, using first-person interviews, special "inside" access, "behind-closed-door" reports and "inside information" from knowledgeable informed sources and contacts.

Since the debut of THE INSIDER, Mr. O'Brien has interviewed some of Hollywood's biggest celebrities and most prominent political leaders. He received exclusive access to cover Donald Trump's wedding in West Palm Beach and has interviewed numerous A-list stars including Tom Cruise, Hilary Swank, Brad Pitt, George Clooney and Halle Berry, to name a few. Last fall THE INSIDER was the only newsmagazine granted access inside the White House, which allowed Mr. O'Brien to engage in an exclusive sit-down interview with First Lady Laura Bush. Mr. O'Brien also joined the 2004 presidential election campaign trail, where he was able to speak with presidential candidate John Kerry, Senator John Edwards and Vice President Dick Cheney.

Lara Spencer:

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Spencer has interviewed many of the industry's biggest stars, including Academy® award-winner Hilary Swank, "Desperate Housewives" star Teri Hatcher and R&B singer Usher. Last season, Ms. Spencer flew to Seattle for an exclusive sit-down interview with former schoolteacher Mary Kay LeTourneau and Vili Fualaau and went behind the scenes of their wedding. She also hosted two CBS primetime television specials: "Red Carpet Confidential," which revealed the beauty and style secrets of the stars, and "An Entertainment Tonight Event -- Celebrities Unveiled," which celebrated the lavish wedding moments, mementos and mishaps of Hollywood celebrities.

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