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THE FUTURE OF PRINT JOURNALISM DISCUSSED AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

Philadelphia, PA (February 7, 2007) – With the change in ownership of Philadelphia’s daily newspapers and the growing importance of the Internet, people dedicated to the news business confront the most pressing issue it faces—its own future. The National Constitution Center and *Philadelphia* magazine will explore the future of print journalism in a February “Philadelphia Talks” event. The event will be held on Wednesday, February 28, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free for members and K-12 teachers and students, and \$5 for non-members. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 215.409.6700.

Joining the discussion will be **Howell Raines**, former editor of the *New York Times* and author of the memoir *The One That Got Away*, and **Zachary Stalberg**, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Committee of Seventy and former editor of the *Philadelphia Daily News*. **Larry Platt**, editor of *Philadelphia* magazine will moderate the discussion.

This program is part of “Philadelphia Talks”, a series by *Philadelphia* magazine and the National Constitution Center featuring unique discussions about the hottest issues confronting our city and region.

One of the most distinguished and most honored metropolitan monthly publications in the country, *Philadelphia* magazine was founded in 1908 as a quarterly illustrated magazine published by the Trades League of Philadelphia, and has been in continuous

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publication for more than 90 years. Bought in 1946 by S. Arthur Lipson, the magazine has remained in continuous operation by the Lipson family. Current Chairman D. Herbert Lipson assumed the helm as publisher in 1961, and in 1986 the torch was passed to S. Arthur Lipson's grandson, David H. Lipson, Jr. In 2003, Marian Conicella was named publisher while David Lipson remains as president. *Philadelphia* magazine is a division of Metrocorp.

The National Constitution Center, located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia's Independence Mall, is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and the ideas and values it represents. Opened on July 4, 2003, the Constitution Center is a museum, an education center, and a forum for debate on constitutional issues. The museum dramatically tells the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibits, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts, and features a powerful, award-winning theatrical performance, "Freedom Rising". The Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education. Also, serving as a nonpartisan forum for constitutional discourse, the Center presents – without endorsement – programs that contain diverse viewpoints on a broad range of issues. The National Constitution Center's programs earned the organization a 2006 Best of Philly® award from *Philadelphia* magazine as the "Best Place To Smarten Up". For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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