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**PRESIDENTIAL AFTERLIVES DISCUSSED
AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER**
Presented in conjunction with the 2006 Liberty Medal

Philadelphia, PA (September 13, 2006) – In an exciting companion program to the awarding of the Liberty Medal to former presidents George H.W. Bush and William J. Clinton, distinguished writers will join the National Constitution Center for a look at U.S. Presidents and their post-West Wing lives. On Tuesday, October 3 at 6:30 p.m., four journalists and experts in the presidency will come together to examine the presidents who found new purpose after leaving office, as well as those who slipped quietly into private life in *A Liberty Medal Event: Presidential Afterlives*. Admission is free, but reservations are required and can be made by calling 215.409.6700.

Authors Mark Updegrove and Patricia O'Toole, as well as journalists Jennifer Senior and Todd S. Purdum will share stories of how some of the world's most powerful men coped with their transition from Commander in Chief to citizen, some adding critical chapters in their place in history.

Mark Updegrove is the former publisher of *Newsweek* and former president of *TIME Canada*. His new book, *Second Acts: Presidential Lives and Legacies After the White House*, which creatively explores the post-White House lives of American presidents from Harry Truman to George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton, debuts on the day of this event.

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Patricia O'Toole is the author of *When Trumpets Call: Theodore Roosevelt After the White House*. In her book, O'Toole chronicles the exciting post-presidency of Theodore Roosevelt, including his African safari, his formation of the Progressive Party in the 1912 election, and his nearly fatal 1914 exploration of Brazil's River of Doubt.

Jennifer Senior, contributing editor to *New York Magazine*, has written extensively about Bill Clinton's post-presidency, including "Bill Clinton's Plan for World Domination" and "Bubba Takes Manhattan."

Moderating this discussion will be Todd S. Purdum, National Editor of *Vanity Fair*. Before joining the magazine, Purdum worked for twenty three years at *The New York Times*, most recently as a correspondent in the Washington Bureau, covering a range of topics from politics and policy to culture.

Presidents George H.W. Bush and William J. Clinton – who joined forces, transcending partisan and political differences to do what's best for the country and the world through their Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund and Bush-Clinton Tsunami partnership – will be presented with the 2006 Liberty Medal on Thursday, October 5, 2006 at the National Constitution Center on Independence Mall in Independence National Historical Park, in what will be the first Liberty Medal award given under the Center's management.

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".

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The Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education and debates. 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 215.409.6600 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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