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**EXPERTS “DEBATE THE DEBATE”  
WITH *THE BIG TALKER* 1210 AM – WPHT’S  
MICHAEL SMERCONISH  
LIVE  
FROM THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER**

Philadelphia, PA (October 2, 2004) – Who will be the winner of the third Presidential debate? Hear it from the experts as Joe Watkins (R) and Howard Cain (D) “Debate the Debate” on October 14, 2004 during a LIVE broadcast of *The Big Talker* 1210 AM – WPHT with Michael Smerconish from the National Constitution Center. The program will take place in the Kirby Auditorium from 6:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. The program is free and open to the public, but seating is limited, and advance reservations are required. Reservations can be made by sending an email to [debate@thebigtalker1210.com](mailto:debate@thebigtalker1210.com). Limited free parking is also available on a first come, first served basis.

The Republican panelist, Joe Watkins, is a former White House aide to George H.W. Bush, and a political analyst on The Fox News Channel, CNN, and MSNBC. He has over thirty years of experience in politics, finance, and strategy consulting, and is pastor of the Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, the oldest African-American Lutheran Church in Philadelphia. Watkins also hosts his own radio show on Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon on *The Big Talker* 1210 AM - WPHT.

Howard Cain is a prominent political consultant for Democratic candidates in the

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Philadelphia region, and is closely aligned with Senator Vincent J. Fumo. In Philadelphia political circles, he is known as the “Phantom” because of his under-the-radar style. His emergence for this show is unusual and special.

Michael Smerconish can be heard live on *The Big Talker* 1210 WPHT Monday through Friday morning from 5:30 to 9 a.m. The *Philadelphia Daily News* calls him “WPHT’s Mr. Right,” and *Philadelphia Magazine* says he’s a member of the “Power 100.” His radio guests have ranged from George W. Bush - on the night he was elected President of the United States - to Charleston Heston, Peter Frampton and Jackie Mason. Smerconish’s book, *Flying Blind: How Political Correctness Continues to Compromise Airline Safety Post 9/11*, was published in early September 2004.

### **ABOUT WPHT**

WPHT AM is owned and operated by Infinity Broadcasting, a division of Viacom, Inc. In Philadelphia, the company owns WPHT-AM, KYW-AM, WIP-AM, WOGL-AM and WYSP-FM.

### **ABOUT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER**

The National Constitution Center, located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia’s Independence Mall, is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization established by Congress in 1988 to increase understanding of the U.S. Constitution and its relevance to the daily lives of Americans. It is the first museum in the world devoted to dramatically telling the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibit components, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts. The Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education and debates; and as a home for visiting scholars and experts. The National Constitution Center is the first museum in the country designated as a member of the National Archives Experience Alliance Initiative. For more information, please call 215.409.6600 or visit the Center’s Web site at [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

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