



FOREIGN PRESS CENTER 2012 ELECTION E-MONITOR

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Upcoming Events Around Town

October 5

WHEN: 10:00 a.m.

WHAT: Quinnipiac University Press Conference to Release Results of National Poll on 2012 GOP Presidential Contenders. Speaker: Peter Brown, Assistant Director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute

WHERE: Murrow Room, National Press Club, National Press Building, 529 14th Street, NW

CONTACT: Pat Smith at 212-843-8026 or psmith@rubenstein.com

October 5

WHEN: 12:30 p.m.

WHAT: National Press Club Luncheon Speaker Series with Congressman Ron Paul (R-Texas) and candidate for the GOP Presidential Nomination.

WHERE: Holeman Lounge, National Press Club, National Press Building, 529 14th Street, NW

CONTACT: 202-662-7500; web site: <http://press.org>

October 31

WHEN: 12:30 p.m.

WHAT: National Press Club Luncheon Speaker Series with Herman Cain, candidate for the GOP Presidential Nomination.

WHERE: Holeman Lounge, National Press Club, National Press Building, 529 14th Street, NW

CONTACT: 202-662-7500; web site: <http://press.org>

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- For additional information on the upcoming elections and FPC programs, go to the FPC 2012 Elections website at: <http://fpc.state.gov/c45800.htm>
- To subscribe to the FPC “2012 Election Email Service, go to: <http://fpc.state.gov/c46158.htm> - this subscription service will keep you abreast of all information about the latest election-related events and resources

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