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Upcoming Events Around Town

- **Tuesday, September 21, 2010 at 8:00 p.m.** - National Press Club (NPC) Discussion on Presidential Debates – A Panel will examine presidential debates past and present to mark the 50th anniversary of the Kennedy-Nixon debate. Speakers: Host – Marvin Kalb of the “Kalb Report”; CBS News Chief Washington correspondent Bob Schieffer; Sander Vanocur, who participated in the 1960 debates; Judy Woodruff of the PBS Newshour; former Clinton press secretary Mike McCurry; and Janet Brown of the Commission of Presidential Debates.
WHERE: NPC, 14th & F Street, NW, Washington, DC.
CONTACT: 202-662-7501; web site: <http://npc.press.org>
 - **Thursday, September 30, 2010 at 12:30 p.m.** – National Press Club Luncheon with Sen. Robert Menendez, D-N.J., Chairman of the Democratic Senatorial Committee and Sen. John Cornyn, R- Texas, Chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee. The Senators will discuss the election outlook for the control of both the Senate and the House.
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