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New NESAs President Announces Plans

*By Jordon Brown
NESAs President*

Taking over as NESAs President is a pleasure because of the strong foundation built by Rex Adams in his service as the founding President. I can only hope to be half of the leader that he is. We all owe him a debt of gratitude for all he has done to build this alliance.

Through the efforts of Rex, our dedicated Board or Directors and our Executive Director we have built an alliance that is unique in our industry, because it supports our state associations without getting in their way.



During my term I plan to focus on the following goals –

- To increase the number of NESAs member states by 50% or greater
- To help NESAs member states increase their membership by 50% or greater by:
 - Increasing the member benefits, such as the El Dorado insurance program, our approved training programs, and other member services
 - Increasing the brand awareness of NESAs by utilizing the media, both digital and print and word of mouth
 - Increase the level of involvement in both the state association level and national level, not only in their association work, but also work on licensing, lobbying, training, and other industry programs
- To increase & improve our alliances with other associations, like the False Alarm Reduction Association
- To assist states in raising awareness of industry related topics and events (such as the impending demise of POTS)

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- To continue to support the needs and promote the value of the state associations that belong to our alliance and exchange information on state issues and programs

One of past president Adams' points over the years has been to stress the value of people getting involved in their associations. He has a more colorful way of saying it, but essentially the point is that if you are not involved, you are not getting the full value of joining and your association is not getting the full value you could bring to all of the rest of us.

So as I start my term as NESA President, I am eager to work with all of the NESA board members and I also want to urge you all to get involved.

To all of those who are already involved - Thanks for all you do!!

City of Houston Posts Alarm Permit Application on line

[Visit the city site to download the alarm permit application](#)

Texas Calendar & Training Schedule Now Available

The TBFAA has posted the 2011 calendar of events and training schedule on www.tbfaa.org

Fire Prep

<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>
January 14	Dallas- ADI- Farmers Branch
February 18	Houston-ADI
March 11	San Antonio- TriEd
April 01	Dallas- ADI- Farmers Branch
May 20	Houston- ADI
June 17	San Antonio- TriEd
July 15	Dallas- ADI- Farmers Branch
August 26	Houston- ADI
September 30	San Antonio- TriEd
October 14	Dallas- ADI- Farmers Branch
November 18	Houston- ADI
December 02	San Antonio- TriEd

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<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>
January 20-21	El Paso
February 10-11	Dallas- ADI- Farmers Branch
March 24-25	Houston- ADI
April 28-29	San Antonio- TriEd
May 05-06	McAllen- SGI
June 02-03	Longview
July 07-08	El Paso
July 21-22	Austin – ADI
August 11-12	Dallas- ADI- Farmers Branch
September 08-09	San Antonio- TriEd
October 06-07	Houston- ADI
November 10-11	McAllen- SGI
December 15-16	Amarillo

Texas Meetings

- **NTAA Third Wednesday CEU Training**
Wednesday January 19, 2011 - North Texas Alarm Association has now made monthly training registration both convenient and easy. Simply click on the get more information link below for available classes and online registration. www.ntaa.org

- **NTAA Monthly Meeting -**
January 20, 2011 - La Hacienda Ranch 17390 Preston Rd Dallas, TX 75252 Guest Speaker: F.B.I. www.ntaa.org

Door to Door Sales

IL: Pushy security sales crews should set off alarms

1.10.11 - Chicago Sun-Times - Chicago, IL - They were from AMP Alarm and were working with another alarm company, Guardian Security. I told them I was in a five-year agreement with Security Networks. ... [More Info](#)

TX: BBB alarmed by Utah security firm

1.14.11 - Times Record News - The Better Business Bureau of North Central Texas is cautioning consumers that a Utah-based security alarm system company, which has a C+ rating with the ... [More Info](#)

Public Safety Updates

CO: Botched Burglar Alarm Call Prompts Changes At Denver 911

1.13.11 - KMGH Denver - Denver, CO - Lisa Sommers never expected a burglar alarm at her shoe store would expose problems with Denver 911. But 7NEWS has obtained a recording of the ... [More Info](#)

FL: Delray Beach homes, businesses to face new rules for alarms

1.11.11 - SecurityInfoWatch.com - Fort Lauderdale, FL - City implements alarm registration fees, fines for repeated false alarms. [More Info](#)

GA: Fees gain favor, but are they just a tax?

1.11.11 - Atlanta Journal Constitution -Gwinnett County, GA - The hikes in fees -- including adult entertainment licenses, false alarm charges, fire inspections and a new vacant property registration fee -- would go ... [More Info](#)

MA: Melrose property owners reminded to register alarm systems

1.14.11 - Melrose Free Press - Melrose, MA - Police Chief Mike Lyle this week reminded residents who have moved into a home equipped with an alarm system, ... [More Info](#)

ME: New rules, and fees, for Portland burglar alarms

1.14.11 - Press Herald - Portland, ME - The city has had a rule calling for alarm owners and companies to register, but it "really hasn't been enforced," said City Councilor Edward Suslovic, ... [More Info](#)

ON: Toronto to hike false fire alarm, recreation fees

1.13.11 - Toronto Star - Toronto, ON - Typically, the department dispatches three vehicles for each alarm, meaning homeowners deemed at fault would be sent a bill from \$1230, up from \$1050. ... [More Info](#)

SC: Fines For False Alarms

1.15.11 - News Channel 7 - Greenville, SC - City Officials say your alarm can falsely sound up to three times in a year. If police respond to each call, you will get a ticket after the ... [More Info](#)

TX: Fire marshal seeks amendments to city code

1.10.11 - Plainview Daily Herald - Plainview, TX - "But no local permits were required for sprinkler systems or alarm systems, or any of that." By requiring permits, they have to allow us to look at their ... [More Info](#)

TX: Proposed fire code amendment won't be big change

1.11.11 - Plainview Daily Herald - Plainview, TX - ... Council to adopt the 2009 International Fire Code with an amendment requiring "installation" permits for fire suppression equipment, fire alarm systems ... [More Info](#)

TX: Sheriff's office in Austin, Texas, reporting crime online

1.13.11 - The Austin American-Statesman - Austin, TX - For years, neighborhood associations have had problems getting crime statistics from Travis County, Texas, because the sheriff's office has been without a crime analyst. With the help of online technology, however, now anyone can look up crime data instantly. The sheriff's office has begun using the online crime mapping website Spotcrime.com. [More](#)

Industry News

Seven Ways the Game Changes

.11 - Network-Centric Security - The few remaining barriers to enterprise-class IP-based video surveillance are toppling, largely due to medianets, or media-optimized networks. Medianets have new types of intelligence that reduce the cost and complexity of implementing all types of business video, from video surveillance and digital signage to telepresence systems. For video surveillance in particular, medianets create seven significant benefits for the enterprise. [More...](#)

Background check changes that impact your security operations

1.11.11 - SecurityInfoWatch.com - Legal trends around credit and criminal histories that are impacting background checks. In 1998, Hawaii was the first state to ban the box, prohibiting both public and private employers from asking about an applicant's criminal past until after a conditional offer of employment is made. Other variations have since been enacted by 24 separate city, state and county governments, in some instances applying only to public employees and in other cases both private and public. [More Info](#)

City gets that long-distance feeling

1.12.11 - Sudbury Star - The alarm company is dependent on automatic dialing and spent about nine or 10 years ensuring its alarm systems use 10-digit-dialing, said Kevin Buckland, ... [More Info](#)

Local law enforcement cracking down on burglaries, offer tips for security

1.12.11 - South Carolina Now - Richardson said every home needs a burglar alarm and cameras are a great help in identifying suspects at a low cost. "Don't leave motorcycles, four wheelers ... [More Info](#)

Increase your security by using a burglar alarm system

1.10.11 - Security World News - Time has drastically changed the world we live in the present. Studies have shown that burglary is taking place in an interval of a few seconds. [More](#)

Network assessment for deploying IP video surveillance

1.12.11 - IPSecurityWatch.com - A look at key factors for the successful deployment of an IP video system. In our previous articles, we looked at IP addressing. Now, let's take a look at the network characteristics of IP video surveillance. [More Info](#)

PDQ Award Program Entries Due Feb. 28

1.14.11 - Security Sales & Integration - Frisco, TX - Nominations are being accepted for the sixth annual Police Dispatch Quality (PDQ) Award program presented by the Security Industry Alarm Coalition (SIAC), False Alarm Reduction Association (FARA), Security Sales & Integration and Honeywell Security. [More Info](#)

Crime News

AZ: 'Smash and grab' burglaries challenge Goodyear police

1.13.11 - AZ Central.com - Goodyear, AZ - Both businesses have alarm systems installed and Tiny Teeth Dental also has video surveillance. They businesses have made changes to security since the ... [More Info](#)

CA: Alleged burglary ring may have hit TO locations

1.13.11 - Thousand Oaks Acorn - Thousand Oaks, CA - Responding to an alarm at the tire shop deputies arrived and saw two people escaping on foot and another man driving away in a Chevrolet ... [More Info](#)

CA: Burglar in skeleton mask breaks into Hillcrest shop

1.13.11 - San Diego Union Tribune - San Diego, CA - Police were called to the iTan shop after an alarm went off about 7:25 am, San Diego police Detective Gary Hassen said. ... [More Info](#)

CA: Masked Man Burglarizes Hillcrest Tanning Salon

1.14.11 - KGTV - San Diego, CA - A burglar alarm went off at the salon shortly before 7:30 am, according to San Diego police. ... [More Info](#)

CA: Police find suspected bank robber shot dead

1.16.11 - KGO-TV - Union City, CA - Police received a second phone call from an alarm company, who said a suspect was still in the bank and armed with a firearm. An arriving officer saw the ... [More Info](#)

CA: Postal Service offers reward for burglar

1.12.11 - Glendale News Press - Glendale, CA - Postal investigators and Glendale police officers arrived at the post office about 8 pm Sunday when an alarm sounded off and they ... [More Info](#)

CA: Seville man arrested on suspicion of burglary at Presbytery of San Joaquin in ...

1.13.11 - Visalia Times-Delta - Visalia, CA - A commercial burglar alarm alerted police to the Presbytery of San Joaquin early today. Inside they found Alfonso Rivas, 54, of Seville, ... [More Info](#)

CA: Victorville burglary suspects nabbed by deputies

1.12.11 - San Bernardino Sun - Victorville, CA - Two burglary suspects who fled a Victorville home after triggering an alarm were arrested when a resident saw them break into a ... [More Info](#)

CA: Visalia church burglar injures self

1.14.11 - Visalia Times-Delta - Visalia, CA - Alfonso Rivas, 54, of Seville was arrested on suspicion of commercial burglary after he triggered the office's alarm, cut himself on broken window glass and ... [More Info](#)

CT: Police: Man Caught Burglarizing Church

1.16.11 - Hartford Courant - Hartford, CT - A city man was arrested Sunday morning after police responding to a commercial burglary alarm caught him crawling through a church window. ... [More Info](#)

FL: Santa Rosa fugitive sought

1.14.11 - Pensacola News Journal - Santa Rosa, FL - Deputies received the alarm and responded to his home within a few minutes and located Boone's anklet on a table inside the residence. ... [More Info](#)

GA: Beer missing after convenience store burglary

1.12.11 - Rome News Tribune - Rome, GA - Police responding to an alarm discovered a burglary at a convenience store early Tuesday morning, Jan. 11, reports stated. ... [More Info](#)

GA: Burglars hit Snellville strip mall during snow days

1.14.11 - Atlanta Journal Constitution - Snellville, GA - Yum Yum Candies owner Sharon Mims said thieves broke her store's back window, tampered with the alarm and then broke through a wall to get into a T-Mobile ... [More Info](#)

GA: Deputy shoots crowbar-wielding burglar

1.16.11 - WRDW-TV - Augusta, GA - Deputies were responding to a burglar alarm at the Econo Auto Shop around 1:30 am A deputy climbed a fence and found the rear door ... [More Info](#)

GA: Haralson police departments start new programs

1.13.11 - Times-Georgian - Haralson, GA - At last week's lunch, Pesnell recommended that local business owners consider investing in alarm systems, as a recent, early-morning break-in at the Dollar ... [More Info](#)

IL: Alarm Thwarts Attempted Burglary at Sprint Store

1.10.11 - Patch - New Lenox, IL - A store alarm helped thwart an attempted burglary at the Sprint store in Atrium Pointe on Friday. Though it was the second break-in at a cellular store in ... [More Info](#)

IL: Man Crashes Mini Cooper into Naperville Store, Drives Off

1.16.11 - MyFox Chicago - Naperville, IL - Police responded at 2:22 am to an alarm at the Shoe Carnival and learned a Mini Cooper crashed through the front door and ... [More Info](#)

IN: Footprints in snow led to arrest

1.13.11 - Evansville Courier & Press - Evansville, IN - But Lane reportedly told officers that he "dropped it and ran out" because he thought he was taking too much time while the home alarm system was sounding. ... [More Info](#)

IN: Juvenile Faces Burglary, Theft Charges

1.14.11 - Times-Union Newspaper - Warsaw, IN - The Warsaw Police Department responded to an alarm at the Speedway gas station at 1:38 am today. The front door had been pried open and ... [More Info](#)

KS: OP Police Seek 2 In Warehouse Break-In

1.12.11 - KMBC Kansas City - Overland, Park KS - Officers said the warehouse was broken into at about 2:30 am Officers were first called to the site when a burglar alarm ... [More info](#)

LA: Morning burglar hits five locations

1.12.11 - Daily Advertiser - Lafayette, LA - Police responded to a burglary alarm activation there and found that, among other things, a large flat-screen computer display valued at \$4000 had been ... [More Info](#)

MA: Somerville business saved by sprinklers

1.14.11 - Somerville Journal - Somerville, MA - A little before 8 am, the alarm and sprinklers reportedly went off. The sprinklers doused the fire, but fire and water caused an estimated \$15000 in damages ... [More Info](#)

MB: Man charged for forging OxyContin prescriptions

1.10.11 - Winnipeg Sun - Winnipeg, MB - The clerk alerted police through the store's alarm system. Officers found the man nearby. Investigators linked the man to a number of similar schemes going ... [More Info](#)

MI: Suspected Burglar Arrested on Rooftop

1.12.11 - UpNorthLive.com - Traverse City, MI - Traverse City Police responded to an alarm at the Rite Aid Pharmacy about 1:30 this morning. Officers checked inside and outside and ultimately ... [More Info](#)

MN: Bank robbery goes down in Uptown; suspect at large

1.12.11 - Minneapolis Star Tribune - Minneapolis, MN - The suspect told a teller to hand over all of his hundreds and threatened to hurt the employee if he set off any alarm, the FBI said. ... [More Info](#)

MN: Sunset Lanes Burglarized in Moorhead

1.10.11 - WDAY - Moorhead, MN - Officers were called to Sunset Lanes in Moorhead after a motion alarm activated inside the business. Officers were called to Sunset Lanes in Moorhead after ... [More Info](#)

MO: Town and Country Police investigating string of burglaries

1.10.11 - KMOV.com - Town and Country, MO - Authorities say that around 9:56 am, police responded to a residential alarm call where the officer discovered an ... [More Info](#)

NC: Officer catches robbery suspect in store

1.12.11 - Salisbury Post - Salisbury, NC - A Salisbury Police officer patrolling town Tuesday night caught someone red-handed while investigating an alarm at Papa Topps. Around 10:45 ... [More Info](#)

NC: Pair of arrests solve 10 downtown break-ins

1.12.11 - Mooresville Tribune - Mooresville, NC - The arrests were made after officers responded to an alarm call at Pueblo Grande Restaurant around 2:30 am Friday morning. ... [More Info](#)

NC: Teens charged with trying to burglarize Greensboro home

1.13.11 - Greensboro News & Record - Greensboro, NC - At 12:10 pm, a Greensboro patrol officer responded to a residential burglary alarm and made contact with two teens fleeing on foot. ... [More Info](#)

NC: Two charged with drug store break-in

1.12.11 - Burlington Times News - Mebane, NC - Mebane police were called at 10:02 pm after a burglar alarm at the store was activated, according to a Mebane Police Department news release. ... [More Info](#)

NJ: Burglaries and crash reported in East Greenwich

1.12.11 - NJ.com - East Greenwich, NJ - When police responded to a report of an activated burglar alarm at 5:50 pm Tuesday, the victim told them she'd heard a noise at her back door just before ... [More Info](#)

NJ: New Brunswick man charged in jewelry store break-in, 4-county police chase

1.10.11 - myCentralJersey.com - Edison, NJ - 3, when Edison police responded to a burglary alarm at the EZ Quick convenience store, 2279 Woodbridge Ave. They arrived to find that someone had shattered ... [More Info](#)

NY: Teens charged with breaking into chemical warehouse

1.10.11 - WKTV - Castorland, NY - According to the Lewis County Sheriff's Office, police responded to the Slack Chemical Warehouse at 4:02am Sunday after the security alarm was activated. ... [More Info](#)

PA: Carlisle man accused in attempted business burglaries

1.13.11 - abc27 - Carlisle, PA - Investigators said they found a broken window at Cole's after a burglar alarm, but no signs of entry into the building. Longacre apparently got into the ... [More Info](#)

PA: Ex-officer charged with theft waives hearing

1.12.11 - Philadelphia Inquirer - Philadelphia, PA - A former Philadelphia police officer charged with stealing \$825 from a Northeast tavern while responding to a burglary alarm waived his preliminary hearing ... [More Info](#)

SC: Fur coats stolen from Myrtle Beach business

1.12.11 - Myrtle Beach Sun News - Myrtle Beach, SC - Officers responded to Awesome Consignment Center about 1:30 am Wednesday for an alarm, police said. The front glass door had been ... [More Info](#)

TN: Police Say Dog Tracks Burglar to Hiding Place

1.12.11 - WSMV - Nashville, TN - A burglar alarm went off at a business. When police got there, they said, two men took off. A police dog named Titan helped track one ... [More Info](#)

TX: Attempted Bowling Alley Burglary Thwarted by Alarm

1.12.11 - Blanco County News - Blanco, TX - Would-be intruders into the Blanco Bowling Club got a surprise when their break-in attempt caused an alarm to sound. ... [More Info](#)

TX: Central Texas Digest: Police say man hit, killed on Interstate 35; man charged ...

1.15.11 - Austin American-Statesman - Austin, TX - Officers responded to a burglar alarm at the store. about 5 am Dec. 29 and found that the front door glass had been shattered, ... [More Info](#)

TX: Edna officer's quick response led to arrest of rape suspect

1.12.11 - Victoria Advocate - Edna, TX - The officers responded to a medical alert alarm at Miracle Manor Apartments about 4 am. An elderly woman had activated the alarm from her apartment. ... [More Info](#)

TX: Help sought in identifying bank robbery suspect in Irving, elsewhere

1.10.11 - Fort Worth Star Telegram - Fort Worth, TX - The teller didn't hand over any money but activated an alarm, causing the suspect to flee, the release stated. Police were unable to locate the suspect, ... [More Info](#)

TX: T-Mobile store targeted in early-morning burglary, police say

1.13.11 - KENS 5 TV - San Antonio, TX - Although police arrived in two minutes after the alarm set off, the manager said the suspects left the scene before officers got there. ... [More Info](#)

VA: Convicted burglar charged again

1.10.11 - The Free Lance-Star - Fredericksburg, VA - City police spokeswoman Natatia Bledsoe said an officer responding to an alarm activation at 11:45 pm found a front window broken and a couple packs of ... [More Info](#)



WI: Oshkosh police arrest man fleeing from business with stolen money

1.13.11 - Oshkosh Northwestern - Oshkosh, WI - Officer Joe Nichols, a spokesman for the Oshkosh Police Department, said police received a call at 8:29 pm of an alarm at St. Vincent de Paul ... [More Info](#)

WI: Second Burglary Suspect Arrested

1.14.11 - WHBL - Sheboygan, WI - ... the bar was watching the burglary on surveillance video and grabbed and held him for police as he attempted the leave the bar after an alarm went off. ... [More Info](#)

Legislative Report

Full Text	Brief Description and Current Status	History
RIH05008 Text 	AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BURGLAR AND HOLD-UP ALARM BUSINESSES Status: 01/11/2011 : Introduced, referred to House Corporations. :: Email this bill	History
KSHB02009 Text 	Defining the crime of home improvement fraud and providing penalties.. Status: 13 Jan 2011 : Introduced :: Email this bill	History

State Trends**AR: Beebe to Legislature -- Act now to head off looming funding crises**

1.11.11 - Arkansas News Bureau - Having avoided cutting essential services despite a recession, Arkansas is in better shape fiscally than most other states, Gov. Mike Beebe said today, but he warned that a financial crisis lies ahead unless the state takes steps now to curb prison and Medicaid costs. [Read More](#)

AR: New party dynamic in Legislature could produce fireworks

1.10.11 - Arkansas News Bureau - The 88th General Assembly convenes Monday with lawmakers facing an old problem with a new twist - funding essential state services on a tight budget, only now with enough Republicans in the Legislature to force the issue on whatever matters they choose. [Read More](#)

AZ: Arizona Legislature opens with tribute after Tucson tragedy

1.11.11 - Arizona Republic (Phoenix) - Gov. Jan Brewer and state lawmakers paid tribute to U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords and the other victims of Saturday's shooting rampage during a somber and subdued opening to the 50th legislative session Monday. [Read More](#)

KS: Changes ahead- 2011 legislative session opens Monday

1.10.11 - Lawrence Journal-World - Kansas, get ready for some changes. A political upheaval and growing budget hole precede the 2011 legislative session that starts Monday. [Read More](#)

MD: Legislature back in session; issues and activists are waiting

.10 - Washington Post - Maryland lawmakers were greeted upon their return to Annapolis on Wednesday by environmentalists in blue T-shirts who want to spur development of offshore wind farms, state workers in green T-shirts who don't want their pensions cut and immigrant teenagers in black T-shirts who are pushing for a change in college tuition rates. [More Info](#)

MD: Maryland delegates gear up for session

1.11.11 - Greater Annapolis Patch - A week after Congressional lawmakers settled into their offices on Capitol Hill, state legislators are preparing to head to the State House in Annapolis on Jan. 12 for the start of the 2011 session of the Maryland General Assembly. [More Info](#)

MD: Old issues to dominate new General Assembly session

1.10.11 - The Capital (Annapolis) - With the state's budget still choking on the dust left from the demolition of the global economy, fiscal issues will be the dominant story line as the General Assembly is sworn in Wednesday. [Read More](#)

MD: State budget outlook: the worst isn't over

1.13.10 - Stateline - Last year, to the surprise of many people in Maryland, the state ended the fiscal year with a \$344 million surplus. State revenues, beaten down by the recession, had begun to increase again — and they've continued to rise ever since. After three revenue-draining years, it seems, the long-awaited economic recovery has begun. [More Info](#)

OR: Oregon Legislature organizes for a 2011 session that promises to be historic and rarely boring

1.10.11 - Oregonian (Portland) - The Oregon Legislature returns to the Capitol today to set the stage for a 2011 session that promises to be historic and rarely boring. [Read More](#)

TX: Austin 3rd best job market in U.S., Forbes says

1.7.11 - Biz Journals - On the eve of a Katie Couric interview on Austin's job market, the city was ranked as having the third best employment prospects in the U.S. Forbes.com released a report Thursday ranking Austin 3rd best job market in the U.S. The business publication cited the city's low unemployment, about 7.1 percent, and low job-seekers per opening ratio, about 2.39 to one. Forbes said Austin has many assets that ... [More Info](#)

TX: Perry - Texas budget cuts likely 'across the board'

1.11.11 - Dallas Morning News - Gov. Rick Perry dismissed the gloom-and-doom predictions of crippling budget cuts and said Monday that the state can survive its huge shortfall without new taxes. [Read More](#)

TX: Texas legislature convenes, facing hard choices

1.10.11 - Texas Tribune - The 82nd Texas Legislature convenes in Austin this week, and while it's not as much fun as the circus - usually - it's more important and does have its share of comedy and drama. [Read More](#)

WA: Wash. state Legislature opens 105-day session

1.11.11 - Associated Press, seattlepi.com - Washington state's Legislature convened a new session Monday, pausing to argue over campaign tactics before moving toward the serious work of correcting a multibillion-dollar budget deficit. [Read More](#)

VA: General Assembly - Legislators begin 46-day session

1.11.11 - Richmond Times-Dispatch - The Virginia General Assembly convened Wednesday for a 46-day session that promises pitched battles over budget priorities, transportation funding, redistricting and the governor's latest proposal to privatize the state's liquor monopoly. [Read More](#)

National News

States adjust to a more frugal Washington

1.11.11 - Stateline Staff Writer - Republicans and Democrats alike expect less money to flow from Washington to the states this year. The question is how much less - and whether austerity may come along with a more fundamental change in the state-federal relationship. [Read More](#)

Updates to the electrical code that will make your home safer

1.7.11 - Consumer Reports ... the 2011 National Electrical Code recently released by the National Fire Prevention Association mandates the use of tamper-resistant receptacles and arc-fault circuit interrupters, among other safety updates. [More](#)

Business Tips

- **New website offers employment law help**

1.7.11 - Biz Journals - The US Department of Labor has launched a new website 'elaws' that offers online advisers that help employees and employers understand their rights and responsibilities under numerous federal employment laws. The elaws advisers offer information on topics such as pay and overtime, workplace poster

requirements, health benefits, re-employment rights for uniformed service members, and federal contractor compliance. The ... [More Info](#)

Is your workplace a fun place?

1.12.11 - SmartBrief - Many workers today -- especially younger ones -- want to enjoy themselves at the office. Game tables, potluck meals and personalized work spaces all can help to create a culture that goes beyond the corporate, Mark Evans writes. "If work means seeing your friends, then it may start to feel less like work, and more like a community," Evans writes. ... [More Info](#)

- **Employee benefits "will help firms retain good workers"**
1-12-11 - You at Work - Pensions and other employee benefits may help with staff retention. ... [More Info](#)

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