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Dear :

The latest issue of In The Public Eye has arrived. If you have any questions about the articles in this issue or have any other insurance-related questions, please feel free to contact me.

PUBLIC ENTITY

★ FEATURED ARTICLE

Sonoma County Looking to Sue PG&E for Damages From Wildfire

Insurance Journal

A county in Northern California wine country is exploring plans to sue a utility over a massive wildfire last fall that combined with rolling power shutoffs caused losses of \$725 million.

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NEWS

U.S. Charges Four Chinese Military Hackers in Huge Equifax Data Breach in 2017

Insurance Journal

The United States has charged four Chinese military hackers in the 2017 breach of the Equifax credit reporting agency that affected nearly 150 million American citizens, Attorney General William Barr said on Monday.

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IN THE BROKER'S CORNER

Carleen Patterson Joins Alliant

Alliant

We are pleased to announce the recruitment of Carleen Patterson, one of the nation's foremost authorities on public entity risk management.

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COMMERCIAL PROPERTY & CASUALTY

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Everything You Need to Know About Biometric Data Collection

Risk & Insurance

Biometric data collection is on the rise. From something as simple as a thumbprint scan on a smartphone to a retinal scan to get into an office, biometrics are becoming commonplace across a number of industries and platforms.

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HPV Vaccination is Safe and Effective

CDC

Over 12 years of monitoring and research have shown that HPV vaccination is very safe. Each HPV vaccine—Gardasil® 9, Gardasil®, and Cervarix®—went through years of extensive safety testing before they were licensed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). FDA only licenses a vaccine if it is safe, effective, and the benefits outweigh the risks.

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FINANCIAL SECURITY

Avoid Divorce Money Regrets By Taking Control Now

Reuters

NEW YORK - Emotions — and expenses — often run high during a divorce, but people and their bank accounts can bounce back given enough time. A new study from Fidelity Investments, released Tuesday, shows that by five years after a divorce, most people feel recovered from the psychological and financial blows.

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ON A PERSONAL NOTE

Recreational Cannabis Impairs Driving Even When Driver Not High: Harvard Research

Insurance Journal

Recreational cannabis use affects driving ability even when drivers are not intoxicated by marijuana, according to a study from a Harvard Medical School hospital.

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Are You Using the New Form W-4?

Applies to: All Employers

Effective: January 1, 2020

The IRS issued a new [2020 Form W-4](#) with significant changes. While it uses the same underlying information as the old design, its goal was to replace complicated worksheets with more straightforward questions that make accurate withholding easier for employees. The following are key differences.

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