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[a little insurance humor]

Mall Santas put up with a lot, but this year, they are demanding protection: According to the *Sacramento Bee*, Santa is asking to be approved to receive the early H1N1 vaccine.

You really can't blame the Santas! Imagine facing down hundreds of sniffing, sneezing, hygiene-challenged kids, all of whom want to rub their germy selves on your fuzzy red suit—well, except for the ones who are terrified and crying, but that's a different Mall Santa story.

All you have to protect yourself is a bottle of hand sanitizer, and the hope that the really sick ones will stay home. That's not much in the face of swine flu.

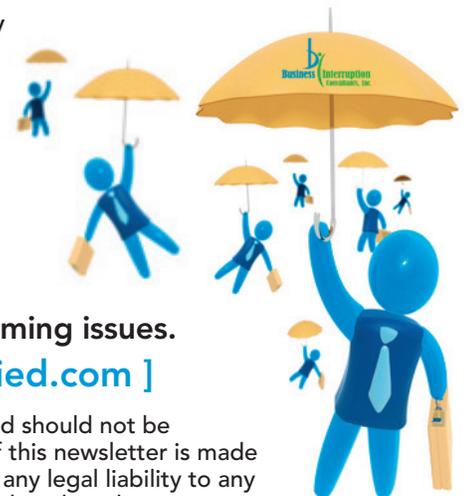
As Sacramento-based Santa, Daniel Gromer, told the *Sacramento Bee*, "Santa can't deliver toys if he's sick." We don't know if the CDC is listening, but having seen "The Year Without a Santa Claus" many times, we can say, "Amen to that!" ■

FC&S advertisement in the *National Underwriter*: Is that the jaws of a great white shark or just that loophole you missed last June? ■

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Get the Facts!

- "Since 1976, the EPA has issued regulations to control only five existing chemicals determined to present an unreasonable risk; five from a total universe of almost 80,000 existing chemicals," according to Lisa Jackson, administrator of the EPA, on the need for updated chemical regulation.
- 1.2% American males age 50 and over diagnosed with memory-related diseases.
6.1% former NFL players over age 50 diagnosed with memory-related diseases.
0.1% of American males age 30 – 49 diagnosed with memory-related diseases.
1.9% of NFL players age 30-49 diagnosed with memory-related diseases.
- H1N1 deaths from March to August: 1,154
MRSA, an antibiotic-resistant bacteria, deaths: 18,000
Amount of congressional funding to fight H1N1: \$1.5 billion
Amount of congressional funding to fight MRSA: \$16.9 million
- "There are risks and costs to a program of action, but they are far less than the risks and costs of comfortable inaction."
John F. Kennedy



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