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From Rob's Roost

by: Rob Dumont,
President and CEO



Progress & Change

The Ryan Hunter Bill, H.R. 782 is alive and off to a great start in the 110th Congress with 52 co-sponsors. The Senate version was released on March 7th and is co-sponsored by Senators Levin and Stabenow of Michigan as well as Senator Bunning of Kentucky, Senators Snowe of Maine and Bayh of Indiana.

I recently met with each of Senators Levin and Stabenow as well as Congressman Sander Levin. All expressed substantial concern about the state of manufacturing and have established communications with our office on an ongoing basis. Without going into great detail I have had two very successful trips to Washington in terms of meeting individual members of both the House and the Senate. Many of the freshman members of the House have taken a very firm position with their colleagues that they were elected to address manufacturing and trade issues and not simply to monitor the status quo. I am very heartened by the fact that they are seeking input from TMTA as opposed to TMTA attempting to get their ear.

I have had several meetings and phone conversations with Congressman Duncan Hunter of California a candidate for the Republican nomination for President. He is keenly aware of the crisis in manufacturing and concerned with helping. Certainly if he is nominated manufacturing will be a key issue in the next Presidential election.

Together with our Lansing legislative assistant Judy Augenstein I continue to work on State level initiatives among them

the possible improvements in the Renaissance Zone legislation.

A significant reorganization of the TMTA Insurance Agency is underway necessitated by the decision of Mark Tyler to "move down the street" and open a competing agency. Our Agency clients have been virtually inundated with e-mails and faxes relative to the matter and I do not intend to enumerate the issues here. Suffice it to say for the time being that we are in the throes of developing a much improved Agency with expanded options and insurance products. Stay tuned!

Efforts continue to improve our website by adding informative materials. If there is something you would like to see included, let us know and we will address the suggestion.

The Association's Annual Meeting will be held here at the TMTA building at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday April 18th next. At that meeting those members in attendance will have the opportunity to meet and speak with the Board of Directors as well as me. You are encouraged to attend!



TMTA 72nd Annual Golf Outing Early-Bird Notice

Clear your calendar and clean-up your clubs because the **TMTA 72nd Annual Golf Outing** is scheduled for Thursday, June 21, 2007 at the Fox Hills Golf Club in Plymouth, Michigan. Watch your mail and the TMTA website for upcoming details and reservation forms.

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TMTA Calendar of Events—March 2007

Remember, visit the TMTA website Calendar at www.thetmta.com for detailed, up-to-date information on all events.

- 15 MTMIC Board of Directors meet
- 19 Rep. Sander Levin Meeting at TMTA offices
- 21 TMTA Board of Directors meet
- 30 TMTA MSD Data Sheets due



Weigh to Go™ Expands

Blue Care Network (BCN) partners with the Michigan Institute for Health Enhancement (MIHE) to offer Weigh to Go, a program designed to help adult members overcome the challenges of maintaining a healthy weight and physical activity level. Weigh to Go is available in Lansing, Rochester, Roseville and Trenton. It can help individuals reduce the risk of developing weight-related illnesses and chronic conditions.

Since 2004, more than 1,000 BCN members have enrolled in this one-year program. On average, members have lost 19 pounds after one year, increased their physical activity levels, improved their blood pressure and reduced their number of doctor and hospital visits.

To participate, members must commit to a 12-month program that includes nutrition, exercise and counseling. Participants must be 18 or older and have a body mass index equal to or greater than 30 (27 if other health conditions are present). For BCN members who do not qualify for the MIHE program, BCN offers a separate program through its health education department.

Comments from members in the program have been very favorable. One member says “I was overweight and very unhappy with myself. The MIHE staff was great and very knowledgeable. The hard work has paid off! I think BCN is very smart for doing this program. I love MIHE, and it’s saving my life”.

To enroll, members can call the MIHE at 866-648-3265 or go online to www.miteam.org.

Good Oral Hygiene Can Impact Overall Health

Did you know that poor dental hygiene can increase the severity of heart disease? “Some of the same bacteria in the periodontal pocket create an inflammation that causes plaque buildup in the small arteries of the heart, restricting blood flow to the heart muscle, which can lead to a heart attack,” says Dr. Glenn Melenyk, dental consultant to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. “The bacteria grow and get into the bloodstream. Bacteria get into the heart muscle and cause that inflammation in the heart.”

A cavity here or there is not going to cause such problems,

but when ignored for a long period of time, poor oral hygiene can play a significant role in other health problems. Oral health and overall health go hand-in-hand. The extent might come as a shocker. More than 90% of all systemic diseases produce oral signs and symptoms. Conversely, health issues that begin in the mouth can quickly lead to problems in other parts of the body.

Significant health problems stemming from poor oral hygiene and tooth decay can become very costly to employers and members. To that end, routine trips to the dentist are as necessary as annual checkups with a primary care physician.

For information on adding an affordable dental program to your employee benefit package, contact the TMTA Insurance Agency at 248-489-8505.

March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

Colorectal cancer is the second leading cancer killer in the U.S., but it doesn’t have to be. The central message this month is that colorectal cancer can be prevented. Regular screening tests can find precancerous polyps so they can be removed *before* they turn into cancer thus preventing the disease.

Polyps and colorectal cancer sometimes don’t have symptoms, especially early on. This means someone could have cancer without knowing it and this is why screening is so important. Screening saves lives. If everybody age 50 or older had regular screening tests, at least one-third of deaths from this cancer could be avoided. Most insurance companies will cover all or part of the screening tests.

People at high risk for colorectal cancer may need earlier or more frequent tests than other people. Higher risk factors include:

- inflammatory bowel disease - especially ulcerative colitis or Crohn’s disease (irritable bowel disease (IBS) is not associated with increased risk); or

- a personal/family history of colorectal cancer or polyps - colorectal cancer can occur without polyps, but it is uncommon.

Lifestyle factors that may contribute include: lack of regular exercise; low fruit and vegetable intake; a low-fiber, high-fat diet; being overweight; alcohol consumption and tobacco use.

Symptoms of colorectal cancer are usually few, but may include any of the following:

- Blood in or on the stool;
- A change in bowel habits (diarrhea or constipation);

Stools that are narrower than usual;
A feeling that the bowel does not empty completely;
General, unexplained stomach discomfort (pain, aches, or cramps);
Frequent gas, pains or indigestion;
Vomiting;
Unexplained weight loss; or
Chronic fatigue.

Screening tests that can be used alone or in combination with each other are:

Fecal Occult Blood Test –

Test for hidden blood in stool samples. This test should be done every year.

Flexible Sigmoidoscopy –

Test that checks the rectum and lower third of the colon. This test should be done every 5 years.

Double Contrast Barium Enema –

Test that checks for abnormalities by x-ray. This test should be done every 5 years.

Colonoscopy –

Test that checks the inside of the rectum and entire colon. The doctor can find and remove most polyps and some cancers during the test. This test should be done every 10 years.

If you are a man or woman and are age 50 or older, have any of the symptoms listed above, or feel you may be at higher than average risk for colorectal cancer, talk to your doctor about getting screened. It may save your life.

Become a TMTA Website Sponsor

Looking for a way to promote your company and direct traffic to your website? TMTA website sponsorships put your company in the spotlight!

For a 3, 6 or 12 month sponsorship, you can have your company's logo with a link to your own website prominently displayed on the TMTA website home page. Also, the TMTA special web sponsors page will detail what your company has to offer.

For as little as 82 cents a day (somewhat less than the cost of a new VS100-50 Fanuc CNC Vertical Milling Machining Center!), you can promote your company and its website while showing your support for the TMTA by becoming a website sponsor. Don't wait, do it today!

Legislative Update

by: *Judy Augenstein,*
Legislative Consultant, Lansing



Governor Jennifer Granholm delivered her State of the State address on February 6. In her fifth address she made it clear that tax hikes are part of her budget proposal. That the state is broke and cutting more services and cutting more business taxes is not going to get Michigan out of the mess. She proposed 14 specific legislative directives or new programs. The heavy cloud of the \$800 million budget hole in the Fiscal Year 2007 hung over the entire speech. During the last few minutes of the speech, the Legislature sat in silence as the Governor drove home the point that Michigan's poor economy is eating away the state budget and the 93 tax cuts she claims she signed into law have not turned things around.

She promised to make investments in education, health care and the infrastructure. She went as far as to say that she will not "slash school funding in the middle of the year." The Governor urged the Legislature to make kindergarten mandatory, to raise the school dropout age to 18 and to require full preschool funding for 26,000 4 year olds. She called for more tourism and business marketing, a \$100 million private-public venture to recruit alternative energy companies, a "Michigan Nursing Corps" to train 500 nursing educators and "revolutionary new high schools" in which high school and community college would be blended into five years of schools for those looking to go into the health care industry. She called for an increase in money to hire more cops and firefighters and more state child protective service workers to make sure children are "placed in safe, permanent homes" and to aggressively monitor foster homes. She called for a new plan to require cuts in revenue sharing payments to cities and townships that do not consolidate or share services. She threatened to make cuts to schools that do not "embrace a more common sense way to put more dollars in the classroom," such as pooling software contracts with neighboring districts. She pledged to find lower cost ways to deal with nonviolent offenders and pledged to release inmates that are old, sick and non-threatening to the general population.

No tool and die related legislation has been introduced as of this writing. At the request of TMTA, Speaker Andy Dillon, D-Redford Township, has requested legislation to amend the Renaissance Recovery Zone Act. Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop has agreed to craft a "tool and die" legislative fix on the Senate side. Legislative leaders and Governor Granholm continue to struggle with finding a middle ground to replace the SBT which is scheduled to expire at the end of the year along with efforts to address the ongoing state budget crisis.

From the Desk of Gary Wood

MTMIC, Chief Operating Officer

St Patrick's Day:

I love this joke. This is the only joke I can remember more than ten minutes and it is generally inoffensive, so every year I include it at the end of my March column. Recently I decided that a lot of people don't ever read to the end of the column so I decided to put it at the beginning so those of you with better thing to do can get a small laugh before you move on.

Officer O'Shaughnessy stopped a weaving vehicle on a side street in Dublin. The driver, Sean O'Malley, seemed shocked and relieved when the Officer told him Mrs. O'Malley had fallen out the passenger's door when he made a turn two kilometers back.

"Thank God" said Sean, "I thought I'd gone deaf in my left ear."

If you don't think that joke is funny, I am sorry, it just seems so like the world we currently live in. We keep driving down the road as if nothing happened and we don't even realize that we lost Mrs. O'Malley.

The Manufacturing Technology Mutual Insurance Company (MTMIC):

Here's a bit of news under the "Did You Know?" column. It became very clear to me the other day that some of the policyholders of the MTMIC do not recognize the difference between this entity and the TMTA.

There is a difference: The MTMIC is a mutual insurance company licensed to do business in Michigan and operating under an independent nine person Board of Directors. This entity is not a subsidiary of the TMTA but is very closely affiliated with the TMTA by location, membership and support.

Why do I make a point of this? Daily we hear from policyholders that do not understand the nuance; they still send faxes and mail to the TMTA which delays the business of handling the claims of their employees.

Gary Wood is the Secretary and Chief Operating Office of the MTMIC and is responsible for the daily operation of that organization. So, please feel to contact him if you have any questions about the operation of the MTMIC; I am sure Rob Dumont will be equally responsive to your calls about the TMTA.

MTMIC:

Has it ever occurred to you that there is more to insurance than the cheapest premium?

The MTMIC has been developing a thought process of how to tell the story of why the MTMIC is different from any other insurance company. Certainly you would all agree that the predecessor company, the MTA Workers' Compensation Fund, was different and offered opportunity to members that had unfulfilling experiences with their prior workers' compensation insurers.

We believe that difference exists even more today as cost cutting in the business world has clearly diluted the value of the loss control and claims management process. In a lot of cases you are looking at insurance products that have no "value added"; you are just getting a document that says you comply with the law and if you need any service or help with an issue, that need is not a priority.

There is a lot to be said for having coverage with a company that stands behind you.

We are putting together new policyholder marketing materials and one of thing that always catch my eye in advertisements is personal notes from policyholders that have had a favorable experience. If any of you have a specific scenario where you were provided service from us that goes above and beyond what you have grown to expect, drop a note to me and let me know how you have received positive impact in your business from dealing with the MTMIC (or MTA WCF). We cannot guarantee you will see your name in lights, but we welcome the opportunity to share your positive experiences with others.

Operations:

The results for 2006 are not complete yet but the draft actuarial report indicates we had a very good claims year. The 2006 year assets and liabilities were assumed by the MTMIC at the initial start up date of January 1, 2007. All claims that fall within the Fund's retention level are being paid from the assets of the MTMIC.

January 2007 has also shaped up quite well; we have added several new members since the beginning of the year and we have not yet rolled out a marketing plan to assist with the growth. Recent competitive pricing I have done indicates there may be significant premium volume in the form of new participants to be added in spite of the economy.

Every year we seem to need to collect more information to keep everybody in a regulatory suit happy. Please return your employee count supplemental application if you have not already done so.

Thanks for your time and be safe in the workplace and everywhere you go.



Ergonomics = Economics

Importance of Root Cause Analysis

by: Ruth Kiefer

Loss Control Consultant, MTMIC

Do you have a history of sprains and strains? Has your loss control specialist suggested conducting root cause analysis? Do you want to reduce your losses and prevent worker injuries? If the answer is yes to any of these questions, then read on and understand the benefits of root cause analysis when dealing with ergonomic issues.

The gist of ergonomics is to find simple ways of reducing worker overloads through provisional aids. This may be accomplished by understanding the root causes of accidents, such as sprains and strains. Our downfall, when investigating these incidents, is not finding the root cause of the accident, because once we assign blame, the investigation ends. In order to illustrate the importance of root cause analysis for ergonomic issues, two examples are given below; one with original or typical analysis conducted and the other with using an ergonomic root cause analysis.

Typical Analysis Conducted:

Back Strain From Lifting: Machine operator tried to pick up a fixture from a floor pallet at the shipping dock and strained his back.

Injury Type:	Sprain/strain
Body Part:	Low Back
Action:	Lift, Push/pull
Unsafe Act:	Didn't lift properly

Recommendation: Use crane or get help

Typically this would end the investigation, because blame was assigned to the operator who didn't lift properly.

Ergonomic Root Cause Analysis:

- A 55-year old man, with previous back problems, lifted a 120-pound metal ring from a floor pallet located on the shipping dock. The injured man did not know how heavy the metal ring was at the time of lifting it.
- This man was also rushing because the metal ring was tagged for salvage and was about to be picked up from a loading dock. The man found an alternate use for the ring and was trying to get it off the dock before the salvage truck came. It was just before lunch time and there was no forklift, cart or anyone else nearby to help him move it.
- The nearest crane would not reach the loading dock where the part was located.

- The shipping dock was also very congested, so the pallet could not be slid out of the way without moving several other heavy pallets first.
- There was no process to inform other departments or production teams of the availability of other fixtures or stock that was to be disposed of.

Outcome of the root cause analysis:

- A computer file was established to identify "remaindered" equipment, fixtures, and/or stock. This would help alleviate the need to rush to remove re-purposed equipment before salvaging.
- The shipping dock was cleaned up and re-organized so that it was not longer difficult to get to pallets.
- Stock or items that weighed greater than 50 pounds were stamped or spray-painted to indicate that they weighed over 50 pounds.
- A policy was implemented that heavy stock or items would be moved from the shipping dock to a crane staging location or would be taken directly to designated areas by forklift. Heavy items were not to be handled manually.

Due to more detail with the root cause analysis, this approach led to small changes that could be implemented to reduce future worker injuries. It removed the "blame" and focuses on understanding how the workplace environment, management policies, individual capabilities, and job demands impact worker safety.

For more information on conducting root cause analysis or general assistance with ergonomic studies, please contact your assigned Loss Control Specialist through the MTMIC at 248-488-1172.



How did it get so late so soon?
It's night before it's afternoon.
December is here before it's June.
My goodness how the time has flown.
How did it get so late so soon?

by: Theodor Geisel (Dr. Seuss)



The **2007 Member Services Directory** (MSD) data sheets were sent to all member companies last month. Your company's information must be returned to the TMTA no later than Friday, March 30, 2007 to be included in this year's directory.

The MSD is an invaluable way to publicize the services, processes and capabilities of your company to others. Don't miss out on this great opportunity; return your data sheet to TMTA today!

If you have any questions or did not receive your forms, contact Ron at 248-488-0300 ext. 1306 or e-mail to ron@thetmta.com.

The **TMTA 2007 Annual Hourly Wage Survey** and the **TMTA 2007 Annual Salary Wage Survey** were mailed out to all member companies on March 15, 2007. Your company's data must be returned to TMTA no later than Monday, April 16, 2007.

Remember, as always, only those member companies who participate in the surveys will be entitled to receive the respective survey results.

Please take the time to fill out these important surveys. TMTA has sought to maintain records on wages information since its beginning in 1933. The information we maintain is only as useful as the data we receive from you.

If you have any questions about either of the surveys or did not receive yours, contact Ron at 248-488-0300 ext. 1306 or e-mail to ron@thetmta.com.

OSHA has released its new **"It's The Law"** poster. This poster, also known as the OSHA notice of employee rights, is required to be displayed in every workplace in America. Employers are not required to replace their existing posters at this time. To order this new poster and many other available posters for FREE, go to the OSHA website at www.osha.gov/pls/publications/pubindex.list or any OSHA regional or area office.

OOPS! Correction: In last months TMTA Talk article entitled: "OSHA Cold Stress Card Tips", we listed the medical treatment for "**Hyp**erthermia" when it should have read "**Hypo**thermia" as the article was referring to a condition of lowered body temperature. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

Welcome New Members!

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome the following new members to the Tooling, Manufacturing & Technologies Association:



- ❖ **AE Group LLC (dba Aerostar Manufacturing)** of Romulus, MI, specializing in production machining and assembly and low volume prototype machining;
- ❖ **Atlantic Tool, Inc.** of Clinton Twp., MI, specializing in stamping dies;
- ❖ **Dan Scientific LLC** of Newport, MI, specializing in design engineering and manufacturing;
- ❖ **Genesis Detroit Operations, LLC** of Sterling Hts., MI, specializing in robotic arc welding workcell manufacturing, welding systems integration, and tooling design and build; and
- ❖ **International Mold Steel** of Florence, KY, specializing in steel distribution and saw cutting and grinding.

*The Staff at
TMTA and MTMIC
wish you
and your family
a joyous and
Happy Easter!*



Remember to visit the TMTA website at www.thetmta.com for all the up-to-date news and information you need to stay competitive in the industry!



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Workplace Eye Health Month

Prevent Blindness America has designated March as Workplace Eye Health and Safety month. According to a study by the U.S. Department of Labor, close to 35,000 Americans required time off from work due to eye injuries in 2005. More than \$300 million was lost in production time, medical expenses and workers compensation.

Luckily, 90% of all work related eye injuries can be prevented with the use of proper safety eye wear. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that nearly 3 out of every 5 workers injured were not wearing eye protection at the time of the accident; and approximately 40% of injured workers were wearing eye protection, but it was the wrong kind for the job being done.

Almost 70% of eye accidents resulted from flying particles, most smaller than a pin head and traveling faster than a hand-thrown object. The number one contributing factor in eye injuries is welding with more than 15,000 injuries per year. Non-specified tools come in second followed by adhesives, power tools, and bleaches. Most eye injuries occur in the manufacturing, production and construction industries. While most computer operators may notice changes in their vision and feel their eyes are sore, irritated or fatigued, there is no clinical evidence that video display terminals can actually damage your eyes.

To prevent eye injuries, use the following tips:

- Always wear effective, suitable eye protection. Safety eye wear must have "ANSI Z87" clearly marked it and be fitted properly for comfortable wear.
- Train and educate workers as to when eye protection is necessary and what type should be used (i.e.: glasses, glasses with side protection, goggles, face shields or helmets).
- Plan for an emergency by making sure eye wash stations are readily accessible and train workers to know first aid procedures.
- Make sure employees have regular eye exams so they have adequate vision to do their jobs safely. Uncorrected vision problems can cause accidents.
- Encourage employees to notify supervisors immediately if a safety hazard is discovered.
- Display a copy of your safety policy in areas where workers can view it.

Founded in 1908, Prevent Blindness America is the nation's leading volunteer eye health safety organization dedicated to fighting blindness and saving sight. For more information on their Wise Owl eye safety program or free fact sheets, call 1-800-331-2020 or visit www.preventblindness.org.



E-Mail Can Be Binding Contract

by: Kathryn L. Ossian
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E-mail has become a preferred means of engaging in business communications.

The convenient and instantaneous nature of e-mail messages increases the productivity and efficiency of business operations. It may also increase the risk that an informal message, perhaps written without the effort associated with a more formal type of correspondence, becomes an element of a binding contract.

The Michigan Court of Appeals, in the case of *Kloian v. Domino's Pizza LLC*, recently held that the exchange of e-mail messages between attorneys for the respective parties to a lawsuit constituted a valid and enforceable settlement agreement.

Traditionally, a settlement agreement is a written document signed by the parties or their authorized representatives. In the *Kloian* case, days before the scheduled trial, the parties' attorneys exchanged e-mail messages agreeing that the defendant would pay the plaintiff \$48,000 in exchange for a release from any further claims. The parties never signed a formal settlement agreement, apparently because the plaintiff had second thoughts.

Two months after the e-mail exchange, defendant filed a motion with the trial court to enforce the terms of the settlement agreement based on the e-mail exchange. The trial court agreed that all of the necessary elements of a contract had been satisfied through the e-mail exchange.

Plaintiff appealed, and on Dec. 28, 2006, the Michigan Court of Appeals affirmed the lower court's ruling. Courts are likely to follow the reasoning of this decision by construing e-mail on the same level with more formal or traditional means of correspondence.

E-mail messaging should be approached with the potential that what is said can be used against the author.

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CPIs Change to 3-Digits

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is publishing all of its Consumer Price Index (CPI) figures rounded to three decimal places effective with the release of the January 2007 figures. Percent changes will continue to be published to one decimal place.

This change will not reduce the sampling error in the CPI. What it will do is make the published percent changes more precise by better reflecting the underlying data.

Historically, the CPI published index values rounded to one decimal place. The published percent changes were derived from those published index values, so that users could replicate the calculations. Because both the numerator and denominator index values were rounded to one decimal place, there was a significant probability of obtaining a different percent change using the published one-place values than with indexes with more precision.

The data underlying the CPI are still subject to the same degree of sampling error since the index is based upon a sample of prices, not the complete universe of retail prices. BLS calculates and publishes estimates of variance and their associated standard error annually.

For more information, browse the BLS website at www.bls.gov/cpi.



List of Endorsed Service Providers

- ❖ **Reliance Standard/Ameritas** (life/dental insurance)
TMTA contacts: Jim DiPaola 248-489-8505
Stella Krupansky 248-488-0300 ext. 1310
- ❖ **Blue Cross Blue Shield/BCN** (health insurance)
TMTA contacts: Jim DiPaola 248-489-8505
Elaine Burger-Laskosky 248-488-0300 ext. 1309
- ❖ **Federated Ins.** (property & casualty insurance)
Provider contact: Joseph Busby 800-428-4143
- ❖ **Freedom One Financial Group** (401(k) programs)
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- ❖ **John M. Packer & Associates** (unemployment)
Provider contact: Nathan Wiest 800-482-2971
- ❖ **Custom Telecom** (phone/communications)
Provider contact: Kathy Schaumburger 866-332-1200

TMTA receives a benefit from its Endorsed Providers when you, as a member, patronize them. This is one way we are able to maintain the level of dues.

Inflation Talk

CPI-W Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

Month	82-84	1967	57-59
Jan 2007	197.559	588.467	684.38*
Dec 2006	197.2	587.3	683.1*
Nov	196.8	586.1	681.8*
Oct	197.0	586.7	682.5*
Sept	198.4	591.0	687.3*
August	199.6	594.6	691.5*
July	199.2	593.2	690.1*
June	198.6	591.7	688.0*

CPI-U All Urban Consumers

Month	82-84	1967	57-59
Jan 2007	202.416	606.348	705.17*
Dec 2006	201.8	604.5	703.0*
Nov	201.5	603.6	702.0*
Oct	201.8	604.6	703.0*
Sept	202.9	607.9	706.9*
August	203.9	610.9	710.3*
July	203.5	609.6	709.0*
June	202.9	607.8	706.9*

Note: January 2007 CPI-W represents a 1.8% increase from one year ago; CPI-U a 2.1% increase.

* Base Year 1957-59 is no longer released. BLS has issued the following conversion factors from the 82-84 year:

CPI-W — .2886674 CPI-U — .2870447

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