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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

Quarterly Report under Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2007 or

Transition report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Commission File No. 0-3978

UNICO AMERICAN CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

95-2583928  
(I.R.S. Employee  
Identification No.)

23251 Mulholland Drive, Woodland Hills, California  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

91364  
(Zip Code)

(818) 591-9800  
(Registrant's telephone number, Including Area Code)

No Change  
(Former Name, Former Address and Former Fiscal Year,  
if Changed Since Last Report)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes  No  
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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerator filer and large accelerator in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large Accelerated Filer  Accelerated Filer  Non-Accelerated Filer   
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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes  No   
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5,602,510  
Number of shares of common stock outstanding as of May 11, 2007

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PART 1 - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1 - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

UNICO AMERICAN CORPORATION  
AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
(UNAUDITED)

	March 2007
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ASSETS	
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Investments	
Available for sale:	
Fixed maturities, at market value (amortized cost: March 31, 2007 \$137,713,132; December 31, 2006 \$140,492,328)	\$137,69
Short-term investments, at cost	9,21
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Total Investments	146,91
Cash	10
Accrued investment income	1,78
Premiums and notes receivable, net	5,34
Reinsurance recoverable:	
Paid losses and loss adjustment expenses	1,17
Unpaid losses and loss adjustment expenses	23,20
Deferred policy acquisition costs	6,25
Property and equipment (net of accumulated depreciation)	71
Deferred income taxes	1,40
Other assets	75
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Total Assets	\$187,65
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LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	
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LIABILITIES	
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Unpaid losses and loss adjustment expenses	\$92,85
Unearned premiums	23,99
Advance premium and premium deposits	2,30
Income taxes payable	82
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	4,85
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Total Liabilities	\$124,83
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STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	
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Common stock, no par - authorized 10,000,000 shares; issued and outstanding shares 5,597,119 at March 31, 2007, and 5,592,119 at December 31, 2006	\$3,28

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Accumulated other comprehensive (loss)	(1
Retained earnings	59,53
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Total Stockholders' Equity	\$62,81
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Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$187,65
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See notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.

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UNICO AMERICAN CORPORATION  
AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS  
(UNAUDITED)

	Three Months Ended March 31	
	2007	2006
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REVENUES		
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Insurance Company Revenues		
Premium earned	\$12,740,333	\$14,844,899
Premium ceded	3,031,135	3,630,589
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Net premium earned	9,709,198	11,214,310
Net investment income	1,622,290	1,333,663
Other income	9,641	27,531
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Total Insurance Company Revenues	11,341,129	12,575,504
Other Revenues from Insurance Operations		
Gross commissions and fees	1,315,000	1,299,706
Investment income	38,025	21,253
Finance charges and fees earned	148,540	173,012
Other income	3,281	4,200
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Total Revenues	12,845,975	14,073,675
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EXPENSES		
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Losses and loss adjustment expenses	5,933,970	6,518,454
Policy acquisition costs	1,995,580	2,450,848
Salaries and employee benefits	1,421,507	1,284,891
Commissions to agents/brokers	204,305	157,693
Other operating expenses	765,252	747,646
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Total Expenses	10,320,614	11,159,532
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Income Before Taxes	2,525,361	2,914,143
Income Tax Provision	836,773	1,026,593
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Net Income	\$1,688,588	\$1,887,550
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PER SHARE DATA

Basic Shares Outstanding	5,595,526	5,505,663
Basic Earnings Per Share	\$0.30	\$0.34
Diluted Shares Outstanding	5,679,250	5,625,523
Diluted Earnings Per Share	\$0.30	\$0.34

See notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.

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UNICO AMERICAN CORPORATION  
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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
(UNAUDITED)

	Three Months Ended March 31	
	2007	2006
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Net Income	\$1,688,588	\$1,887,550
Other changes in comprehensive income, net of tax:		
Unrealized gains (losses) on securities classified as available-for-sale arising during the period	205,067	(238,702)
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Comprehensive Income	\$1,893,655	\$1,648,848
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
(UNAUDITED)

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	Three Months Ended March 31 -----	
	2007 ----	
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Net Income	\$1,688,588	\$1
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash from operations		
Depreciation	58,208	
Bond amortization, net	(24,685)	
Changes in assets and liabilities		
Premium, notes and investment income receivable	473,642	
Reinsurance recoverable	(584,232)	
Deferred policy acquisitions costs	174,544	
Other assets	(10,392)	
Reserve for unpaid losses and loss adjustment expenses	(743,559)	
Unearned premium reserve	(2,439,701)	(2
Funds held as security and advanced premiums	506,510	
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	1,361,998	
Income taxes current/deferred	(813,226)	
Net Cash Provided (Used) from Operations	(352,305)	3
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Investing Activities		
Purchase of fixed maturity investments	(3,196,120)	(20
Proceeds from maturity of fixed maturity investments	6,000,000	18
Net (increase) in short-term investments	(2,398,286)	
Additions to property and equipment	(29,855)	
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities	375,739	(3
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Financing Activities		
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	46,250	
Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities	46,250	
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Net increase in cash	69,684	
Cash at beginning of period	34,535	
Cash at End of Period	\$104,219	
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Supplemental Cash Flow Information Cash paid during the period for:		
Interest	-	
Income taxes	\$1,650,000	

See notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.

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## UNICO AMERICAN CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

### NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS MARCH 31, 2007

#### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### Nature of Business

Unico American Corporation is an insurance holding company that underwrites property and casualty insurance through its insurance company subsidiary; provides property, casualty, health and life insurance through its agency subsidiaries; and through its other subsidiaries provides insurance premium financing and membership association services. Unico American Corporation is referred to herein as the "Company" or "Unico" and such references include both the corporation and its subsidiaries, all of which are wholly owned, unless otherwise indicated. Unico was incorporated under the laws of Nevada in 1969.

##### Principles of Consolidation

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Unico American Corporation and its subsidiaries. All significant inter-company accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

##### Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) for interim financial information and the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by GAAP for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Operating results for the three months ended March 31, 2007, are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2007. Quarterly financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and related notes in the Company's 2006 Annual Report on Form 10-K as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

##### Use of Estimates in the Preparation of the Financial Statements

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires the Company to make estimates and assumptions that affect its reported amounts of assets and liabilities and its disclosure of any contingent assets and liabilities at the date of its financial statements, as well as its reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ materially from those estimates.

##### Reclassifications

Certain reclassifications have been made to prior year balances to conform to the current year presentation.

#### NOTE 2 - Stock-Based Compensation

Effective January 1, 2006, the Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (revised 2004), "Share-Based Payment" (SFAS No. 123R), using the modified prospective transition method. Under this transition method,

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share-based compensation expense for 2006 includes compensation expense for all share-based compensation awards granted prior to, but not yet vested as of January 1, 2006, based on the grant-date fair value estimated in accordance with the original provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation." Share-based compensation expense for all share-based payment awards granted or modified on or after January 1, 2006, is based on the grant-date fair value estimated in accordance with the provisions of SFAS No. 123R.

There were no options granted during the three months ended March 31, 2007 and 2006; and there were no unvested options as of January 1, 2006, on adoption of SFAS 123R. As a result, there is no share-based compensation expenses recorded for the three months ended March 31, 2007 and 2006.

### NOTE 3 - REPURCHASE OF COMMON STOCK - EFFECT ON STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

The Company has previously announced that its Board of Directors had authorized the repurchase in the open market from time to time of up to an aggregate of 945,000 shares of the common stock of the Company. During the three months ended March 31, 2007, the Company did not repurchase any shares of the Company's common stock. As of March 31, 2007, the Company had purchased and retired under the Board of Directors' authorization an aggregate of 868,958 shares of its common stock at a cost of \$5,517,465.

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#### NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS MARCH 31, 2007

### NOTE 4 - EARNINGS PER SHARE

The following table represents the reconciliation of the numerators and denominators of the Company's basic earnings per share and diluted earnings per share computations reported on the Consolidated Statements of Operations for the three months ended March 31, 2007 and 2006:

	Three Months Ended March 31	
	2007	2006
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<b>Basic Earnings Per Share</b>		
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Net income numerator	\$1,688,588	\$1,887,550
	=====	=====
Weighted average shares outstanding denominator	5,595,526	5,505,663
	=====	=====
Basic Earnings Per Share	\$0.30	\$0.34
 <b>Diluted Earnings Per Share</b>		
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Net income numerator	\$1,688,588	\$1,887,550
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Weighted average shares outstanding	5,595,526	5,505,663
Effect of diluted securities	83,724	119,860
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Diluted shares outstanding denominator	5,679,250	5,625,523
	=====	=====
Diluted Earnings Per Share	\$0.30	\$0.34

### NOTE 5 - RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

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In June 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109, "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes" (FIN 48). This interpretation clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in an enterprise's financial statements in accordance with FASB Statement No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes." FIN 48 prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. This interpretation also provides guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure, and transition. This interpretation became effective January 1, 2007. The Company's adoption of FIN 48 did not have an effect on its results of operations or financial position.

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, "Fair Value Measures" (SFAS 157). SFAS 157 provides guidance for using fair value to measure assets and liabilities and applies whenever other standards require (or permit) assets or liabilities to be measured at fair value but does not expand the use of fair value in any new circumstances. SFAS 157 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007, and interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company is currently reviewing the provisions of SFAS 157 to determine the impact on our financial statements.

In October 2005, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) issued Statement of Position 05-1, "Accounting by Insurance Enterprises for Deferred Acquisition Costs in Connection with Modifications or Exchanges of Insurance Contracts" (SOP 05-1). SOP 05-1 provides accounting guidance for deferred policy acquisition costs associated with internal replacements of insurance and investment contracts other than those already described in SFAS No. 97, "Accounting and Reporting by Insurance Enterprises for Certain Long-Duration Contracts and for Realized Gains and Losses from the Sale of Investments." SOP 05-1 defines an internal replacement as a modification in product benefits, features, rights, or coverages that occurs by the exchange of a contract for a new contract, or by amendment, endorsement or rider to a contract, or by the election of a feature or coverage within a contract. The provisions of SOP 05-1 became effective for internal replacements occurring in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006. The Company's adoption of SOP 05-1 did not have an effect on its results of operations or financial position.

In February 2007, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 159, "The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities--Including an Amendment of FASB Statement No. 115" ("SFAS No. 159"). SFAS No. 159 permits an entity to measure certain financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value.



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The main objective of SFAS No. 159 is to improve financial reporting by allowing entities to mitigate volatility in reported earnings caused by the measurement of related assets and liabilities using different attributes, without having to apply complex hedge accounting provisions. Entities that elect the fair value option will report unrealized gains and losses in earnings at each subsequent reporting date. SFAS No. 159 establishes presentation and disclosure requirements to help financial statement users understand the effect of the entity's election on its earnings, but does not eliminate disclosure requirements of other accounting standards. SFAS No. 159 is expected to expand the use of fair value measurement, which is consistent with the FASB's long-term measurement objectives for accounting for financial instruments. SFAS No. 159 is effective as of the beginning of the first fiscal year that begins after November 15, 2007. The Company is currently assessing the impact of adopting SFAS No. 159 on its consolidated financial statements.

### NOTE 6 - ACCOUNTING FOR UNCERTAINTY IN INCOME TAXES

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The Company and its subsidiaries file federal and state income tax returns. Management does not believe that the ultimate outcome of any future examinations of open tax years will have a material impact on the Company's results of operations. Tax years that remain subject to examination by major taxing jurisdictions are 2003 through 2006 for federal income taxes and 2001 through 2006 for California state income taxes. The Company had no unrecognized tax benefits and recognized no additional liability or reduction in deferred tax asset as a result of the adoption of FIN 48 effective January 1, 2007.

The Company does not expect any changes in unrecognized tax benefits within the next 12 months to have any significant impact on its consolidated financial statements. The Company recognizes interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits as part of income taxes. As of January 1, 2007, the Company had no accrual relating to interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits. During the three months ended March 31, 2007, there have been no material changes in the liability for uncertain tax positions.

### NOTE 7 - SEGMENT REPORTING

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Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 131 (SFAS No. 131), "Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information," became effective for fiscal years effective after December 15, 1997. SFAS No. 131 establishes standards for the way information about operating segments is reported in financial statements. The Company has adopted SFAS No. 131 and has identified its insurance company operation, Crusader Insurance Company (Crusader), as its primary reporting segment. Revenues from this segment comprised 88% of consolidated revenues for the three months ended March 31, 2007, and 89% of revenues for the three months ended March 31, 2006. The Company's remaining operations constitute a variety of specialty insurance services, each with unique characteristics and individually insignificant to consolidated revenues.

Revenues, income before income taxes, and assets by segment are as follows:

	Three Months Ended March 31	
	2007	2006
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Revenues		
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Insurance company operation	\$11,341,129	\$12,575,504
Other insurance operations	4,541,223	4,991,057
Intersegment elimination (1)	(3,036,377)	(3,492,886)
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Total other insurance operations	1,504,846	1,498,171
	-----	-----
Total Revenues	\$12,845,975	\$14,073,675
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Income Before Income Taxes		
Insurance company operation	\$2,927,051	\$3,236,608
Other insurance operations	(401,690)	(322,465)
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Total Income Before Income Taxes	\$2,525,361	\$2,914,143
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UNICO AMERICAN CORPORATION  
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NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
MARCH 31, 2007

	As of March 31	
	2007	2006
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Assets		
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Insurance company operation	\$165,715,530	\$167,901,164
Intersegment eliminations (2)	(2,018,365)	(1,994,565)
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Total insurance company operation	163,697,165	165,906,599
Other insurance operations	23,953,517	21,108,700
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Total Assets	\$187,650,682	\$187,015,299
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- (1) Intersegment revenue eliminations reflect commission paid by Crusader to Unifax Insurance Systems, Inc., (Unifax) a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company.
- (2) Intersegment asset eliminations reflect the elimination of Crusader receivables and Unifax payables.

ITEM 2 - MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION  
AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

OVERVIEW

General

Unico American Corporation is an insurance holding company that underwrites

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property and casualty insurance through its insurance company subsidiary; provides property, casualty, health and life insurance through its agency subsidiaries; and through its other subsidiaries provides insurance premium financing and membership association services.

The Company had a net income of \$1,688,588 for the three months ending March 31, 2007, compared to net income of \$1,887,550 for the three months ended March 31, 2006, a decrease in net income of \$198,962 (11%). This overview discusses some of the relevant factors that management considers in evaluating the Company's performance, prospects, and risks. It is not all-inclusive and is meant to be read in conjunction with the entirety of the management discussion and analysis, the Company's financial statements and notes thereto, and all other items contained within the report on this Form 10-Q.

### Revenue and Income Generation

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The Company receives its revenue primarily from earned premium derived from the insurance company operations, commission and fee income generated from the insurance agency operations, finance charges and fee income from the premium finance operations, and investment income from cash generated primarily from the insurance operation. The insurance company operation generates approximately 88% of the Company's total revenue. The Company's remaining operations constitute a variety of specialty insurance services, each with unique characteristics and individually not material to consolidated revenues.

### Insurance Company Operation

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The property and casualty insurance industry is highly competitive and includes many insurers, ranging from large companies offering a wide variety of products worldwide to smaller, specialized companies in a single state or region offering only a single product. Many of the Company's existing or potential competitors have considerably greater financial and other resources, have a higher rating assigned by independent rating organizations such as A.M. Best Company, have greater experience in the insurance industry, and offer a broader line of insurance products than the Company. Crusader is only writing business in the state of California which primarily consists of Commercial Multiple Peril business. Crusader's financial strength rating has been upgraded by A.M. Best Company from B+ (Good) to B++ (Good), effective January 2, 2007, with a rating outlook of stable.

A primary challenge of the property and casualty insurance company operation is contending with the fact that the Company sells its products before the ultimate costs are actually known. That is, when pricing its products, the Company must forecast the ultimate claim and loss adjustment costs. In addition, factors such as changes in regulations and legal environment, among other things, can all impact the accuracy of such cost forecasts.

The property and casualty insurance industry is characterized by periods of soft market conditions, in which premium rates are stable or falling and insurance is readily available, and by periods of hard market conditions, in which premium rates rise, coverage may be more difficult to find and insurers' profits increase. The Company believes that the California property and casualty insurance market has transitioned to a "soft market" in the last few years. The Company cannot determine how long the existing market conditions will continue, nor in which direction they might change.

Crusader's underwriting profit (before income taxes) is as follows:

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	Three Months Ended March 31		
	2007	2006	(Decrease)
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Net premium earned	\$9,709,198	\$11,214,310	\$ (1,505,112)
Less:			
Losses and loss adjustment expenses	5,933,970	6,518,454	(584,484)
Policy acquisition costs	1,995,580	2,450,848	(455,268)
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Total	7,929,550	8,969,302	(1,039,752)
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Underwriting Profit (Before Income Taxes)	\$1,779,648	\$2,245,008	\$ (465,360)
	=====	=====	=====

The \$465,360 (21%) decrease in underwriting profit (before income tax) for the three months ended March 31, 2007, as compared to the prior year period is primarily the result of a \$506,310 decrease in the favorable development of prior years' losses and loss adjustment expenses. Losses and loss adjustment expenses of all prior accident years were \$840,359 (favorable development) in the three months ended March 31, 2007, compared to losses and loss adjustment expenses of all prior accident years of \$1,346,669 (favorable development) in the three months ended March 31, 2006.

Premium written before reinsurance decreased \$2,465,839 (19%) to \$10,300,632 for the three months ended March 31, 2007, compared to \$12,766,471 for the three months ended March 31, 2006. The decrease in written premium before reinsurance for the three months ended March 31, 2007, is primarily the result of the increased competition in the property and casualty market. Despite the increased competition in the property and casualty marketplace, the Company believes that rate adequacy is more important than premium growth and that underwriting profit (net earned premium less losses and loss adjustment expenses and policy acquisition costs) is its primary goal.

Other Operations

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The Company's other revenues from insurance operations consist of commissions, fees, finance charges, and investment and other income. Excluding investment and other income, these operations accounted for approximately 11% of total revenues in the three months ended March 31, 2007, and approximately 10% of total revenues in the three months ended March 31, 2006.

Investments and Liquidity

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The Company generates revenue from its investment portfolio, which consisted of approximately \$146.9 million (at amortized cost) at March 31, 2007, compared to \$147.3 million (at amortized cost) at December 31, 2006. Although the portfolio slightly decreased in 2007, investment income increased \$305,399 (23%). The increase in investment income is primarily a result of the increase in the Company's annualized weighted average investment yield from 3.8% in the three months ended March 31, 2006, to 4.5% in the current period. Due to the current interest rate environment, management believes it is prudent to purchase fixed maturity investments with maturities of five years or less and with minimal credit risk.

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### Liquidity and Capital Resources

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Due to the nature of the Company's business (insurance and insurance services) and whereas Company growth does not normally require material reinvestments of profits into property or equipment, the cash flow generated from operations usually results in improved liquidity for the Company.

Crusader generates a significant amount of cash as a result of its holdings of unearned premium reserves, reserves for loss payments, and its capital and surplus. Crusader's loss and loss adjustment expense payments are the most significant cash flow requirement of the Company. These payments are continually monitored and projected to ensure that the Company has the liquidity to cover these payments without the need to liquidate its investments. As of March 31, 2007, the Company had cash and investments of \$147,035,644 (at amortized cost) of which \$138,744,930 (94%) were investments of Crusader.

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As of March 31, 2007, the Company had invested \$137,713,132 (at amortized cost) or 94% of its invested assets in fixed maturity obligations. In accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 115, "Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities," the Company is required to classify its investments in debt and equity securities into one of three categories: held-to-maturity, available-for-sale, or trading securities. Although all of the Company's investments are classified as available-for-sale, the Company's investment guidelines place primary emphasis on buying and holding high-quality investments.

The Company's investments in fixed maturity obligations of \$137,713,132 (at amortized cost) include \$15,112 (0.0%) of pre-refunded state and municipal tax-exempt bonds, \$124,797,546 (90.6%) of U.S. treasury securities, \$12,500,474 (9.1%) of industrial and miscellaneous securities, and \$400,000 (0.3%) of long-term certificates of deposit.

The balance of the Company's investments is in short-term investments that include U.S. treasury bills, bank money market accounts, certificates of deposit, commercial paper, and a short-term treasury money market fund.

The Company's investment guidelines on equity securities limit investments in equity securities to an aggregate maximum of \$2,000,000. The Company's investment guidelines on fixed maturities limit those investments to high-grade obligations with a maximum term of eight years. The maximum investment authorized in any one issuer is \$2,000,000 and the maximum in any one U.S. government agency or U.S. government sponsored enterprise is \$3,000,000. This dollar limitation excludes bond premiums paid in excess of par value and U.S. government or U.S. government guaranteed issues. Investments in municipal securities are primarily pre-refunded and secured by U.S. treasury securities. The short-term investments are either U.S. government obligations, FDIC insured, or are in an institution with a Moody's rating of P2 and/or a Standard & Poor's rating of A1. All of the Company's fixed maturity investment securities are rated and readily marketable and could be liquidated without any materially adverse financial impact.

The Company has previously announced that its Board of Directors had authorized the repurchase in the open market from time to time of up to an aggregate of 945,000 shares of the common stock of the Company (see Note 3). No shares were repurchased in the three months ended March 31, 2007.

Although material capital expenditures may also be funded through borrowings, the Company believes that its cash and short-term investments as of the date of

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this report, net of trust restriction of \$1,488,309, statutory deposits of \$700,000, and the dividend restriction between Crusader and Unico plus the cash to be generated from operations, should be sufficient to meet its operating requirements during the next twelve months without the necessity of borrowing funds.

### Results of Operations

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All comparisons made in this discussion are comparing the three months ended March 31, 2007, to the three months ended March 31, 2006, unless otherwise indicated.

The Company had net income of \$1,688,588 for the three months ending March 31, 2007, compared to net income of \$1,887,550 for the three months ended March 31, 2006, a decrease in net income of \$198,962 (11%). Total revenue for the three months ended March 31, 2007, decreased \$1,227,700 (9%) to \$12,845,975, compared to total revenue of \$14,073,675 for the three months ended March 31, 2006.

PREMIUM WRITTEN (before reinsurance) is a non-GAAP financial measure which is defined, under statutory accounting, as the contractually determined amount charged by the Company to the policyholder for the effective period of the contract based on the expectation of risk, policy benefits, and expenses associated with the coverage provided by the terms of the policies. Premium earned, the most directly comparable GAAP measure, represents the portion of premiums written that is recognized as income in the financial statements for the period presented and earned on a pro-rata basis over the term of the policies. Commencing April 1, 2006, the Company prospectively changed its statutory reporting of written premium amount to exclude advance premiums that had been recorded but were not yet effective as of the reporting date. Advance premiums represent policies that have been submitted to the Company and are bound, billed, and recorded up to 30 days prior to the policy effective date. Written premium reported on the Company's statutory statement decreased \$2,456,839 (19%) to \$10,300,632 for the three months ended March 31, 2007, compared to \$12,766,471 for the three months ended March 31, 2006. Had the change of excluding advance business from statutory written premium been made on a retroactive basis, written premium would have been \$12,504,137 for the three months ended March 31, 2006, and the decrease in written premium would have been 18% for the three months ended March 31, 2007. For the three months ended March 31, 2007, policies issued (excluding policies that had been recorded but were not yet effective as of the reporting date) decreased by 366 (9%) to 3,523, compared to 3,889 for the three months ended March 31, 2006.

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The \$2,465,839 decrease in written premium in the three months ended March 31, 2007, compared to the three months ended March 31, 2006, was primarily the result of the increased competition in the property and casualty market. The Company believes that the California property and casualty insurance market has transitioned to a "soft market" in the last few years. The Company cannot determine how long the existing market conditions will continue, nor in which direction they might change. The Company's future writings and growth are dependent on market conditions, competition, and upon the Company's ability to introduce new marketing channels and profitable products. The Company continues to believe that it can compete effectively and profitably by offering better service and by focusing its marketing efforts upon independent agents. Historically, most of Crusader's marketing was aimed at independent insurance brokers, representatives of the consumer. With the relatively recent advent of heightened competition and of declining sales, in 2007 Crusader adopted a plan to supplement its marketing efforts with independent agents, representatives of

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the Company. The Company believes that those agents will be particularly effective and that their efforts will not diminish the business historically produced by independent brokers. Crusader expects to begin making agency appointments during 2007.

PREMIUM EARNED before reinsurance decreased \$2,104,566 (14%) to \$12,740,333 for the three months ended March 31, 2007, compared to \$14,844,899 for the three months ended March 31, 2006. The Company writes annual policies and, therefore, earns written premium over the one-year policy term. The decrease in earned premium is a direct result of the related decrease in written premium as previously discussed.

Premium ceded decreased \$599,454 (17%) to \$3,031,135 for the three months ended March 31, 2007, compared to ceded premium of \$3,630,589 in the three months ended March 31, 2006. Earned premium ceded consists of both premium ceded under the Company's current reinsurance contracts and premium ceded to the Company's provisionally rated reinsurance contracts. Prior to January 1, 1998, the Company's reinsurer charged a provisional rate on exposures up to \$500,000 that was subject to adjustment and was based on the amount of losses ceded, limited by a maximum percentage that could be charged. That provisionally rated treaty was cancelled on a runoff basis in 1997. Direct earned premium, earned ceded premium, and ceding commission are as follows:

	Three Months Ended March 31		
	2007	2006	Increase (Decrease)
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Direct earned premium	\$12,740,333	\$14,844,899	\$(2,104,566)
Earned ceded premium			
Excluding provisionally rated ceded premium	3,025,989	3,599,580	(573,591)
Provisionally rated ceded premium	5,146	31,009	(25,863)
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Total earned ceded premium	3,031,135	3,630,589	(599,454)
Ceding commission	928,573	1,145,967	(217,394)
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Earned ceded premium, net of ceding commission	\$2,102,562	\$2,484,622	\$(382,060)
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Total earned ceded premium was 24% of direct earned premium in the three months ended March 31, 2007 and 2006. There was no significant change in the ceding commission rate.

In 2007 Crusader retained a participation in its excess of loss reinsurance treaties of 15% in its 1st layer (\$700,000 in excess of \$300,000), 15% in its 2nd layer (\$1,000,000 in excess of \$1,000,000), and 15% in its property clash treaty. In 2006 Crusader retained a participation in its excess of loss reinsurance treaties of 10% in its 1st layer (\$700,000 in excess of \$300,000), 10% in its 2nd layer (\$1,000,000 in excess of \$1,000,000), and 15% in its property clash treaty.

Crusader's 2006 1st layer primary excess of loss treaty provides for a contingent commission equal to 20% of the net profit, if any, accruing to the reinsurer. The first accounting period for the contingent commission covers the period from January 1, 2006, through December 31, 2006. The 2005 1st layer

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primary excess of loss treaties do not provide for a contingent commission. Crusader's 2004 and 2003 1st layer primary excess of loss treaty provides for a contingent commission to the Company equal to 45% of the net profit, if any, accruing to the reinsurer. The first accounting period for the contingent commission covers the period from January 1, 2003, through December 31, 2004. The Company will calculate and report to the reinsurers its net profit (excluding incurred by not reported losses), if any, within 90 days after 36 months following the end of the first accounting period, and within 90 days after the end of each 12 month period thereafter until all losses subject to the agreement have been finally settled. Any contingent commission payment received is subject to return based on future development of ceded losses and loss adjustment expenses. In March 2007, one of the reinsurers paid the Company \$1 million to be applied against future contingent commission earned, if any. Based on the Company's

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losses and loss adjustment expenses ceded (including incurred but not reported losses) as of March 31, 2007, no contingent commission has been recognized. The Company considered this payment as an advance from the reinsurer and it is recorded in accrued expenses and other liabilities in the consolidated balance sheets as of March 31, 2007.

INVESTMENT INCOME increased \$305,399 (23%) to \$1,660,315 for the three months ended March 31, 2007, compared to investment income of \$1,354,916 for the three months ended March 31, 2006. The Company had no realized gains or losses for the three months ended March 31, 2007 and 2006. The increase in investment income in the current period as compared to the prior year period is primarily a result of an increase in the Company's annualized weighted average yield from 3.8% in the prior year period to 4.5% in the current period. The increase in the annualized yield on average invested assets is a result of higher yields in the marketplace on both new and reinvested assets.

The average annualized yields on the Company's average invested assets are as follows:

	Three Months Ended March 31	
	2007	2006
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Average Invested Assets	\$147,121,880	\$142,105,548
Total Investment Income	\$1,660,315	\$1,354,916
Annualized Yield on Average Invested Assets	4.5%	3.8%

The par value, amortized cost, estimated market value and weighted average yield of fixed maturity investments at March 31, 2007, by contractual maturity are as follows. Expected maturities will differ from contractual maturities because borrowers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without penalties.

Maturities by Calendar Year	Par Value	Amortized Cost	Market Value	Weighted Average Yield
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December 31, 2007	\$64,275,000	\$64,250,013	64,097,863	4.2%
December 31, 2008	49,360,000	49,350,037	49,361,081	4.9%
December 31, 2009	16,700,000	16,780,801	16,888,213	5.0%
December 31, 2010	100,000	100,000	100,000	4.1%
December 31, 2011	7,250,000	7,232,281	7,249,298	4.6%
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Total	\$137,685,000	\$137,713,132	\$137,696,455	4.6%
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The weighted average maturity of the Company's fixed maturity investments was 1.1 years as of March 31, 2007, compared to 1.2 years as of March 31, 2006. Due to the current interest rate environment, management believes it is prudent to purchase fixed maturity investments with maturities of 5 years or less and with minimal credit risk.

At March 31, 2007, the Company held fixed maturity investments with unrealized appreciation of \$224,388 and fixed maturity investments with unrealized depreciation of \$241,065. The Company monitors its investments closely. If an unrealized loss is determined to be other than temporary, it is written off as a realized loss through the Consolidated Statements of Operations. The Company's methodology of assessing other-than-temporary impairments is based on security-specific analysis as of the balance sheet date and considers various factors including the length of time to maturity and the extent to which the fair value has been less than the cost, the financial condition and the near-term prospects of the issuer, and whether the debtor is current on its contractually obligated interest and principal payments. The Company has the ability and intent to hold its fixed maturity investments for a period of time sufficient to allow the Company to recover its costs. The Company has concluded that the gross unrealized losses of \$241,065 as of March 31, 2007, were temporary in nature. However, facts and circumstances may change which could result in a decline in market value considered to be other than temporary. The following table summarizes all fixed maturities in an unrealized loss position at March 31, 2007, and the aggregate fair value and gross unrealized loss by length of time those fixed maturities have been continuously in an unrealized loss position:

	Market Value -----	Gross Unrealized Loss ----	
0-6 months	\$10,224,158	\$9,069	
7-12 months	-	-	
Over 12 months	70,369,082	231,996	
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Total	\$80,593,240	\$241,065	
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As of March 31, 2007, the fixed maturity investments with a gross unrealized loss for a continuous period of 0 to 6 months consisted of U.S. treasury securities. The fixed maturity investments with a gross unrealized loss position for a continuous period over 12 months consisted of U.S. treasury securities, pre-refunded municipal bonds, and investment-grade industrial securities.

GROSS COMMISSION AND FEE INCOME increased \$15,294 (0%) to \$1,315,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2007, compared to commission and fee income of \$1,299,706 for the three months ended March 31, 2006. The increases in gross commission and fee income for the three months ended March 31, 2007, compared to the three months ended March 31, 2006, are as follows:

Three Months Ended March 31 -----		
2007	2006	Increase (Decrease)

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Policy fee income	----- \$598,562	----- \$674,922	----- \$(76,360)
Health and life insurance program	501,043	404,480	96,563
Membership and fee income	77,144	78,460	(1,316)
Other commission and fee income	6,936	8,931	(1,995)
Daily automobile rental insurance program:			
Commission income (excluding contingent commission)	84,776	79,275	5,501
Contingent commission	46,539	53,638	(7,099)
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Total	\$1,315,000	\$1,299,706	\$15,294
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Unifax primarily sells and services insurance policies for Crusader. The commissions paid by Crusader to Unifax are eliminated as intercompany transactions and are not reflected as income in the financial statements. Unifax also receives policy fee income that is directly related to the Crusader policies it sells. Policy fee income decreased \$76,360 (11%) in the three months ended March 31, 2007, compared to the three months ended March 31, 2006. The decrease in policy fee income is directly related to a decrease in the number of policies written in the three months ended March 31, 2007, as compared to the prior year period.

The Company's subsidiary Insurance Club, Inc., DBA AAQHC An Administrator (AAQHC), is an administrator for CIGNA HealthCare and is a membership association that provides various consumer benefits to its members, including participation in group health care and life insurance policies that AAQHC negotiates for the association. For these services, AAQHC receives membership and fee income from its members.

American Insurance Brokers, Inc. (AIB), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, sells and services health insurance policies for individual/family and small business groups and receives commission and fee income based on the premiums that it writes. Commission income in this program increased \$96,563 (24%) in the three months ended March 31, 2007, compared to the three months ended March 31, 2006. The increase is primarily due to the increase in sales of small group medical insurance offered through CIGNA HealthCare. In May 2006, CIGNA HealthCare began offering new small group medical insurance policies in the state of California. Currently, all new CIGNA small group medical insurance policies are written through AIB and all CIGNA small group medical insurance policyholders are members of AAQHC. The new programs are competitively priced and are being actively marketed.

The daily automobile rental insurance program is produced by Bedford Insurance Services, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company. Bedford receives a commission from a non-affiliated insurance company based on premium written. Commission in the daily automobile rental insurance program (excluding contingent commission) increased \$5,501 (7%) in the three months ended March 31, 2007, compared to the three months ended March 31, 2006.

LOSSES AND LOSS ADJUSTMENT EXPENSES were 61% of net premium earned for the three months ended March 31, 2007, compared to 58% of net premium earned for the three months ended March 31, 2006. In the quarter ended March 31, 2007, current accident year losses incurred were approximately 70% of net premium earned and the Company incurred favorable development of prior years' losses of \$840,359. In the quarter ended March 31, 2006, current accident year losses incurred were 70% of net premium earned and the Company incurred favorable development of prior years' losses of \$1,346,669.

The Company's consolidated financial statements include estimated reserves for unpaid losses and related loss adjustment expenses of the insurance company operation. Management makes its best estimate of the liability for

unpaid claims costs as of the end of each fiscal quarter. Due to the inherent uncertainties in estimating the Company's unpaid claims costs, actual loss and loss adjustment expense payments should be expected to vary, perhaps significantly, from any estimate made prior to the settling of all claims. Variability is inherent in establishing loss and loss adjustment expense reserves, especially for a small insurer like the Company. For any given line of insurance, accident year, or other group of claims, there is a continuum of possible reserve estimates, each having its own unique degree of propriety or reasonableness. Due to the complexity and nature of the insurance claims process, there are potentially an infinite number of reasonably likely scenarios. The Company does not specifically identify reasonably likely scenarios other than utilizing management's best estimate. In addition to applying the various standard methods to the data, an extensive series of diagnostic tests of the resultant reserve estimates are applied to determine management's best estimate of the unpaid claims liability. Among the statistics reviewed for each accident year are loss and loss adjustment expense development patterns, frequencies (expected claim counts), severities (average cost per claim), loss and loss adjustment expense ratios to premium, and loss adjustment expense ratios to loss. When there is clear evidence that the actual claims costs emerged are different than expected for any prior accident year, the claims cost estimates for that year are revised accordingly. The accurate establishment of loss and loss adjustment expense reserves is a difficult process, as there are many factors that can ultimately affect the final settlement of a claim and, therefore, the reserve that is needed. Estimates are based on a variety of industry data and on the Company's current and historical accident year claims data, including but not limited to reported claim counts, open claim counts, closed claim counts, closed claim counts with payments, paid losses, paid loss adjustment expenses, case loss reserves, case loss adjustment expense reserves, earned premiums and policy exposures, salvage and subrogation, and unallocated loss adjustment expenses paid. Many other factors, including changes in reinsurance, changes in pricing, changes in policy forms and coverage, changes in underwriting and risk selection, legislative changes, results of litigation and inflation are also taken into account. At the end of each fiscal quarter, the Company's reserves are re-evaluated for each accident year (i.e., for all claims incurred within each year) by a committee consisting of the Company's executive vice president, the Company's chief financial officer, and an independent consulting actuary. The Company uses the loss ratio method to estimate ultimate claims costs on the current accident year. The current accident year IBNR reserves are initially determined by multiplying earned premiums for the year by the expected loss and loss adjustment expense ratio, then subtracting the current accident year's cumulative incurred (paid plus case reserves) to date. This method is subject to adjustment based upon actual results incurred during the reporting period. This initial IBNR reserve is adjusted as subsequent development of that accident year takes place. The differences between actual and expected claims costs are typically not due to one specific factor, but a combination of many factors such as the period of time between the initial occurrence and the final settlement of the claim, current and perceived social and economic inflation, and many other economic, legal, political, and social factors. Because of these and other factors, actual loss and loss adjustment expense payments should be expected to vary, perhaps significantly, from any estimate made prior to the settling of all claims. Any adjustments to reserves are reflected in the operating results of the periods in which they are made. Management believes that the aggregate reserves for losses and loss adjustment expenses are reasonable and adequate to cover the cost of claims, both reported and unreported.

POLICY ACQUISITION COSTS consist of commissions, premium taxes, inspection fees,

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and certain other underwriting costs, which are related to the production of Crusader insurance policies. These costs include both Crusader expenses and allocated expenses of other Unico subsidiaries. Crusader's reinsurers pay Crusader a ceding commission, which is primarily a reimbursement of the acquisition cost related to the ceded premium. Policy acquisition costs, net of ceding commission, are deferred and amortized as the related premiums are earned. These costs were approximately 21% of net premium earned for the three months ended March 31, 2007, and 22% of net premium earned for the three months ended March 31, 2006.

SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS increased \$136,616 (11%) to \$1,421,507 for the three months ended March 31, 2007, compared to salary and employee benefits of \$1,284,891 for the three months ended March 31, 2006.

COMMISSIONS TO AGENTS/BROKERS increased \$46,612 (30%) to \$204,305 for the three months ended March 31, 2007, compared to commission expense of \$157,693 for the three months ended March 31, 2006. The increase is primarily the result of the increase in written premium in the health and life insurance program and is related to the increase in commission income from that program.

OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES increased \$17,606 (2%) to \$765,252 for the three months ended March 31, 2007, compared to \$747,646 for the three months ended March 31, 2006.

INCOME TAX PROVISION was an expense of \$836,773 (33% of pre-tax income) for the three months ended March 31, 2007, compared to an income tax expense of \$1,026,593 (35% of pre-tax income) for the three months ended March 31, 2006. The decrease in tax expense was primarily due to a pre-tax income decrease to \$2,525,361 in

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the three months ended March 31, 2007, from pre-tax income of \$2,914,143 in the three months ended March 31, 2006.

The effect of inflation on net income of the Company during the three months ended March 31, 2007, and the three months ended March 31, 2006, was not significant.

### FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements contained herein, including the section entitled "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," that are not historical facts are forward-looking. These statements, which may be identified by forward-looking words or phrases such as "anticipate," "believe," "expect," "intend," "may," "should," and "would," involve risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond the control of the Company. Such risks and uncertainties could cause actual results to differ materially from these forward-looking statements. Factors which could cause actual results to differ materially include underwriting actions not being effective, rate increases for coverages not being sufficient, premium rate adequacy relating to competition or regulation, actual versus estimated claim experience, regulatory changes or developments, unforeseen calamities, general market conditions, and the Company's ability to introduce new profitable products.

### ITEM 3 - QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

The Company's consolidated balance sheet includes a substantial amount of

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invested assets whose fair values are subject to various market risk exposures including interest rate risk and equity price risk.

The Company's invested assets consist of the following:

	March 31 2007	December 31 2006	Increase (Decrease)
Fixed maturity bonds (at amortized value)	\$137,313,132	\$140,092,328	\$(2,779,196)
Short-term cash investments (at cost)	9,218,293	6,820,007	2,398,286
Certificates of deposit (over 1 year, at cost)	400,000	400,000	0
Total invested assets	\$146,931,425	\$147,312,335	\$(380,910)

There have been no material changes in the composition of the Company's invested assets or market risk exposures since the end of the preceding fiscal year end.

### ITEM 4T - CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

An evaluation was carried out by the Company's management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as of March 31, 2007, (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) or 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934). Based upon that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the design and operation of these disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

During the period covered by this report, there have been no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that have materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

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## PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

### ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

There were no material changes from risk factors as previously disclosed in the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006, in response to Item 1A to Part I of Form 10-K.

### ITEM 6 - EXHIBITS

- 31.1 Certificate of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 31.2 Certificate of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

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32.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

32.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

SIGNATURES  
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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

UNICO AMERICAN CORPORATION

Date: May 11, 2007 By: /s/ ERWIN CHELDIN  
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Erwin Cheldin  
Chairman of the Board, President and Chief  
Executive Officer, (Principal Executive Officer)

Date: May 11, 2007 By: /s/ LESTER A. AARON  
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Lester A. Aaron  
Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer, (Principal  
Accounting and Principal Financial Officer)

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