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Bay joins Rome security firm

ROME – Assured Information Security Inc. announced last Thursday that John Bay has joined the company as chief scientist.

Bay will define and direct the company's research and development program. He also will serve as a corporate vice president and work closely with the executive team on the company's long-term research and development strategy.

Prior to joining the company, Bay was a member of the U.S. Air Force's scientific and professional cadre of senior executives and served as the chief scientist of the Information Directorate of the Air Force Research Laboratory in Rome.

Zick to chair N.Y. Insurance Association

Richard J. Zick, president and chief executive officer of Utica First Insurance Company, was elected chair of the New York Insurance Association (NYIA) at the association's annual meeting on Nov. 5 in Latham. Zick will serve a one-year term beginning Jan. 1.

Zick has served on the NYIA board for the past 10 years and won the association's 2008 Chair's Distinguished Service Award. He also is chair of the New York Insurance Scholarship Foundation, and has served on numerous NYIA committees.

Zick began his insurance career after graduating from Niagara University. He has held his current position since 2000. He served as an adjunct professor for 10 years at Mohawk Valley Community College and taught New York state agent's licensing courses as well as management courses.

He resides in Rome with his wife, Nikki, and daughter, Jillian.

Co-founder steps down from AIS Inc.

ROME – Assured Information Security Inc. announced the resignation company co-founder Leonard J Popyack Jr., who accepted a buy-out offer.

During his tenure, AIS Inc. built its national employment to approximately 100 scientists and engineers performing advanced research and development in cyber security products for government customers. Popyack will stay on as a consultant for an interim period to help smooth the transition.

Popyack plans to continue to teach graduate classes at Syracuse University, travel and spend time with his family. He lives in Clinton.

Savage joins Strategic Financial

Strategic Financial Services of Utica announces John L. Savage, CPA, has been named managing director of its retirement subsidiary, Strategic Retirement Plans.

Prior to joining Strategic, Savage spent nine years specializing in the retirement industry as a consultant and trust officer at Benefit Plans Administrators, a local retirement plan provider. He also is a licensed CPA and has more than 20 years of experience in public accounting.

A native of Waterville, Savage is a graduate of the SUNYIT with a bachelor's degree in accounting. Savage is a member and past President of the Utica Chapter of the New York State Society of CPAs, and the American Society of Pension Professionals and Actuaries.

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