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Good Morning

five questions...

Kathy Ahearn is a Troy resident who is currently working to establish a new Capital District law office for Long Island law firm Guercio & Guercio LLP, which is scheduled to open on Jan. 1 at 24 Century Hill Dr. in Latham.

Q: Why open an office in the Capital Region?

A: We want to give school districts and BOCES in the Capital Region a new alternative in selecting legal counsel. The Guercio firm has been around in its present form since the early 80s when we started with three lawyers. We now have 24 lawyers and represent over 50 school districts on Long Island and we want to bring the same quality of services and deep experience that this firm has into the Capital District.

Q: How did you end up with the firm?

A: I'm the new kid on the block at the firm. I started on July 1 and prior to this I had been for 16 years general counsel to state Education Department. I have known of Guercio and its work over the years and the quality of Guercio's work always impressed me. When the time came to think about making a change, it seemed like it might be a good fit.

Q: What got you into law in the first place?

A: I've been doing it since 1983. I guess I was one of those maybe unusual people who knew from early on that I wanted to be a lawyer ó even what law school I wanted to go to. I always liked the idea of advocating for certain positions and the concept that the law was connected to delivering justice in some way.

today in history

The Associated Press

Today is **Wednesday, Oct. 7**, the 280th day of 2009. There are 85 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 7, 1929, former Interior Secretary Albert B. Fall, one of the main figures of the Teapot Dome scandal, went on trial in Washington, D.C., charged with accepting a bribe from oil tycoon Edward L.

Doheny. (Fall was convicted and sentenced to a year in prison and fined \$100,000; he ended up serving nine months. Ironically, Doheny was acquitted at trial of offering the bribe that Fall was convicted of accepting.)

In 1777, the second Battle of Saratoga began during the American Revolution.

In 1960, Democratic presidential candidate John F. Kennedy and Republican opponent

Richard M. Nixon held their second televised debate.

In 1979, Pope John Paul II concluded his weeklong tour of the United States with a Mass on the Washington Mall.

In 1985, Palestinian gunmen hijacked the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro in the Mediterranean. (The hijackers, who killed an elderly Jewish American tourist.

In 1998, Matthew Shepard, a

gay college student at the University of Wyoming, was beaten, robbed and left tied to a wooden fence post outside of Laramie; he died five days later. (Russell Henderson and Aaron McKinney are serving life sentences for Shepard's murder.)

One year ago: The misery worsened on Wall Street, as the Dow lost more than 500 points and all the major indexes slid more than 5 percent.

"Where's he been?"

E.J. McMahon of the Empire Center for New York State Policy regarding Gov. David Paterson's desire to cut \$500 million in state spending that was announced Tuesday.

on the bright side

A proud graduate

TROY — One graduate of the Rensselaer County Family Treatment Court realized the ultimate reward for successfully ending years of substance abuse — regaining the right to custody of her children.

This graduate was awarded a diploma after maintaining sobriety for at least one year, satisfying the permanency orders of the court, and demonstrating the ability to create a safe, substance-free, stable home for her children. The ceremony was held Oct. 6 at the Rensselaer County Family Court.

Family Treatment Court targets parents over the age of 18 who have been charged with child neglect due to substance abuse.

Family Treatment Court is premised on swift referrals to treatment, frequent and consistent monitoring of the parent's recovery by the court, and assigned individual case managers.

The court's goals are to eliminate substance-abusing behavior, shorten the affected child's foster care stay and reunify the family, if appropriate.

When family reunification is not in the child's best interest, alternative plans to ensure permanency for the child are pursued promptly.

The identity of graduates is held confidential.

If you have "good news" that you would like to share with your fellow readers, please send it to On The Bright Side, c/o The Record, 501 Broadway, Troy 12180 email to newsroom@troyrecord.com fax to 270-1202.

**KATHY AHEARN****Q: What do you enjoy about living in Troy?**

A: I love this area and have been here since 1988. There are really two reasons I went upstate. One reason was to go into government work and serve the public and Albany seemed the best place to be able to do that. The other reason was that I was just very much attracted to the quality of life issues in upstate New York in that I can pull out my kayak in the Berkshires or Catskills, go hiking in the Adirondacks, and be equidistant from Boston, New York City and Montreal.

Q: Do you have any other hobbies or interests?

A: I'm a little bit of a baseball freak and a lifelong Yankee fan. I'm also a kayaker, I love to cook, I have a bunch of pets and am additionally sort of a wine collector and lifelong student of wine.

— Tom Caprood



Photo submitted — The Record

Rensselaer County Executive Kathy Jimino (right) presents a check to Uncle Sam Parade Committee members John Rustin (center) and Jim Gordon to help support the parade.