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Spring Home!**

## Popular DJ Mike DuBray overcame so much, shares his story

By Cathy DeDe

Chronicle Managing Editor

At 5-foot-1, Michael DuBray considers himself lucky to have reached the heights he has, figuratively — and literally.

The well-known WCKM radio personality and non-stop local deejay, emcee and community contributor rarely talks about it, but as a kid and young teen growing up in Cropseyville, outside Troy, Mike underwent experimental research treatments for growth hormone deficiency.

For about a decade of his young life, he received pituitary growth hormone treatments through a long-running study done at Albany Medical Center.

Last week he reunited with the doctor who treated him, Steven

**Years of experimental growth hormone as a child plus many surgeries**



**Patient & doctor reunion after 30 years** — Last Tuesday Mike DuBray spent the day with Dr. Steven Leveston, who treated him as a child for pituitary growth hormone deficiency. They're holding a bottle of the experimental medication Mr. DuBray kept after all these years.

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Leveston, now of Connecticut, for the day in Glens Falls.

Mike describes their whirlwind visit "like the last scene in the movie *Groundhog Day*, where everything was perfect."

It was a slice of Mike's life, from community meetings and a stop at the Adirondack Broadcasting radio station, to lunch at the Queensbury Hotel, running into friends and admirers all day, ending with the celebration



**Mike DuBray, with his father** — In addition to growth hormone deficiency, he was born with strawberry nevus, a disorder of the blood vessels on the face — and he had a heart condition that required surgery when he was still a toddler.

of the Glens Falls High School State basketball champions in City Park, where Mike was deejay, followed by dinner with Dr. Leveston and Mike's quartet of parents and step-parents.

### 'Failure to grow'

"I think I was about in the first grade when a friend of my mother's noticed that I wasn't growing like the other kids," Mike recalls.

His mother, Delorres, remem-

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**Bonacio buys Sandy's bldg. \$305,000 ▶ 3**



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## GF: Rein in the dogs

By Gordon Woodworth

Chronicle News Editor

Responding to "more than three but fewer than a dozen" complaints about dogs running off-leash in Cole's Woods, the City of Glens Falls is looking at adding more signs and possibly actively enforcing the leash law on the trails.

**Cole's Woods complaints**

"A lot of people let their dogs run free even though they are required to keep their dog on a six-foot non-retractable leash," said Mike Mender, the City's interim recreation superintendent, at the March 27th Recreation Commission meeting.

"And the other issue is they don't clean up after their dogs. There are people passionate on both sides of the issue," he said.

The Recreation Commission discussed the issue but didn't make any decisions because

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## Gun rights advocate rebuts Dan Ladd critic

Mark:

The letter from Stephen Monn [March 10 *Chronicle*, "Disputes Dan Ladd on gun control legislation"] admitting his whole-hearted support for new gun restrictions speaks volumes about his own ideologies and proves a point I have often made to you in my previous letters. While I would love

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## 'Sister Act' at GF High ▶ 23



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