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Wesley Hernandez, 28, of Lowell, got a very happy wake-up call at 3:56 a.m. two weeks ago. A donor kidney that would save his life had become available.

**Cherishing his life-saving gift**  
Lowell man receives kidney transplant after decade of dialysis

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**L**OWELL — It was 3:56 a.m. on April 13 when Wesley Hernandez's parents got the call that would save his life. For more than 10 years, Hernandez had been living with a kidney disease known as focal segmental glomerulosclerosis, leaving his kidneys shriveled and unable to process body waste properly. "We knew that eventually the day would come where he was going to go into total renal failure

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and need dialysis," said his father, Cecilio Hernandez. That day came in August 2011, when he was rushed to the hospital. He had been undergoing the exhausting, time-consuming process of dialysis — to clean his blood when his kidneys could not — at least three days a week ever since. But with a kidney transplant two weeks ago, those days are over. The kidney from a deceased

anonymous donor was only useful for a set number of hours, so Hernandez's wife, Elianeth, sped to the hospital with him. They reached Massachusetts General Hospital at 5:15 a.m., and by 8 o'clock he was going under for surgery. It's a happy ending to a potentially fatal journey that began around age 13, when a doctor noticed a high amount of blood in Hernandez's urine. Now 28, Hernandez spent three days a week on lengthy dialysis sessions that kept him away Please see **KIDNEY/6**

**Healey unveils draft rules on sick-time law**

Hearing set for May 15 in Lowell

By Michael Norton  
State House News Service

**BOSTON** — Three months into her new job, Attorney General Maura Healey on Monday offered draft regulations aimed at laying out clear rules for Massachusetts employers to begin providing earned sick-time benefits to 1 million workers by July 1. Healey's office announced a series of six public hearings and three listening sessions to accept feedback on the regulations, which declare that earned sick time "can be used for routine or emergency medical visits and travel time, if they or a family member are sick or to address issues of domestic violence." The regulations also allow seasonal workers to carry unused sick time from season to season, and employees



**Healey:** "Employees shouldn't have to worry."

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**Desperate Dracut board raises fees**

Athletics, parking, buses all to cost more

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**DRACUT** — School Committee members were visibly pained Monday night as they voted to implement a series of activity and service fees for next school year to make up a portion of the \$1.2 million school budget shortfall and minimize layoffs. Before and after nearly

every vote, committee members and Superintendent Steven Stone reiterated how unhappy they were to raise the fees families will pay. "These are very, very difficult decisions for us to consider and the only reason for us to consider the fee increases is we do not have the funds," Chairman Michael McNamara said. Please see **DRACUT/10**

**'There is no evening the scales'**

Lawyer pleads for life of Boston Marathon bomber

By Denise Lavoie  
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**BOSTON** — Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev's lawyers pleaded with a jury Monday to spare his life, portraying him as "a good kid" who was led down the path to terrorism by his increasingly fanatical older brother. David Bruck delivered the defense's opening statement in the penalty phase of Tsarnaev's trial, saying there is no punishment Tsarnaev can get that would be equal to the suffering of the bombing victims. "There is no evening the scales," Bruck said. "There is no point in trying to hurt him as he hurt because it can't be done."



Tsarnaev

Tsarnaev, 21, was convicted earlier this month in the twin bombings that killed three spectators and wounded more than 260 other people near the marathon's finish line on April 15, 2013. He was also found guilty of killing MIT Police Officer Sean Collier, a Wilmington Please see **TSARNAEV/6**

**Tewksbury arrest may be Breathalyzer test case**

Judge to prosecutors: Be ready to defend machine or results will be excluded in trial



Justin Patterson, right, with defense attorney Michelle DeCoursey in Lowell District Court Monday.

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**LOWELL** — In the first test case since possible flaws with Breathalyzer machines were aired, a jury may not hear the most damning evidence against a Woburn man accused by Tewksbury police of driving drunk and registering more than twice the legal limit. Justin Patterson's trial is scheduled for Aug. 10, but Lowell District Court Judge Daniel Crane on Monday gave prosecutors an ultimatum: Be prepared to argue at a July 13 hearing why the Breathalyzer results should be used at trial, otherwise the judge

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will exclude the results. But the judge's ruling may be moot. Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan has suspended the use of Breathalyzer test results in cases until further notice.

Last week, Ryan joined with district attorneys in Essex, the Cape and Islands, Northwestern (Franklin and Hampshire counties), Suffolk, Worcester, Norfolk and Plymouth counties in suspending the use of Breathalyzer test results in court cases after concerns over flawed read-

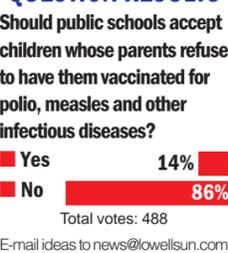
ings were aired. State police have begun probing the Breathalyzer results. Defense attorneys say the flaws with the newer Drager 9510 Breathalyzer model are possibly due to a software issue that has the machine reporting the calibration is correct, when the calibration is really in error, leading to faulty test results. The Massachusetts Bar Association has jumped on the Breathalyzer bandwagon, urging an independent investigation into the reliability of the tests. The MBA has called on state Attorney General Please see **BREATHALYZER/6**

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- Lie to you
  - Steal from you
  - Cheat with your spouse/lover
  - Give false testimony
  - Befriend an enemy
- Vote at [www.lowellsun.com](http://www.lowellsun.com)

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