

Good week, bad week

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US President Barack Obama and student body president Reginald Sarpong smiled at one another during at the Worcester Technical High School graduation ceremony. REUTERS/KEVIN LAMARQUE

Worcester Technical High School has had much to be proud of in recent years: a new \$90 million campus, big increases in student test scores, and national recognition for its academic and vocational programming. Once one of the lowest-performing vocational schools in the state, the school will send the vast majority of this year's graduates on to college in the fall. And this week? The school played host to President Obama, who spoke Wednesday at its graduation ceremony. Not a bad way to end the school year.

Bad week: He exercised his democratic rights, but in the wrong state



Lorin Schneider, Jr. MANCHESTER PD

For a while, Lorin Schneider Jr. got away with it. But when the state of New Hampshire caught up with him, the penalty was harsh. According to authorities, Schneider, who lives in Carver, Mass., voted illegally in Manchester, N.H., in three recent elections: the 2012 general election, the 2012 presidential primary, and the 2008 general election. He pleaded guilty and this week received a suspended prison sentence and a \$5,000 fine plus 24 percent penalty assessment. On top of that, even if he ever actually moves to New Hampshire, he'll be permanently barred from voting there.

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