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Scalia's Racist View of Black Students Based on 'Myth' Republican nominee to Supreme Court

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WASHINGTON - Supreme rt Justice Antonin Scalia's w that students of color are er matched at "a less adced ...slower track" schools at the nation's top-tier unisities is a myth that has been roughly debunked. Scalia touched off a firestorm

Wednesday as the Supreme art heard oral arguments in her v. University of Texasstin, a case brought by a re-ted White student challengthe university's affirmative ion program.
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The university selects 75 pert of its freshmen class (some rs it has been as much as 92 cent) through a process that grantees admission to the top percent of each high school duating class. The remaining idents are chosen through an ividualized affirmative action gram that considers such facas demonstrated leadership ilities, extracurricular activi-, honors and awards, essays, rk experience, community vice, and special

cant's socioeconomic status, composition, special family responsibilities, socioeconomic status of applicant's high school and race.

Even though to points are assigned to any category, Abigail Fisher decided to sue on the basis of race, saying the consideration of race violated the Equal (Continued On Page 2)



JUSTICE ANTONIN SCALIA



President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama dance with a stormrooper and R2-D2 from Star Wars in the Diplomatic Reception Room of the White House, Dec. 18. (Official White House Photo by Lawrence Jackson)

eonard, who created Harvard affirmativeaction policy, dies

WASHINGTON (AP) - Walter Leonard, an attorney duniversity administrator who designed an admissions

ocess at Harvard University that led to more minority idents being admitted, has died. He was 86.

Leonard died Dec. 8 in Kensington, Maryland, of comications from Alzheimer's disease, said his wife, Betty onard. The couple lived in Chevy Chase, Maryland. In 1971, Leonard was named as a special assistant Harvard president Derek Bok. Leonard had already wired as an assistant deep and assistant director of ad-

orked as an assistant dean and assistant director of adissions at Harvard Law School, where he was credited ith increasing the number of black, Latino and female idents.

The admissions formula he created for the entire uni-

rsity included race or ethnicity as one of many factors at could weigh in a prospective student's favor. The firmative-action policy was emulated by other universits and has survived four decades of constitutional scruly. However, similar policies at the University of Texas e currently under review by the Supreme Court.

At the time Leonard crafted the policy at Harvard, the

iversity was in danger of not meeting federal standards radmission of minorities. Bok told Harvard Law Today at Leonard helped the university become more diverse oth in its student body and on its faculty.

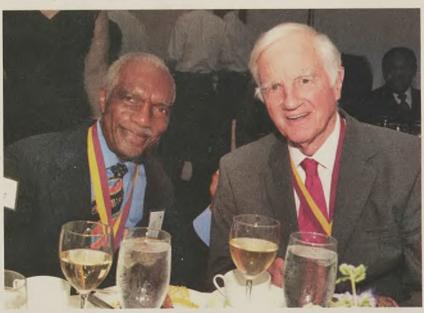
"The Harvard model provides a standard," Ronald

workin of the New York University School of Law rote in an essay for the 2002 book "The Affirmative Acn Debate." "If the admissions officers of other univeries are satisfied that their plan is like the Harvard plan all pertinent respects, they can proceed in confidence." From 1976 to 1983, Leonard served as president of storically black Fisk University in Nashville, Tennese, where he raised \$12 million to help rescue the school om financial difficulties

Leonard was born in Alma, Georgia, in 1929. At age , he enlisted in the Coast Guard during World War II. He attended several historically black universities and med a law degree from Howard University in his mids. He worked as a waiter in Washington to earn money

In 2011, Leonard and Bok were awarded Harvard Law hool's highest honor, the medal of freedom.

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Walter J. Leonard, left, in 2011 with Derek C. Bok, a former dean of Harvard Law School and president of Harvard University. (Credit: Martha Stewart Harvard Law Today)

Henderson resident shot, killed in Durham

(AP) - Durham police have identified a man who was shot and killed in the city.

Police spokesman Wil Glenn says that 21-yearold Jamel Small of Henderson, North Carolina, was found dead in a vehicle from a gunshot wound.

Police responded around 9 p.m. on Thurs., Dec. 18 to a report of a shooting.

North Carolina redistricting upheld again by state justices

By Gary D. Robertson

RALEIGH (AP) - North Carolina's highest court on Dec. 18 again upheld maps drawn by Republicans for General Assembly and congressional districts, months after the U.S. Supreme Court told state judges to review boundaries through the lens of its Alabama redistricting

A majority on the state Supreme Court reaffirmed its December 2014 decision upholding the boundaries, finding that they still withstood the scrutiny of federal and state constitutional and redistricting guidelines.

This latest legal inspection also included the U.S. Supreme Court's majority opinion in March that Alabama lawmakers had relied too much on "mechanical" numerical percentages while drawing legislative districts in which blacks comprised a majority of the population. The federal justices threw out the first North Carolina Supreme Court ruling and told the state court to try again.

Friday's ruling still keeps in place the boundaries approved by the GOP-led legislature in 2011 and used in the 2012 and 2014 elections. They have helped Republicans expand and sustain their majorities in the state House and Senate and hold 10 of the 13 seats in North Carolina's congressional delegation.

The ruling also makes it more likely that 2016 primary elections set for March 15 will be held under the same boundaries. Two other redistricting lawsuits are pending in federal courts.

The ruling "once again makes clear the General Assembly protected the rights of voters and established voting boundaries that are fair and legal," redistricting leaders Rep. David Lewis, R-Harnett, and Sen. Bob Rucho, R-Mecklenburg, said in a news release.

Democrat Margaret Dickson of Fayetteville, a former lawmaker and a lead plaintiff in the case, said a petition will be filed quickly with

the U.S. Supreme Court to rehear the case. Friday's ruling reflects "continued misunderstanding of the facts in this case and the law," Dickson

Dickson is one of dozens of Democratic voters who, along with election reform and civil rights groups, challenged North Carolina's maps. They said the Alabama decision affirmed their arguments that GOP mapmakers created too many unnecessary and irregularly shaped majority-black districts that amounted to racial gerrymandering. They say surrounding districts became more white and Republican.

Looking again at the 2013 ruling of a panel of three North Carolina trial court judges who held a trial on about 30 of the districts and upheld the maps, Associate Justice Paul Newby wrote the lines still didn't violate the rights of those who sued.

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