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Derrick Caracter's play helped spark the University of Louisville Cardinals to race by St. John's 67-57 yesterday.

KENTUCKY 78  
S. CAROLINA 70



Wildcat Ramel Bradley, with 26 points and 10 rebounds, helped lead UK to a win over South Carolina.

## DECISION 2008

# Obama wins in landslide

SOUTH CAROLINA PRIMARY



## District ready to unveil school assignment plans

Final decision expected by mid-May

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Civil-rights leaders want to make sure schools stay racially integrated. Parents want to keep school choice. And students want to stay where they are.

The stakes will be high tomorrow when officials with Jefferson County Public Schools make public their highly anticipated student-assignment proposals in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court ruling rejecting the district's desegregation policy.

"This is something that's going to impact the entire community," said Raoul Cunningham, president of the Louisville NAACP. "We are being watched across the nation."

Among those watching are school districts that want to see how Jefferson County, which has been nationally recognized for its integration efforts, will move forward after the Supreme Court said it can no longer assign individual students to schools based on their race.

Determined to avoid resegregation, Jefferson County officials have spent months weighing options such

### IF YOU GO

Superintendent Sheldon Berman will present new student-assignment options for Jefferson County Public Schools at 4 p.m. tomorrow at Van Hoose Education Center, 3332 Newburg Road.

The meeting is open to the public, but no public comment is allowed and no decisions will be made.

### ON THE WEB

Go to [www.courier-journal.com/desegregation](http://www.courier-journal.com/desegregation) to:

- Read complete coverage of the U.S. Supreme Court's desegregation ruling.
- Look up the racial makeup of Jefferson County Public Schools, and the makeup of surrounding neighborhoods.
- Check out a special report on the 30th anniversary of busing in Jefferson County.

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## Woman's lawsuit

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# Late-night fire destroys apartments, art studios



Photos by David Harpe, Special to The Courier-Journal

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## One reported hurt at LAVA House



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# FIRE | Blaze destroys buildings in LAVA House complex

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VA House complex.

Aron Conaway, one of the founders of LAVA House, said the fire involved two buildings: an aluminum-sided warehouse with art studios and an adjacent two-story apartment building. He said he thought four or five people lived in the complex.

Conaway said he knew of one person who had been hurt.

By 11:45, no flames were visible, but the warehouse building was leveled. The other building appeared to be gutted, and its back half was gone.

Late last night, dozens of people stood by in the mixed residential and industrial neighborhood watching the

firefighters.

Fire hoses stretched across the railroad tracks that run next to the buildings.

A neighbor, John Smith, said of the complex, "It's ain't nothing now."

He said he heard firetrucks, came outside and saw flames, and heard a fire official calling for reinforcements.

"It's a bad one," Smith said.

Conaway, who also lives nearby, said that over the years, LAVA House had been used for art shows and music shows.

"It's surreal," a stunned Conaway said. "I'm just kind of like waiting to wake up."

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