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## Parish tourism tallies \$58 million in 2002

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By *MIKE KIRAL* *The Ascension Citizen*

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Ascension Parish generated \$58 million for the state in tourist-related spending in 2002.

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That was the report given by Angela Falgoust, executive director of the Ascension Parish Tourist Commission, at the Gonzales City Council meeting Dec. 2 at City Hall.

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Falgoust said that amount ranks Ascension around 13th or 14th of all parishes. The state as a whole generated \$8.1 billion in tourist spending, about a one-half percent decrease from the previous year.

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Falgoust attributed that to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and the economy.

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Falgoust also gave an update on the welcome centers at Tanger Mall in Gonzales and in Sorrento. Falgoust said that the two centers have had 33,000 visitors between them, matching last year's figures, and projects more than 40,000 visitors will have stopped at them by year's end. Of that number, Tanger has had 24,000 visitors.

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"We thank you for the partnership we have had at Tanger with the welcome center," Falgoust said.

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Falgoust also talked about the commission's "Come Home for Christmas" campaign, noting that they placed a seven-page ad in the Country Roads magazine.

"We've gotten a great response from all who participated," Falgoust said.

Falgoust said the commission is working with the Department of Transportation and Development to improve the tourism-related signage in the parish. She pointed out the new signs in Donaldsonville directing visitors to Hwy. 18 and said the commission wants to do the same for Gonzales.

In other business, the council received a report from Michael Schexnayder of Postlcthwaite & Netterville on the city's 2002 audit. Schexnayder said the city was in compliance in all three phases of the

audit.

"Comparatively, the city is in excellent financial shape," Schexnayder said.

The council also discussed charging \$50 for the installation of new gas meters. Currently, the city charges a fee of \$60 for customers outside Gonzales who use the city's gas. This fee would be for people inside the city to cover the cost of the gas meter and labor. It would not be for change outs, only for new installations and for those who have had a meter pulled for non-payment.

In a similar manner, the council discussed changing the fee for installing water meters from \$50 to \$100. Mayor Johnny Berthelot said the city is having a problem with customers who have had their water turned off for non-payment coming right after the utility worker leaves and turning the water back on. The new meters would include a cover with a lock on it that would prevent customers from turning the water back on. Berthelot said another advantage is that the meter readers could turn the water back on without having to get the utilities department out. This increase in cost, like the gas meter, would also just be for new customers and customers who have had water turned off for non-payment.

The council gave approval to two ordinances discussed at prior meetings - an amendment to the city's code of ordinances that would place a limit on the volume that radios could be played at and an amendment to the electrical code regarding microwave ovens.

The council also approved to accept the low bid of \$64,250 by Byron Decoteau Builder to construct the tennis court restrooms.

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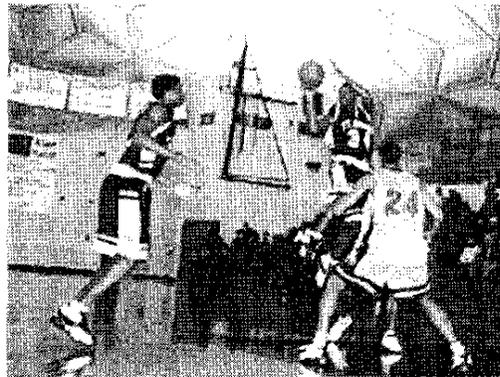
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### Parish well-represented at Classic

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### The round ends far too soon

"Why do you play golf?" It's a question my dad, an avid fisherman, often asks me when I head out for the course on a Sunday morning.

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ST. AMANT - St. Augustine packed into an inside zone, forcing St. Amant to shoot from the perimeter in an elimination game at the 18th annual Ralph Sellers Gold Dome Classic Friday night.

St. Amant hit the shots late in the first half to take a 30-25 halftime lead. But the shots refused to fall in the second half as the Purple Knights held the Gators to two field goals to pull out a 55-42 win.

Woodlawn won the Classic title with a 75-52 win over Plaquemine Saturday. Istrouma defeated Douglas, 53-43, in the third-place game while St. Augustine defeated O.P. Walker, 78-40, in the consolation finals Saturday. St. Amant, which lost to Covington, 64-60, and defeated Dutchtown, 53-30, earlier in the tournament, fell to 4-4.

"Tonight was the best game we played all year," St. Amant head coach Gary Duhe said. "They were a very quality opponent. Wednesday, we didn't play well. Last night and tonight, we played well. I'm not pleased with the results but I'm pleased with the effort. I see a lot of improvement."

St. Amant trailed 19-10 at the first quarter before Luther Nash got hot. Nash bombed in a 3-pointer from each quarter, then hit a jumper from the left side to pull the Gators to within one. Following a jumper by St. Augustine's David Graham, Nash hit one from the right corner. Two possessions later, he added a 3-pointer from the right corner, giving the Gators their first lead at 23-21 with 3:44 left in the half.

St. Augustine tied the game on its next possession on a drive by Randy Evans. St. Amant answered with a 7-0 run, starting with Oscar Gross scoring inside. Nash then took over again, hitting his fourth 3-pointer of the night and adding a jumper from the right corner to make it 30-23 with 1:13 left in the half. Nash finished with a team-high 18 points, all in the second quarter.

Chris Desdunes scored on a put back to pull St. Augustine to within 30-25 at the half.

Both teams struggled early in the second half with Tommy Cann

getting the first point of the third quarter on a free throw at the 5:42 mark, giving St. Amant a 31-25 lead.

St. Augustine took the lead for good at the 4:36 mark as Shawn Dumas converted a three-point play off a steal by Wendell Fredrick. A drive by Earnest Jones made it 35-31.

P.J. Brown hit a 3-pointer from the left wing for the Gators' first field goal of the half with 3:40 left but David Garrison converted another three-point play off a pass from Dumas. Marcus Williams cut the deficit to 39-37 with a 3-pointer from the left wing. That would prove to be the Gators' last field goal of the night. Jones answered by taking a pass inside from Garrison to make it 41-37 going into the fourth quarter.

St. Augustine went on a 6-0 run to open the fourth, taking a 47-37 lead with 4:11 left as Dumas took a steal in. Gross scored the Gators' first points of the quarter on two free throws with 2:38 left. But the Purple Knights held on by making 6-of-10 free throws down the stretch.

Garrison had 17 points to lead St. Augustine. Fredrick had 15 while Dumas added 11. Gross chipped in with eight points for St. Amant.

In Thursday's 53-30 win over Dutchtown, Brian Babin and Tommy Cann had 10 points apiece for St. Amant. Babin and Marcus Williams each had a 3-pointer as the Gators took a 16-5 lead in the first quarter. The Gators then held the Griffins to one point in the second quarter to take a 26-6 lead.

St. Amant extended its lead to 40-15 at the end of the third quarter.

In Wednesday's 64-60 loss to Covington, the Lions took a 17-10 first quarter lead before St. Amant pulled to within 27-22 at the half and 41-39 going into the fourth quarter. Oscar Gross had 15 points and Williams 10 for the Gators. Derek Bowman led all scorers with 23 points for Covington.

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The committee gave final approval of the districts in classes 5A, 4A, 2A and C. The plan for districts in classes 3A, 1A and B had been approved at the committee's second meeting last month. The districts approved will be in effect for the 2003-04 and 2004-05 school years.

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None of the four local districts had any changes Wednesday. LHSAA Commissioner Tommy Henry had heard a proposal about moving East Ascension and Dutchtown from the Baton Rouge-based District 7-4A to the bayou-based District 8-4A. But Henry rejected the idea, saying that East Ascension and Dutchtown "had always played in that area" while pointing to the Baton Rouge district.

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East Ascension and Dutchtown will be joined in District 7-4A for the next two years by Capitol, Istrouma, Lee, McKinley, Plaquemine and Redemptorist.

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"One thing that seems set in stone, with us and Dutchtown being so close to Baton Rouge, unless there is a shift in the commissioner's thought process, we are Baton Rouge-type schools," East Ascension athletic director Billy Beasley said. "Traditionally, we have not played those schools (in the bayou area). We are 4A, this is the district we have and we have our schedules basically set up and we are looking to entering into 4A the best way we can."

East Ascension and Dutchtown had wanted to play in a district based upon a Florida Blvd. dividing line rather than one based on a Airline Hwy. dividing line but that was ruled out at the second reclassification meeting. Both Beasley and Dutchtown athletic director Benny Saia said their schools will accept the decision.

"We'll play who they tell us to play," Saia said. "That's about all we can do."

St. Ainant will play in its old District 4-5A along with Catholic, Central, Denham Springs, Tara, Walker and Woodlawn. Also in the district is non-football playing Baton Rouge High and all-girls St. Joseph's Academy.

With seven teams playing football, each team will have an open date in their district schedule. St. Amant's will come in the eighth week of the season.

"The only thing I don't like is the open date," St. Amant athletic director and head football coach David Swacker said. "It's tough finding somebody to play that eighth date."

The district is losing East Ascension and Broadmoor, both moving down to 4A, while gaining Walker from 4A. The second preliminary plan originally had East St. John joining the district but the Wildcats were moved back to District 6-5A before that plan was approved.

"I can't see it as being as strong of a district as it was in past years." Swacker said. "It's a good district. But I kind of wish we had East St. John to level things up."

District IO-3A (Donaldsonville, Lutcher, St. Charles Catholic, St. James and E.D. White) and District 7-1A (Ascension Catholic, East Iberville, North Iberville, St. John and White Castle) had been finalized last month.

The only changes made in the final plan was the moving of Faith Christian and Grand Isle from District 11-C into 10-C and moving Edna Karr back to District 9-4A from 8-4A. There were also discussions about splitting nine-team District 6-4A into five-team and four-team districts and the same for nine-team District 9-1A but both districts were left alone.

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### Parish well-represented at Classic

By *MIKE KIRAL* *The Ascension Citizen*

A host of local players have been selected to play in the first Louisiana Capital Metro Football Classic.

The Classic will be held Dec. 21 at Olympia Stadium in Baton Rouge. Kickoff is scheduled for 1 p.m.

The game features players from 23 schools in East Baton Rouge Parish versus those from 23 schools in the eight surrounding parishes - Ascension, Livingston, East Feliciana, West Feliciana, St. Helena, Iberville, Pointe-Coupee and West Baton Rouge. One player will be selected from each school with another 22 being selected at-large for each squad for a total of 45 players.

Named from District 4-5A co-champion St. Amant were offensive lineman Michael Janis, linebacker Brandon LeBlanc, defensive lineman Stephen Lemieux and wide receiver Dallas Rowell.

East Ascension also had four players named to the "Great Eight" squad - linebacker Kedrick Darville, defensive end Aaron Guitreau, wide receiver Kentrell Stell and defensive back Jonathan Walker.

Dutchtown defensive lineman Tim Bell will also play for the "Great Eight." Donaldsonville had safety Terrance Madison named. Madison had 82 tackles this season to go with four interceptions and 15 tackles behind the line. Named from Ascension Catholic was fullback Richie Bolotte.

Dutchtown assistant coach Chris Carrier will serve as an assistant coach for the "Great Eight." Brusly's Brady Perry is the head coach for "Great Eight" while Tara's David Prescott will head up the East Baton Rouge squad.

LeBlanc, Lemieux, Stell and Walker were first-team all-District 4-5A selections. Darville was a second team all-district choice while Janis, Rowell and Cuitreau were honorable mention selections.

"This is one more way of being able to recognize our local talent in a way that is appropriate," East Ascension head coach Billy Beasley

said. "It's another avenue for the guys to get some recognition for their play and their efforts. I feel like we are well-represented. It's going to be a good experience for our kids."

This is the first year for the Classic. St. Amant head coach David Swacker, who is on the Executive Council of the Louisiana High School Coaches Association, said he is waiting to see what impact this game has on the state all-star game held by the LHSCA in July.

"I'm a little apprehensive to see how it will affect the summer game," Swacker said.

Swacker said like any new venture, he expects the Metro Classic to have its share of growing pains. He wondered about how things will work out with just a week of practice. Unlike the state all-star game which has two-a-days the week prior to the game, practices at the Classic will be held once a day. But Swacker also noted it is being well-organized by people who know football and sports.

"It gives more kids another opportunity to play which is an advantage," Swacker said.

Donaldsonville head coach Bill Jones also sees things that need to be worked out but thinks it will turn into a positive for the local area.

"I think it could turn into something good, especially for the lesser-recruited kids," Jones said. "It gives them more of an opportunity to be seen in an all-star type setting. And it will get better as they go through trial and error."

Dutchtown head coach Benny Saia echoed those words.

"Like anything you start, there are some kinks that have to be worked out but it could be something very nice for the kids," Saia said.

Ascension Catholic head coach Kirk Delatte said there could be a problem with the timing of the event, with the athletes playing other sports, but also thinks the game is a good idea.

"It's going to give kids more opportunities to play and show their talents."

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1. Ascension residents to focus on Saturday election

The Town of Sorrento will choose its next mayor, councilmen and Chief of Police, and three major proposals will be up for vote when parish residents hit the booths April 7. Mayor Pro-Tem Camile Trabeau will enter the fray against Mayor Brenda Melancon for ...

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2. Historic Dville attracts filmmakers

Lights, Camera, Action! Historic Donaldsonville and other parts of Ascension will be hearing those familiar words a lot over the next few days when Academy Award winner Billy Bob Thornton, actress Patricia Arquette and director Robby Henson stop by to film ...

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3. PochŽ retires from Blue Runner, Inc. after 27 years

Although many think of him as the man who supplies famous Blue Runner Red and White Beans to millions of restaurants and homes, Neal PochŽ was known more for his safety and employee relations efforts. Last Thursday, PochŽ ended his 27 years of service wh ...

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4. Views voiced on Geismar incorporation

Parish Finance Chairman Darnell Martinez, 17-member Committee Chairman Ed Jackson and Concerned Citizens for Good Government member C.J. Kling told the Ascension Parish Council last week what they thought about the proposed incorporation of Geismar. Geism ...

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5. Ascension School Board to address shortage of middle school coaches

The Ascension Parish School Board is looking into a problem with a potential shortage in middle school coaches. A growing number of these coaches, hired primarily as teachers, are finding it harder to justify devoting the hours necessary for these after-s ...

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**6. Kiral joins Citizen as sports editor**

Mike Kiral joins The Ascension Citizen staff this week as the newspapers new sports editor. In his new position, Kiral will oversee The Citizens sports department and will coordinate coverage of the parishes high school and middle school athletic teams, as ..

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**7. Marchand, hitting, defense pace Lady Spartans**

ST. AMANT The weather may have been cold Tuesday afternoon but the East Ascension bats remained hot. The Lady Spartans rapped 14 hits to take a 10-4 victory over St. Amant in District 5-5A play. The victory moved East Ascension atop the district standing ...

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**8. Six-run sixth sparks St. Amant past EA**

ST. AMANT Gary Duhes three-run home run capped a six-run sixth inning for St. Amant against East Ascension Thursday afternoon. But it was two plays just in front of the plate that got the rally started as the Gators went on to defeat the Spartans, 8-4, i ...

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**9. Tennis Association a love match for area**

Every Monday and Thursday the sounds of balls popping and shoes squeaking fill the night air at Gonzales Municipal Park. Sure, amateur players often make it out to the parks fresh as new, green tennis courts to hit a few balls and battle each other in t ...

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**10. Baseball begins pivotal season**

When NBC used to have the Saturday Game of the Week, the legendary Vin Scully would begin many a broadcast by telling the audience to **pull** up a chair and stay awhile. As the 2001 baseball season begins, many a fan will do just that. Opening Day, that gran ...

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11. Voters decide on new Sorrento mayor, police chief

Ascension voters said no to the incorporation of Geismar, but strongly supported three tax propositions during last Saturdays election. The voting day, which had far-reaching implications for the parish, also resulted in a new Sorrento mayor, Camile Trabe ...

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12. Public hearings set for high school attendance zones

Parents and community members can give their input beginning April 30 on the Ascension Parish School Boards plan for setting new high school attendance guidelines. Thats when the board will begin a series of public meetings to hear what the public has to ...

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13. APSO officer arrested on rape charge

An Ascension Parish corrections officer faces a forcible rape charge after a female inmate said he attacked her while en route to the Ascension Parish Jail. John G. Jackson, 34, of 18094 Corinth in Prairicville was also fired from the Ascension Sheriffs O ...

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14. Divided council votes 5-4 against pay hike

The Ascension Parish Council, continuing to show signs of strong division among its members, voted 5-4 to deny a pay raise for Parish President Harold Marchand. Councilmen Alvin Thomas, Allison Bourque, Shafter Kling, Martin McConnell and Darnell Martinez ...

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15. Borden to stay in operation despite bankruptcy

Escalating energy cost and the decreasing cost and demand of polyvinyl chloride resin were what Borden Chemicals and Plastics officials said were the reasons it filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy last week. The companys Geismar, Addis and Illinois plants all ...

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16 Gonzales residents among 22 arrested for insurance scam

Two Gonzales residents were arrested in connection with an insurance scam involving false vehicle damage from poor roads that reportedly may have cost the state \$1.1 million. A four-month probe by Baton Rouge Police, the East Baton Rouge Parish District A ...

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17 Lady Spartans capture district crown

The East Ascension Lady Spartans reached the next step Saturday afternoon. East Ascension defeated cross-parish rival St. Amant, 7-1, sweeping the season series and capturing its first out-right District 5-SA title. The victory improved the Lady Spartans ...

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18. St. Amant slides in District 5-5A with two losses

When youve won four state titles in the 1990s, a 2-4 start in district is a hard pill to swallow. Bob Lemons St. Amant Gators squad now find themselves in that situation following losses last week to Catholic and Tara, coupled with a loss to Broadmoor the ...

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19. Spartans end five-game slide

The East Ascension Spartans snapped a tive-game losing streak and posted their second district win in a 17-6rout Saturday over Broadmoor. The Spartans improved to 2-4 in 5-5A fare and 15-9 overall. East Ascension continues the second round of district ac ...

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20. Duke, Woods make week a winning one

This past week was one of championships. And although one was decided in the climate-controlled Metrodome and the other among the azaleas and dogwoods of Augusta National, there were similarities between Dukes national title game win over Arizona and Tige ...

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21. Men sentenced in local teens beating death

Two Baton Rouge men were found guilty earlier this month of beating a Gonzales teen-ager to death in a brawl at Highland Road Park almost two years ago. Now, the aunt of murder victim Lance Aydell says she hopes the conviction serves as a message to young ...

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22. Tax to fund animal, litter, mosquito control set for July ballot

The Ascension Parish Council Finance Committee voted Thursday to hold a special election in July to seek voter support of 2-mill property tax that would fund an animal control shelter along with additional mosquito and litter control. Animal control is on ...

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23. Group carries cross 20 miles on Good Friday pilgrimage

For Christians in Ascension Parish and all over the world, the week leading up to Easter Sunday was one of soul-searching, intense prayer and reflection on the events leading up to the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And for one group of loc ...

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24. Relay for Life gearing up in Ascension

It doesnt matter how you do it you can walk, run, bicycle, even two-step if thats your preference. However folks manage to circle the track during the upcoming American Cancer Society Relay for Life event, they can be assured its for a good cause, organi ...

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25. School Board changes first public hearing

The Ascension Parish School Board will begin a series of public meetings on their proposal to redistrict the three high school attendance zones on the east bank of the parish. The first meeting has been changed and is now set for April 30 at St. Amant Hig ...

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26. NFL Draft could go in a number of directions

In 1998, the Indianapolis Colts had a choice to make with the first overall pick of the NFL Draft. The Colts could take Tennessee quarterback Peyton Manning, Washington State quarterback Ryan Leaf or trade the pick. Indianapolis chose Manning who has since ...

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27. MIKE KIRAL

Gators step up to take first at St. Amant Invitational BY MIKE KIRAL The Ascension Citizen St. Amant got a few unexpected finishes to capture first place at the Baton Rouge Physical Therapy/St. Amant Invitational Thursday evening. The Gators finished with ...

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28. Spartans take must-win contest

Whenever St. Amant and East Ascension meet, the game takes on a different atmosphere. With both teams going into Tuesdays matchup tied for third in District 5-5A, that atmosphere became almost a playoff one. East Ascension got a leg up in the playoff race ...

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29. Catholic rallies past EA behind sixth-run fifth

BATON ROUGE - East Ascensions loss Thursday became Catholics gain. The Bears awakened from hibernation to pile 10 runs in the last two innings to come come a two-run deficit for a 12-5 win over the Spartans. The victory put Catholic (19-6, 8-0) in line for ...

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30. Local seniors have to weigh alternatives with Option 65 shutdown

Thousands of Ascension Parish senior citizens could be in financial and medical limbo when Gulf Souths Medicare HMO, Option 65, runs out April 30. Option 65 provides low-cost insurance to over 25,000 Medicare beneficiaries in Ascension and 16 other south ...

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31. Parish still lops toxicity list despite improvement

Latest figures show Ascension Parish is still easily the largest toxic releaser in the state, although its emissions dropped dramatically from the previous year. According to findings from the soon-to-be-published Louisiana Toxics Release Inventory report ...

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32. Local teen serves as spokesman for American Heart Association

Just three months ago, 17-year-old Nathaniel Devall of Prairieville was minutes away from death when he collapsed in his familys van in the Gonzales Super Wal-Mart parking lot. Luckily for Nathaniel, his younger brother Samuel called for help right away a ...

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33. Travel writers tour Ascension attractions

Ascension Parish should soon be gaining both national and international attention, thanks to a group of travel writers who toured the parish this past weekend. Fifteen writers from throughout the United States and parts of Canada flew in for a whirlwind v ...

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34. 2,000 parents attend sports seminars

ST. AMANT - A seminar that addresses the growing trend of violence at youth league events has proven to be a popular one for the Parish of Ascension Recreation and Culture Department. The 27th and final seminar was held at St. Amant Park Thursday night be ...

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35. New parish tax to appear on July ballot

In a two-and-a-half-hour meeting during which councilmen and the parish president battled verbally over issues, the Ascension Parish Council voted to loan the west side utilities district \$56,000 and put two property taxes, one for mosquito, animal and li ..

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**36. Ascension Citizen takes home nine LPA awards**

The Ascension Citizen news staff earned nine awards at the Louisiana Press Associations Better Newspaper Editorial Contest held this past weekend in Alexandria, including three first-place honors. Eighty-seven Louisiana daily and weekly newspapers, special ...

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**37. EA making first trip to state**

COVINGTON - In a game where hits were hard to come by, it was appropriate that a defensive play made the difference. East Ascension center fielder Kelli Gautreau chased down Covington's Chrissy Jenkins' double in the eighth inning and hit shortstop Rhalie ...

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**38. Humphreys tag, double sends St. Amant to state**

ST. AMANT - Two plays St. Amant has been working on in recent weeks paid big dividends for the Lady Caters in their Class 5A regional against Dominican Friday afternoon. With the score tied at 2 in the top of the fifth, catcher Elaine Mumphrey made a swip ...

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**39. Spartans Marchand finds familiar spot at Nationals**

For Brentley Marchand, a change in schools, weight classes and meet locations did not affect his performance at the USAPL High School National Championships last month. For the second straight year, the Gonzales native broke two national records on his wa ...

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**40. NFL Draft featured surprises**

The 2001 NFL Draft was expected to be one of the most unpredictable in recent years. After seven rounds and 246 picks, it can be said that the draft lived up to that expectation. It started days prior to the draft when San Diego traded the first overall p ...

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41. **DWI offenders hear tales of tragedy as penance**

In June of 1999 Dawn Brown of Denham Springs was overjoyed to find she was pregnant with her fourth child. Seven months later while driving her car through Mississippi with her mother, husband, son and unborn baby girl, however, that anticipation turned t ...

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42. **Former Ascension builder jailed for cheating contractors, suppliers**

Jim Wilkinson, a former builder for Ascension-based JSW Homes, is behind bars after being arrested for misapplication of \$60,213 in payments. Wilkinson, **33**, formerly of 37405 Provence Point Ave. in Prairieville, was arrested by the US. Border Patrol in T ...

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43. **Board to decide on Bible course**

Ascension Parish School Board members will decide next month if a Bible course can be among local high schools elective class offerings. If approved, the elective, which is described as a study of the Bible as literature and history, would be offered only ...

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44. **Students medical records should be transferred**

Officials with the Gonzales Health Unit are reminding parents of east side kindergarten students needing immunizations this school year to have their medical records transferred from the Donaldsonville Health Unit to the unit in Gonzales. "If their child ...

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45. **Parish President observes simulated war in California**

Parish President Harold Marchand got a close look at an active battlefield last week. Marchand was one of many public officials invited to Fort Irwin, California to serve as a field observer for a military training exercise, "Operation Tiger Strike" at th ...

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46 Borden Chemical spent \$20 million for dramatic drop in chemical releases

GEISMAR Borden Chemical and Plastics \$20 million in emission reductions spending has apparently paid off in a big way. Although the parishes final Toxic Release Inventory figures wont be released until later this year, Borden announced its releases for 20 ...

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47 Gonzales makes prediction come true

Just after the Gonzales 13 year olds lost the state championship game last season, assistant coach Rob Bergeron walked over to their disheartened fans and confidently promised them a state title in 2001. Bergeron said his courageous prognostication came f ..

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48. McMakin sweeps Athletic Center to win regional

Catholic-based McMakin Financial swept two distinct different games against Athletic Center to capture the South Central Louisiana American Legion Tournament at Johnny Ambeau Park Wednesday night. McMakin used a nine-run third inning to take a 15-2 five-i ...

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49. Athletic Center pulls away from USI-Coastal

Andy Schexnaydre got an early 4-0 lead from his teammates, then took over from there, pitching Athletic Center to a 7-2 victory over US[-Coastal Insurance of Houma in the South Central American Legion Regional Monday night at Johnny Ambeau Field. Athletic ...

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50. Wrestling returning to EA

The beginning of the 2001-02 school year will bring a host of new things for local sports teams - new players, new coaches, new districts. And for East Ascension, a new sport - wrestling. The Ascension Parish School Board unanimously voted to reinstate wr ...

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