

Port Arthur Fiesta 57
honors Mexican heritage



Families enjoy the festivities at the Mexican Heritage Society's Fiesta 57 celebration at the Bob A. Bowers Civic Center in Port Arthur on Saturday, including a dance performance by Society members.

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The Civic Center in Port Arthur was transformed into a colorful scene Saturday, filled with the sights, sounds and smells of Mexico during the Mexican Heritage Society's Fiesta 57 celebration.

The main room was filled with tables decorated for the occasion, edged by vendors selling everything from plants to light-up trinkets and toys to Mexico's classic dishes and sweet treats.

The day-long event was highlighted by traditional dance performance.

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Tiny and petite pageant members compete as families enjoy the festivities at the Mexican Heritage Society's Fiesta 57 celebration in Port Arthur on Saturday.

What's that going to be...
on College Street?

Porky's convenience store plans second location in Beaumont

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A new gas station is coming to College Street, marking its second location in Beaumont.

Being constructed at 4930 College St., Porky's convenience store and gas station is opening another location in Beaumont, according to city spokesperson Tracy Kennick.

The store will cover 5,508 square feet, according to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation website. The store is also expected to have a deli and sell daiquiris.



Porky's gas station is opening a location at 4930 College St., in Beaumont.

Local rehab
center unveils
immersive
therapy space

Land Manor seeks to bring a new kind of curriculum

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Beaumont rehabilitation center Land Manor is bringing a first-of-its-kind interactive space for patients and staff as part of it's renovation and rebranding.

Land Manor Wellness Center has revealed their Experiential Therapeutic Room, a multi-media space lined with five synched 4k screens, Bose soundbars and a touch screen interface that the healthcare provider described as the first of its kind in Southeast Texas.

"I had an idea years ago to have a recovery center that incorporated technology," Land Manor's Business Consultant Dennis Farmer said. "We

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Land Manor's Experiential Therapeutic Room's launch presentation.

Transit
contracting
forum coming
to Beaumont

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The city of Beaumont will host a transit contracting forum for local entities to learn about upcoming projects and get guidance on working in the public sector.

The forum will be hosted at the Lakeside Center Meeting Room from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sept. 19. The event will highlight upcoming federally funded transit projects and give guidance to businesses on how to work with public agencies.

It is open to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises-certified (DBE) firms and small businesses ready to serve as prime or subcontractors, companies interested in pursuing DBE certification and vendor registration and prime contractors seeking qualified DBE partners and suppliers. The event will be attended by Beaumont Transit, Port Arthur Transit and the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission, as well as additional regional partners.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to participate in matchmaking sessions that connect

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