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Jobs in Progress

- Rice University-Deem Remodel
- Rice University-Facilities Engineering & Planning Remodel
- Rice University-McNair Hall Office Renovation
- Missionary Society of Saint Paul

Awarded Projects

- Brazoria County Museum Restoration
- Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church
- LESCO Interior Build-out

Welcome Friends- to this next edition of Zenith Construction's Z-News. We have completed some very impressive projects since the last newsletter and have highlighted the projects below. By the way, Jones Plaza Cornerstones project that was highlighted last issue has won an AIA Houston Design Award.

Please check out the links to the AGC reports, 2006 Houston Construction Market Forecast and 2006 Labor and Material Cost Survey, I think it will be of interest to all.

As always, we at Zenith wish to thank you for contributing to our success. See you at the AGC Bar-B-Q!

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church



Zenith Construction completed renovations of the **Immaculate Conception Catholic Church** in the last quarter of 2005. Zenith Construction was selected as the general contractor due in part to our reputation with the

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. The church is located in Sealy, Texas and the renovations included a new connector addition designed to tie the existing sanctuary and community center into one facility.



A new exterior gathering plaza and renovated sanctuary with barrel-vault ceilings and new font were also part of the contract. Working in conjunction with the church's building committee, local and international artisans, and **Turner Partners Architecture**; we were able to produce a breathtaking worship center for area parishioners. ✕

**The Associated General
Contractors 15th Annual Fair
& Bar-B-Q Cook-off**



A must attend event!

Zenith Construction has participated in the annual AGC Bar-B-Q for many years and hope you will visit our booth **Friday March 31st or Saturday April 1st.**

Zenith will also be celebrating our 5th year in business so it will be a Friday night to remember. If you have visited in the past you know that many in the industry participate in the event so there is plenty to see and do. We have been fortunate enough to place in the cook-off competitions in years past and we intend an even better showing this year. We hope that you will come by, eat, drink and celebrate our 5th birthday.

The cook-off is located at the Houston Farm & Ranch, adjacent to Bear Creek Park. [Houston Farm & Ranch - 1 Abercrombie -](#)

Did You Know?

Zenith Construction moved to our new home location at [7818 Hillmont Street Houston Texas 77040-6108](#)

Zenith's website offers more than just a look at our mission and completed projects, there is also up to the minute *PlanRoom* information for maximum subcontractor participation, please visit the *BidZone*© link in our website.

CONSTRUCTION NEWS

Zenith Construction was recently featured in "Houston Construction News", the article can be found in the [Construction News-Houston Edition, January 2006.](#)

The AGC has compiled two very good reports that should be of interest to everyone. The first is the [2006 Houston Construction Market Forecast](#) concerning all sectors of the construction industry. The second report is the [2006 Labor & Material Cost Survey Results](#) concerning cost projections and/or increases.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

**New Ranch Hand
Retail Store**

The new retail store for **Ranch Hand**, a truck accessories outfitter, was a great success, completed on time and on budget. The new metal building with cultured stone accents convey the ranch image the owner and architect envisioned.

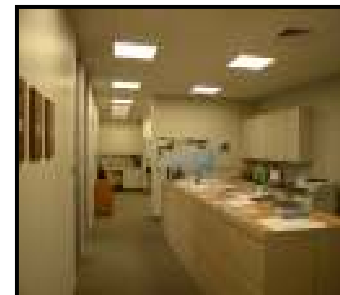
The interior loft area, office and warehouse areas, with front retail sales area will hopefully insure steady sales. The eye-catching color scheme helps the building stand out at the busy 10717 FM 1960 street location. The majority of the finishes and design of the store come directly from the store owner, **Kaspar Properties, Inc.** with architectural contributions from **That's Architecture, Nancy Ganuchau.**✕



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Fugro Building Addition & Truck Wash Bay

Zenith Construction was honored to have one of our past clients, **Fugro**, contact us for construction of their new two story building addition and drive-through truck wash bay at their 6101 Rookin location. In addition, we constructed a new lay-down yard for general storage. The first floor of the building addition includes warehouse type space, constructed of structural steel and split face block. The second floor, which houses traditional office space, is clad in manufactured metal wall panels. Zenith was thrilled to have the opportunity to again work with both **Fugro** and **Morris Architects.** ✕



CONSTRUCTION HUMOR

A builder dies and reports to the pearly gates. St. Peter checks his dossier and says, "Ah sorry, you're in the wrong place."

So the builder reports to the gates of hell and is let in. Pretty soon, the builder gets dissatisfied with the level of comfort in hell, and starts making improvements. After a while, they've got air conditioning and flush toilets and escalators, and the builder is a pretty popular guy.

One day God calls Satan up on the telephone and says with a sneer, "So, how's it going down there in hell?" Satan replies, "Hey, things are going great. We've got air conditioning and flush toilets and escalators, and there's no telling what this builder is going to come up with next."

God replies, "What??? You've got a builder? That's a mistake! He should never have gotten down there; send him up here." Satan says, "No way. I like having a builder on the staff, and I'm keeping him."

God says, "Send him back up here or I'll sue."

Satan laughs uproariously and answers, "Yeah, right. And just where are YOU going to get a lawyer?" ☺

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