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Jobs in Progress

- Rice University-Dean's Suite
- Rice University-GSA Lounge
- Rice University-RSM Renovations
- The Missionary Society of St. Paul Headquarters Buildings
- Caliente Build-out Greenspoint Mall
- ThruBit Build-out

Awarded Projects

- Brazoria County Museum Restoration
- Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church
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Welcome to the next installment of Zenith Construction's Z-News. You guys have been very kind in your response and comments of the highlighted projects. This time around we would like to highlight two projects, one in progress called Caliente, a high end clothing store and a renovation project in McNair Hall, Jones School of Management at Rice University. Both projects had and have presented their own unique set of challenges to overcome.

As always, we thank you for your patronage and contribution to our success, we could not have made this happen without your continued support.

By the way, in about two weeks it will be pecan season. We have thirteen very full pecan trees on our property. If any are interested, you are welcome to come by, visit and help yourself. Until next time.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS



The staff at Zenith Construction is very excited to have been selected as the negotiated general contractor to renovate four existing spaces at Greenspoint Mall into one space for our newest client **Parko Textiles, Inc.** This new high-end 4,000 square feet clothing store presents new challenges for Zenith. This is a fast track project with ever changing details to meet existing conditions, and an aggressive schedule to meet the owners' move-in date, while maintaining a very high degree of finish. Most finishes including carpet, ceramic and millwork will not arrive until days before the opening. Caliente plans to open for business October 1, 2006. **Gensler** provided the creative design for this project.



Did You Know?

Zenith Construction's Fishing Team took 2nd Place for the largest flounder in the recent AGC Fishing Tournament. Our own **Jack Hargrave, Paul Rainer**, and two of our associates **Don McCauley** of Don McCauley Glass & Mirror and **Jay Gabrhel** of J&S Mechanical enjoyed a full day of fishing. Congratulations to **Don McCauley** on this prize winning catch!



Largest Flounder - Second Place

CONSTRUCTION HUMOR

The Story of Three Contractors

Three contractors were visiting a tourist attraction on the same day. One was from New York, another from Texas, and the third from Florida.

At the end of the tour, the guard asked them what they did for a living. When they all replied that they were contractors, the guard said, "Hey, we need one of the rear fences redone. Why don't you guys take a look at it and give me a bid?"

So, to the back fence they all went to check it out.

First to step up was the Florida contractor. He took out his tape measure and pencil, did some measuring and said, "Well I figure the job will run about

CONSTRUCTION NEWS



Zenith Construction would like to acknowledge our peers who recently won honors in the 7th Bi-Annual APEX awards. Zenith Construction was a proud sponsor of this event and hope you will take a minute to see who won in the multitude of categories for construction honors. <http://www.agchouston.org/news.asp?show=art&artid=192>. In addition to honoring local general contractor's efforts of the past two years, this event also honored the **Archbishop Emeritus Joseph A Fiorenza** of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston with the prestigious Master Builder award.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Jones School of Management in McNair Hall at **Rice University** also provided some challenges for Zenith Construction. Although the design was complete, the schedule was cause for headaches. This project should have had a twelve week schedule due to lead times for equipment and finishes, but was condensed down to seven. All this while the University was going through commencement week, no contractor can be seen or heard during commencements. The aggressive schedule was achieved by quick shipments of equipment and commitments from vendors and subcontractors to finish on time. The project consisted of renovations to offices, conference rooms, mail room and copy center on four floors within the building. A very high degree of finish was required for this project. Oak trim and doors had to be specially made to match existing profiles as well as stain finish. **Jim Ray**, the architect for this project commented that he could not tell where the existing trim ended and the new trim began, **James Ray Architects** provided the architectural services for this project.



\$900. \$400 for materials, \$400 for my crew, and \$100 profit for me."

Next was the Texas contractor. He also took out his tape measure and pencil, did some quick figuring and said, "Looks like I can do this job for \$700. \$300 for materials, \$300 for my crew, and \$100 profit for me."

Without so much as moving, the New York contractor said, "\$2,700."

The guard, incredulous, looked at him and said, "You didn't even measure like the other guys! How did you come up with such a high figure?"

"Easy," he said \$1,000 for me, \$1,000 for you and we hire the guy from Texas." ▫

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