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## Jobs Currently in Progress

- **Brazoria County Historical Museum-**  
Restorations and Renovations to this 1897 historic building, see Project Highlights
- **Rice University-Food & Housing Upgrades-**Upgrades to the existing exhaust systems within two buildings
- **Crate Works, Inc.-** State of the art warehouse conversion to store museum quality artwork
- **High Tech Finishing-**A new two-story office building
- **Rice University-Shepherd School of Music-**Renovations to the existing recital

We meet again for the next installment of Z-News, Zenith Construction's quarterly newsletter. This quarter we are pleased to announce the addition of personnel to our growing organization, they are highlighted in the *Did you Know?* section of Z-News. Zenith is excited about our recently completed projects for Rice University. The new duct-less HVAC system installed in the Greenbriar Building is working very well. Individual spaces are personally adjustable to suit everyone's comfort requirements. The Gonzalez & Segatori research laboratories completed on schedule with both doctor's able to begin their work as scheduled. Photographs of this completed project are featured below. Many thanks to all for our continued growth. We are making many new friends and continue to work with established business partners. Again, I can't say this enough, thank you for enabling our continued success. See you next quarter!

## CONSTRUCTION NEWS

MAY 2007 NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION STARTS  
MONTHLY SUMMARY OF CONSTRUCTION STARTS  
Prepared by McGraw-Hill Construction Research & Analytics

### MONTHLY CONSTRUCTION STARTS Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rates, In Millions of Dollars

	May 2007	April 2007	% Change
Non-residential Building	\$198,041	\$189,893	+4
Residential Building	\$271,801	\$276,307	-2
Non-building Construction	\$142,272	\$ 99,403	+43
<b>TOTAL Construction</b>	<b>\$612,114</b>	<b>\$565,603</b>	<b>+8</b>

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(Year 2000=100, Seasonally Adjusted)

May 2007 .....	129
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### YEAR-TO-DATE CONSTRUCTION STARTS Unadjusted Totals, In Millions of Dollars

	5 Mos. 2007	5 Mos. 2006	% Change
Non-residential Building	\$ 81,110	\$ 84,152	-4
Residential Building	\$114,126	\$158,866	-28
Non-building Construction	\$ 50,137	\$ 47,255	+6
<b>TOTAL Construction</b>	<b>\$245,373</b>	<b>\$290,273</b>	<b>-15</b>

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## Recently Completed Projects

- Gonzalez & Segatori Lab Renovations – see Project Highlight
- Greenbriar Building – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Renovations including the newest duct-less HVAC system offered by York

## Awarded Projects to Start

- St Stephen's United Methodist Church-Fellowship Hall Renovation
- St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church-New Parish Hall
- Holy Family Roman Catholic Church-New Parish Hall
- St. Stephen's Catholic Church-Renovations

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## ***Did You Know?***

To support and manage our ever increasing projects list, Zenith Construction is pleased to announce the addition of two new Project Superintendents, **Claud Branton** and **Mike Harris**. Claud comes highly recommended with an extensive background in commercial construction and will be supervising the restoration work of Brazoria County Historical Museum. Mike Harris also comes highly recommended with an interiors background and is currently supervising the Crate Works renovation.

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## ***PROJECT HIGHLIGHT***

### **Rice University – Research lab for Dr's Gonzalez & Segatori**



**Zenith Construction recently completed the laboratory spaces for Dr. Gonzalez & Dr. Segatori within the Abercrombie building at Rice**



**University. This project included extensive laboratory gas piping, new HVAC system, new exhaust system, fume hoods, research equipment, furnishings and finishes.**

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## ***PROJECT HIGHLIGHT***

### **Brazoria County Historical Museum Restoration**



**The Brazoria County Historical Museum originally built in 1897 served as the County Courthouse. Due to many years of neglect, the interior finishes have deteriorated. The Museums restoration goals are to restore the interior finishes, make exhibit and multi-use**

**spaces more accessible; provide new venues for educational programming; increase the size of the research library by 112% and collections storage by 50%; meet current electrical and plumbing codes as well as ADA code requirements; and to install new HVAC, fire suppression and security systems.**

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## ***CONSTRUCTION HUMOR***

A group of blondes in a college class were given the assignment to measure the height of a flagpole. So they went out to the flagpole with ladders and tape measures, and they're falling off the ladders, dropping the tape measures - the whole thing was just a mess.

A construction engineering student comes along, sees what they're trying to do, walks over, pulls the flagpole out of the ground, lays it flat, measures it from end to end, and then gives the measurement to one of the blondes and walks away.

After the engineer had gone, one blonde turned to another and laughed. "Isn't that just like an engineer? We're looking for the height and he gives us the length!"



**"Dozer"**  
is also a  
new  
arrival to  
Zenith

Appearing  
at our

office abandoned, tired, and hungry. Dozer could be found sleeping at our front door without fail, every morning for days. Now he has been here a few weeks, enjoyed a nice visit with the veterinarian, and appears very content to be known as **"Pit-Bull-Dozer-The Construction Dog"**. Thank you Linda, Schmuck-Tees & Company, for your assistance and generosity in helping us obtain the best care for our Dozer!

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