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Landscaping project makes a touchdown in the areas surrounding Reliant Stadium

Construction of Reliant Stadium was a mammoth undertaking. But landscaping and beautification efforts outside the stadium were a big job, too.

The task entailed about 60 men and almost 3,600 manpower hours per week, from June of 2001 to August, when ongoing work wrapped up just in time for the Texans first football game, according to Dean Carpenter, founder and president of Houston Landscapes Unlimited.

HLU, which won the landscaping contract, spent four weeks and approximately 160 hours on its bid on the entire perimeter of the stadium, new and existing parking lots, the tailgate party grass lot, the parking lots between Reliant Stadium and AstroWorld and the pedestrian bridges over Kirby, accord-

ing to Carpenter.

He credits HLU employees with the project's success.

Deadlines were met and quality maintained, "even though it has required long days and late nights to overcome weather and aggressive schedules for irrigation and planting installations," says Thomas R. Kramer, project executive for Manhattan Beers Joint Venture, construction managers and general contractor for the Reliant Stadium project.

The beautification and landscaping efforts are an important part of the overall project, according to Jimmie Schindewolf, a representative of the Harris County Sports & Convention Corp.

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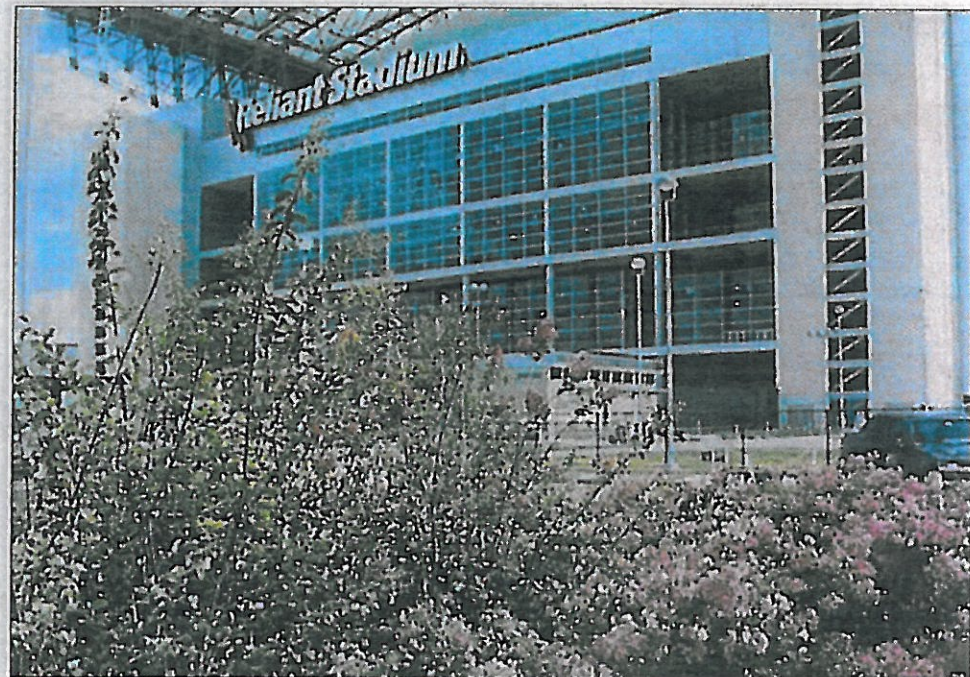


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