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## San Antonio to get new greenhouse beneath ground

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — A half-acre underground greenhouse is under construction near the downtown area at a cost of \$6.5 million, the head of the San Antonio Botanical Society announced Tuesday.

Hall Hammond, president of the society, said the 90,000 square-foot conservatory, which is scheduled for completion next fall, will be home for some 20,000 plants and trees.

The conservatory is being built mostly underground to provide protection for the plant life from the intense heat and sunlight of South Texas.

Designer Emilio Ambasz said, "We had to provide protection for the plants so they wouldn't bake. So we created a vessel underground, using the earth to cool and protect the plants."

The garden, to be called the Lucile Halsell Conservatory, will be visible above ground only by glass roofs that will allow in a controlled amount of light, Ambasz said.

Once the underground greenhouse is complete, it will be handed over to the city for maintenance, Hammond said.

Mayor Henry Cisneros, who was on hand for the announcement,

said, "It is a major gift, a major gift for the people of San Antonio."

"This is really going to be something special for our city," he said. "It will be one of the truly unique specimens in any city in the U.S."

The conservatory, Cisneros said, "will allow people respectful nature to walk through and see life not usually seen in South Texas."

The plants will include palms, rain forest ferns and cacti.

The garden will be built at the Antonio Botanical Gardens, a run facility on a promontory of downtown San Antonio.

The botanical society, a local port group for the gardens, raised the funds for the project. The of the money is from the Ewing sell Foundation, which contributed \$5 million.

Hammond predicted the underground gardens will attract attention architecturally and as a tourism standpoint.

Ambasz said San Antonio and cliche soil created considerable concern for designers.

"A considerable part of the budget went into the foundation, which was designed to accommodate shifting in the soil, he said.

## Resign

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in Alaska, hasn't seen it yet. The governor is due back in Austin late Wednesday, she said.

"The letter did come in today," she said. "It was two or three sentences, stating his intention to resign."

Gunn, of Wichita Falls, was appointed to the corrections board in 1981 by then-Gov. Bill Clements.

He has been chairman for about two years but has indicated for some time he didn't intend to serve out his six-year term.

Contacted by KAUZ-TV, Gunn said Tuesday he was happy about his decision to resign and said it "was a good time for an easy transition" because the corrections board was "changing in purpose and effort."

Also Tuesday, the Herald-Press reported that Gunn plans to resign immediately.

The newspaper said it had obtained a copy of a letter Gunn sent fellow prison board members.

"I resign without any hard feelings and only minimal regrets," Gunn stated in the letter.

In the letter, Gunn noted that the prison system has settled a 13-year-old reform lawsuit brought by an inmate that sparked wide-ranging changes in prison operations.

"Actually, it is time, with an administration in place, for a chairman to be installed to lead the compliance effort and direct (the prison system) on that course, whatever it may be," Herald-Press quoted the letter saying.

## Gay Law

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"I think it's a real turning in our courts," said Keith Thornton, a dentist and official of Dallas Doctors Against AIDS, a group that includes 46 doctors and dentists.

But Judge Irving Goldberg, a member of the three-judge panel that ruled last year, said in the main dissent Monday: "If ever there was a constitutional right to privacy, Texas has violated it by blatantly intruding into the private sex lives of fully consenting adults."

That decision was appealed by Potter County District Attorney Danny Hill and later supported by the Doctors Against AIDS.

Elna Christopher, spokeswoman for Texas Attorney General Jim

Mattox, said that Mattox would have no response to the 5th Circuit until he has a chance to read the opinion.

Coleman said the decision would surprise him, partly because President Reagan chose the judges.

Six of the nine voting in the law were appointed by Reagan.

Dallas lawyer Charles B. Hill, who represented Hill, said previously this was a case involving somewhat of a liberal-conservative issue. "I obviously think the issue of the court is very important."

Hill and Bundren said the law will deter homosexual conduct.

Bundren said, "We are very excited about the opinion. It will discourage this type of conduct. I also believe it will signal to the community at large that this type of conduct is unacceptable."

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