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A gurney is moved out of the death penalty chamber at California's San Quentin State Prison. Gov. Gavin Newsom has declared a moratorium on executions.

Death penalty fight goes on in California

By Maura Dolan
LOS ANGELES TIMES

One of Elisabeth Semel's earliest memories of the death penalty in California was the 1960 execution of Caryl Chessman. She remembers seeing her father upset.

She became a criminal defense lawyer and went on to defend inmates convicted of capital crimes, running a death penalty clinic at the University of California, Berkeley.

Kent Scheidegger, a former commercial lawyer, was inspired to join the fight for the death penalty after voters ousted California Chief Justice Rose Bird and two colleagues in 1986 for overturning death sentences.

He said the courts were thwarting the people's will, and he joined a pro-death penalty group to persuade judges to uphold death sentences.

Advocates and others on both sides went on to endure decades of frustration in California's wrenching wars over the death penalty.

Gov. Gavin Newsom this past week declared a moratorium on executions while he is in office. But the death penalty remains lawful in the state, and neither supporters nor opponents are ready to give up the fight.

The battle started with a 1972 California Supreme Court decision that declared the state's death penalty unconstitutional. The decision spared the lives of Charles Manson, Sirhan Sirhan and more than 100 others.

Supporters of the death penalty gradually resurrected the law to pass constitutional muster, and California juries have condemned scores of people to die.

By the time Republican appointee Ronald George was California's chief justice, there was a massive backlog of death penalty appeals. The cost to the state of trying the cases and handling the appeals was crushing.

George, a former prosecutor who had previously defended California's death penalty, declared the system "dysfunctional." An inmate on death row was more likely to die of old age than execution, he said.

Running out of room

Thirteen inmates have been executed in California since the restoration of the death penalty. More than 100 condemned inmates have died of natural causes or suicide during that time.

A state commission determined that the death penalty would work in California only if the state put in a massive infusion of money.

No one seemed inclined to provide that kind of money, but the death penalty remained on the books and death row began running out of room.

Actor Mike Farrell, a death penalty abolitionist, spent many execution nights outside San Quentin State Prison as peaceful protesters held candles and sang hymns.

He met with two California death row inmates before their executions, including Stanley "Tookie"

Williams in 2005.

Williams, a former Los Angeles gang leader, was convicted of killing four people. In prison, he wrote books for young people urging them to shun gangs.

Farrell also met with then-Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, another actor, to plead for Williams' life.

"I just don't understand the point in killing this man," Farrell recalled telling Schwarzenegger. "If you commit him to life in prison without parole, he can keep doing the work he is doing with kids."

Schwarzenegger said Williams had to admit guilt and express remorse, Farrell said. Williams insisted that he did not commit the murders. He died by lethal injection.



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Another inmate was executed before a federal judge in Northern California decided in 2006 that the state's three-drug method of execution violated the U.S. Constitution. The lethal cocktail exposed inmates to the risk of cruel and unusual suffering, the judge found.

Executions on hold

No one has been executed in California since that decision.

"We would have had 20 executions between then and now had it not been for that ruling," Scheidegger said.

Supporters of capital punishment managed in recent years to defeat two ballot measures to abolish the death penalty, and they won narrow passage in 2016 of a measure intended to speed up executions.

Former Gov. Jerry Brown, who personally opposes the death penalty, played no role in the campaigns. His last two terms in office exasperated both supporters and opponents of capital punishment.

Scheidegger said he believed that Brown, who as governor oversaw the department in charge of executions, stymied their resumption by moving extremely slowly to devise an execution protocol. At one point, Scheidegger sued Brown to force action.

On Monday, Farrell went to Sacramento to meet with Newsom and other opponents of capital punishment.


"This is what I am going to do," he said Newsom told the group.

Newsom said he would meet with death penalty supporters to discuss his plans the next day. Farrell told the governor his decision was "true heroism."

"Most of the governors who do this sort of thing do it at the end of their terms, not at the beginning," Farrell said. "He said, 'No, this is the right time.' I was blown away."

News broke late Tuesday that Newsom was using his power of reprieve to place a moratorium on executions.

Scheidegger was livid. He agreed that Newsom had the right to grant reprieves to condemned inmates but accused him of "flagrantly violating" the law.



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**Invitation for Bids
IFB #19-02**
Armed Security Guard Services for The Villas at Eastwood

The Harris County Housing Authority ("HCHA") on behalf of The Villas at Eastwood is requesting bid submissions from experienced armed security guard services (Offerors) for The Villas at Eastwood a 200-unit multi-family/mixed use development located at 1933 Hussion Street, Houston, TX 77003. **Bids Due:** April 1, 2019 at 2:00 PM. **Bid Submission - Sealed bids shall be submitted to:** Harris County Housing Authority, 8933 Interchange Drive, Houston, TX 77054. Attn: Finance Department. IFB#19-02 will be posted on and can be downloaded from HCHA's website www.hchatexas.org.

**Invitation for Bids
IFB #19-01**
Lawncare Services for The Villas at Eastwood

The Harris County Housing Authority ("HCHA") on behalf of The Villas at Eastwood is requesting bid submissions from experienced lawn care services (Offerors) for The Villas at Eastwood a 200-unit multi-family/mixed use development located at 1933 Hussion Street, Houston, TX 77003. **Bids Due:** April 1, 2019 at 2:00 PM. **Bid Submission - Sealed proposals shall be submitted to:** Harris County Housing Authority, 8933 Interchange Drive, Houston, TX 77054. Attn: Finance Department. IFB#19-01 will be posted on and can be downloaded from HCHA's website www.hchatexas.org.

**Invitation for Bids
IFB #19-03**
Janitorial and Cleaning Services for The Villas at Eastwood

The Harris County Housing Authority ("HCHA") on behalf of The Villas at Eastwood is requesting bid submissions from experienced janitorial/cleaning companies (Offerors) for The Villas at Eastwood a 200-unit multi-family/mixed use development located at 1933 Hussion Street, Houston, TX 77003. **Bids Due:** April 1, 2019 at 2:00 PM. **Bid Submission - Sealed proposals shall be submitted to:** Harris County Housing Authority, 8933 Interchange Drive, Houston, TX 77054. Attn: Finance Department. IFB#19-03 will be posted on and can be downloaded from HCHA's website www.hchatexas.org.

COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY PROCUREMENT SERVICES, PORT OF HOUSTON AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE OFFICE BUILDING, ATTN: BID/PROPOSAL RECEIPT DEPARTMENT, 111 EAST LOOP NORTH, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77029 UNTIL 11:00 A.M., ON APRIL 10, 2019 FOR THE FOLLOWING:
MACHINING SERVICES FOR BARBOURS CUT TERMINAL, BAYPORT TERMINAL AND TURNING BASIN TERMINAL - (CSP).
A PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE BAYPORT CONTAINER TERMINAL ADM. BLDG., 12621 PORT ROAD, SEABROOK, TEXAS 77586 (LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM), ON MARCH 20, 2019, 3:00 PM SO THAT THE PROSPECTIVE PROPOSERS MAY ASK QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS PROJECT.
SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM PORT HOUSTON'S ePROCUREMENT WEBSITE <https://busyspeed.poha.com/bso/>.
PROPOSALS WILL BE OPENED AT 11:30 A.M. OF THE DAY DUE IN THE PROCUREMENT SERVICES OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE BUILDING, 111 EAST LOOP NORTH, HOUSTON, TEXAS. THE PORT AUTHORITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL PROPOSALS OR RESPONSES.

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Brookstone, L.P., acting as Construction Manager-At-Risk on behalf of Spring Independent School District, will receive proposals from subcontractors and suppliers.

PROJECT: New 9th Grade Center at Spring High School
Package C - Lightweight Insulating Concrete, Masonry, Landscaping/Irrigation, Stairs and Railings, Rough Carpentry, Millwork, Waterproofing, Insulation, Fireproofing, Roofing, Doors, Glass & Glazing, Finishes (Div. 9), Specialties (Div. 10), Equipment (Div. 11), Furnishings (Div. 12), Metal Building, Elevator, Fire Protection, Plumbing, HVAC, Electrical, Technology & Special Systems

OWNER: Spring Independent School District

SEALED PROPOSAL TIME & DATE: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 @ 2:00pm
Late proposals will not be accepted or acted upon.

QUESTIONS: Written questions should be addressed to Kari Atkinson, katkinson@brookstone-tx.com

LOCATION AND PROPOSAL OPENING: Construction Manager Brookstone, L.P. 3715 Dacoma Street Houston, TX 77092 Phone: 713.425.0751 Fax: 713.680.0088 Attention: Kari Atkinson Email: katkinson@brookstone-tx.com

Proposal documents will be available March 6, 2019 and may be obtained from the following address: Brookstone, L.P. 3715 Dacoma Street Houston, TX 77092 Phone: 713.683.8800 Hours: 8:00am - 5:00pm

The Construction Manager and Owner reserve the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any informalities in the Proposal process.

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CAUSE NUMBER: 2017-73899
In The 257TH Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas In The Interest of: DIEGO ROBERTO SOSA RENDEROs MINOR CHILD(REN) CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF Harris TO THE SHERIFF OR ANY CONSTABLE OF TEXAS OR OTHER AUTHORIZED PERSON TO GERMAN ANTONIO SOSA AND TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, RESPONDENT(S) You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the Clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m Monday, next following the expiration of 20 days after you were served this citation and ORIGINAL PETITION, a default judgment may be taken against you. The Petition of JESSICA GUADALUPE RENDEROs, Petitioner, was filed in the 257th District Court of Harris County, Texas, on the 2nd day of NOVEMBER, 2017, Against Respondent, GERMAN ANTONIO SOSA, numbered, 2017-73899 and entitled "In the Interest of DIEGO ROBERTO SOSA RENDEROs, A child (or children) The suit requests INJUNCTION IN SUIT AFFECTING PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP The date and place of birth of the child (children) who is (are) subject of the suit DIEGO ROBERTO SOSA RENDEROs MALE: DOB: 01/28/2009; PLACE OF BIRTH: EL SALVADOR "THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS SUIT TO ENTER ANY JUDGMENT OR DECREE IN THE CHILD'S (CHILDREN'S) INTEREST WHICH WILL BE BINDING UPON YOU INCLUDING THE TERMINATION OF THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP, THE DETERMINATION OF PATERNITY AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A CONSERVATOR WITH AUTHORITY TO CONSENT TO THE CHILD'S (CHILDREN'S) ADOPTION" ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT AT HOUSTON, TEXAS ON THIS 8TH Day of FEBRUARY, 2019. NEWSPAPER: HOUSTON CHRONICLE (SEAL)MARILYN BURGESS, DISTRICT CLERK Harris County, Texas 201 CAROLINE, Houston, Texas 77002 P.O. Box 4651, Houston, Texas 77210 By:/s/ Lonya Porter LONYA PORTER, Deputy Issued at the request of: JUAN CARLOS DE LAS CUEVAS ADDRESS: 2707 NORTH LOOP WEST, STE 300 HOUSTON, TEXAS 77040 Bar Number: 24097580

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Proposals will be publicly opened and read at 1031 Witte Road, Building T-1A, Houston, TX 77055, immediately following the deadline for the receiving of the proposals.
For information contact the SBISD Purchasing Department at (713) 251-1142
Proposers may register on Ion Wave website at: <https://springbranchisd.ionwave.net/Login.aspx>
Sealed Proposal Solicitation #CW10-19 Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative Purchasing Program Wireless & VOIP Telecommunication Equipment & Services
Pre-Proposal Conference: 04/09/19 @ 9am
Response Deadline: 06/04/19 @ 1pm
Public Opening: 06/04/19 @ 2pm
3555 Timmons Lane, Houston, TX. Per ADA, reasonable accommodation provided with 24 hour prior notice. 713-993-4554 or www.hgacbuy.org for info.

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Date - Time: April 16, 2019 - 6:00 PM
Place: Trini Mendenhall Community Center
Address: 1414 Wirt Road
Houston, TX 77055

Applicant: Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation

Site Location: 8760 Clay Road, Houston, TX 77080

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IFB No. 4019000063: Natural Disaster Emergency Debris Removal Services. Solicitation will be available on or about 3/18/2019.
Prospective bidders/proposers can view and download these solicitations by visiting METRO's website at <https://www.ridemetroapp.org/procurement/>. If you are unable to download the documents or are having difficulty, please contact METRO Plan and Bid Room at (713) 739-4881.

I. NOTICE TO BIDDERS
TGS CEDAR PORT PARTNERS, LP will receive sealed bids for construction of **"SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION TO SERVE PHASE 2B"** at the office of the ENGINEER, Landev Engineers, Inc., 1704 Seamist Drive, Suite 410, Houston, Texas 77008. The Bids will be publicly opened and read on April 2, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the office of the Engineer.

Bid Documents may be examined without charge in the offices of Landev Engineers, Inc., 1704 Seamist Drive, Suite 410, Houston, Texas 77008. The Bid Documents can also be obtained on CivCAST using the project name.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids or to accept any bid deemed advantageous and to waive any informalities in the bidding process. All bids received after the closing time designated above may be returned unopened at the discretion of the Engineer. No bid proposal may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the bid opening date. A **mandatory pre-bid** meeting will be held on March 26, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the office of the Engineer.

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REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS CHANNELVIEW HIGH SCHOOL RE-ROOFING PROJECT, CHAN-NELVIEW INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
The Channelview Independent School District will accept Competitive Sealed Proposals until 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at the Channelview Independent School District Educational Support Center, 828 Sheldon Road, Chan-nelview, Texas 77530. A Pre-Proposal conference will be held Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. at the above location. A walk-through of the project site and roof will immediately follow the pre-proposal conference. Proposal Evaluation Criteria are published in the "Instructions to Proposers" section of the proposal documents. Plans and specifications will be re-leased Friday, March 15, 2019, and will be available electronically from Huckabee at www.huckabee-inc.com/construction/ upon request. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities and to reject any or all proposals.

LEGAL NOTICE
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Specific Market Location: South of the Central Business District, North of Airport Blvd., West of Interstate 45 (Gulf Freeway), East of Alameda Road.

Basic requirements include a Lease Effective Date of October 1, 2019, 12,000 - 14,000 sf. and a Lease Term of Four (4) to Eight (8) years. Brokerage commissions to be included on all transactions will be paid by the selected Landlord upon lease execution. The RFP will be posted on the BakerRipley website at <https://www.bakerripley.org/about/vendors> on **Monday, March 25, 2019**. Interested parties can submit a proposal to jgee@cresrealestate.com. The deadline for submitting a proposal is **April 25, 2019**. BAKERRIPLY ENCOURAGES SMALL AND HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESSES TO APPLY.

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