

# Washington child killer executed on schedule



WALLA WALLA, Wash. (AP) — Three-time child killer Westley Allan Dodd, who asked that he be afforded the same treatment he gave one of his victims, was executed early today in the nation's first hanging in 28 years.

The 31-year-old shipping clerk died just after midnight after a prison official pushed a button that opened a trap door and sent Dodd falling the 7-foot-1-inch length of his gallows rope.

The state Supreme Court cleared the way for the execution when it issued a one-sentence ruling late Monday rejecting a bid by 26 Washington residents to halt the hanging as cruel and unusual punishment. The vote was 7-1.

It was Washington state's first execution since 1963.

The last hangings in the United States were in 1965 in Kansas, when four murderers were put to death. Among them were Richard Eugene Hickock and Perry Edward Smith, the subjects of Truman Capote's book "In Cold Blood."

Dodd, who killed three children, had decided to drop all appeals. He had said he must die because "I will kill

and rape again and enjoy every minute of it."

He chose hanging over lethal injection because, he said, he had hanged his youngest victim's body in a closet after killing him.

Death penalty opponents staged prayer meetings, vigils and demonstrations across the state in the hours before the execution.

Dodd was sentenced to death in 1990 for the 1989 sex murders of three boys in Washington's Vancouver area. The crimes were so grisly that some of the jurors who sentenced him sought psychiatric help afterward.

Timothy Ford, a lawyer for those opposed to the execution, had argued before the Supreme Court in Olympia that hanging amounts to torture.

"Dodd has chosen hanging because he wants to be treated equally cruel," he said. "The question is: 'Can he consent to being tortured by the state?'"

But Dodd's attorney, Darrell Lee, said the cruelest thing to do, other than delaying the execution, would be to kill Dodd by injection — the state's only alternative. He said that at least one such execution was botched because the executioner couldn't find a suitable vein and that Dodd was afraid of needles.

Gov. Booth Gardner rejected requests from death pen-

alty foes to commute Dodd's sentence to life in prison. Dodd admitted he stabbed to death brothers William Neer, 10, and Colton Neer, 11, in a park in September 1989 and strangled 4-year-old Lee Iseli the next month.

Dodd said he abducted Iseli from a Portland school playground and took him to his apartment, where he repeatedly molested and tortured the boy and finally killed him the next morning.

By his mid-20s, Dodd had been arrested several times for child molesting. For years, his pattern was to molest, get caught, confess, serve a little time and undergo a little counseling. A prosecutor described him after a 1987 arrest as "predatory and uncontrollable."

But until the youngsters' slayings, he never served more than 10 months in prison.

In prison, he wrote a pamphlet aimed at children, titled "When You Meet a Stranger," warning youngsters to stay away from people like him.

Attorneys for another death row inmate and triple murderer, Charles R. Campbell, last week unsuccessfully sought permission to videotape Dodd's hanging to bolster their claims that hanging is cruel and unusual punishment.

## Coloradans support amendment

DENVER (AP) — Six weeks after approving an anti-gay rights amendment that prompted calls for a boycott of the state, most Colorado residents haven't changed their stance, according to a poll released Sunday.

For many respondents, the criticism made them less likely to support repeal of Amendment 2, which bars civil rights protections based on sexual orientation. It was approved in November by nearly 54 percent of voters.

Telephone interviews with 606 adult Colorado residents from Dec. 15-23 found 56 percent of the respondents said overreaction to the amendment by homosexuals hurt their cause.

The *Denver Post-News4* Poll conducted by Talmey-Drake Research & Strategy had a margin of error of four percentage points.

Ninety-four percent of those polled hadn't changed their minds about Amendment 2, and 43 percent said the boycott

made them less likely, rather than more likely, to support its repeal.

"Now they're being called bigots, and they resent that," said Paul Talmey. He said the poll confirmed that amendment backers were successful in depicting the measure as a move to prevent "special" protections for homosexuals.

Only 15 percent of the poll's respondents believe Colorado is less tolerant of gays than other states.

Will Perkins, chairman of the board of Colorado for Family Values, which petitioned to get the amendment on the ballot, said the gay-rights activism spawned by passage of the measure was indicating to people that homosexuals want special legal status.

But Robert Briggs-Daniels, a spokesman for Boycott Colorado, which helped organize the boycott, said it isn't a question of "special" rights but "equal" rights.

The poll asked respondents to analyze the election results.

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— Paul Talmey, poll conductor

Only 10 percent said those who supported the amendment "hate homosexuals," while 73 percent said backers of the measure opposed "laws that would give homosexuals a type of special or protected status."

Polls taken before the Nov. 3 election understated the measure's support. A *Denver Post-News 4* Poll immediately before the election showed the measure trailing by 14 percentage points, when in fact it passed by seven percentage points.

Forty-nine percent of respondents in the new poll predicted an Amendment 2 repeal measure would be rejected; 36 percent said it would pass.

## Father is arrested for poisoning his children

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — A recently divorced veterinarian tried to poison his five children with a potentially lethal drug while visiting them for the weekend, police said.

Stanley H. Zukowski allegedly told his ex-wife "that if he could not have the children, he would kill them and himself," a police affidavit said. Judge Foster Sanders Monday ordered him held on \$1 million bond.

Police say Zukowski apparently gave the children — an 11-year-old girl, and two sets of twins ages nine and five — a drink laced with xylazine, an anesthetic used on animals that can be fatal to humans.

The oldest child was listed in critical condition in Baton Rouge General Medical Center, while the others were in guarded condition, police initially said. At midday today, police and hospital officials would say only that the five children were in stable condition.

Zukowski, 42, of Mercerville, N.J., was booked Sunday with five counts of attempted murder, said Cpl. Kevin Cavell, a police spokesman. He was arrested at the Baton Rouge Metro Airport 45 minutes before he was scheduled to fly out.

The children live in Baton Rouge with their mother, Mary Zukowski, Cavell said.

She told police she had allowed her ex-husband to spend the weekend with the children. She noticed something wrong when she picked them up Sunday afternoon, police said.

"They were groggy and that's what alerted her," Cavell said.

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EHEP Low Impact Aerobics	UH	5:15 p.m.	GerX B50	\$20
EHEP Low Impact Aerobics	MW	12:30 p.m.	GerX B50	\$20
EHEP Low Impact Aerobics	UH	12:30 p.m.	GerX B50	\$20
Aerobics	UH	3:35 p.m.	Esl 47	\$20
Aerobics	MW	3:35 p.m.	GerX 352	\$20
Aerobics	UH	3:35 p.m.	GerX 352	\$20
Aerobics	MW	6:35 p.m.	Ger 220	\$20
Aerobics	UH	6:35 p.m.	GerX 352	\$20
Step/Bench Aerobics	MW	7:35 p.m.	Ger 220	\$20
Step/Bench Aerobics	MW	8:35 p.m.	Ger 220	\$25
Funk Aerobics	UH	8:35 p.m.	Ger 220	\$25
Abdominal Workout	MW	4:35 p.m.	GerX 352	\$18
Abdominal Workout	UH	4:35 p.m.	GerX 352	\$20
Abdominal Workout	UH	7:35 p.m.	Ger 220	\$20
Aero-Stretch	UH	4:35 p.m.	GerX 352	\$18
Women's Weight Workout	UH	4:35 p.m.	GerX 352	\$18
Body Sculpting	UH	6:30 p.m.	Esl 36	\$20
Circuit Training	MWF	5-6:30 p.m.	Esl 47	\$20
Circuit Training	UH	5:30 p.m.	Esl 47	\$20
<b>Aquatic Fitness</b>				
Water Aerobics	MW	4-5 p.m.	Ger Pool	\$25
Water Aerobics	UH	4-5 p.m.	Ger Pool	\$25
<b>Yoga</b>				
Hatha Yoga	UH	7-8:30 a.m.	Ger 220	\$20
Hatha Yoga	MW	7:30 a.m.	Esl 77	\$20
Hatha Yoga	UH	4:30 p.m.	Esl 77	\$20
Hatha Yoga	UH	5:30 p.m.	Esl 77	\$20
<b>Dance</b>				
Beg. Swing	U	6:30 p.m.	GerX B50	\$18
Int./Adv. Ballroom & Couple Dancing	U	7:30-9 p.m.	GerX B50	\$24
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