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Wellborn to undergo change in speed

BY CARRIE BENNETT
 The Battalion

The College Station City Council decided to reduce the speed limit on Wellborn Road from University Drive to the College Station city limit south of FM 2818 to 35 mph.

The decision was made at the council's Feb. 11 meeting, and the speed limit will be reduced when a local representative from the Texas Department of Transportation sends the ordinance to the Capitol in Austin for approval.

Paul Sturrock, public information officer for the Texas Department of Transportation, said signs displaying the increase will be installed Feb. 23.

"We will begin putting the new speed-limit signs up next Tuesday and hopefully will finish that same day, weather permitting," Sturrock said.

Scott Hester, a transportation analyst for the City of College Station, said after conducting the survey, the state agreed to lower the speed limit by 5 mph and change the speed zones.

"Texas A&M officials initially requested the speed limit change to insure the safety of students that cross from West Campus to Main Campus," Hester said.

"Last year, a blinking yellow light was put up for pedestrian crossing," Hester said. "The speed limit reduction would compensate for the pedestrian crossing."

Hester said the ordinance was accepted by the council without controversy and without any amendments.



"Usually the city council and the Texas Department of Transportation work hand-in-hand to pass ordinances like these," Hester said. "It's a cut-and-dry issue."

Hester said the process includes staff members presenting the ordinance to the council in support of the speed limit change. Hester said he sent an exhibit showing the parts they would like to see in the ordinance. The change would help the area.

Oregon Euthanasia law proves effective

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — In the first year under the nation's only assisted-suicide law, 15 terminally ill people in Oregon used it to end their lives, and there was no evidence they suffered painful, lingering deaths as opponents had warned.

In a report published in Wednesday's New England Journal of Medicine, Oregon health officials also said that fears that the law would be used as an easy way out by people afraid of financial ruin or extreme pain proved unfounded.

Rather, health officials found that use of the law has so far been driven overwhelmingly by the desire of strong-willed patients to exercise some control over the way they died.

"Many physicians reported that their patients had been decisive and independent throughout their lives or that the decision to request a lethal prescription was consistent with a longstanding belief about the importance of controlling the manner in which they died," the report said.

The first annual report on Oregon's Death with Dignity Act showed that doctors prescribed

lethal drugs to 23 people in 1998 but that six died from their illnesses before using the drugs. Two others still were alive as of Jan. 1.

Thirteen of the 15 who took the lethal drugs were cancer patients. The others were suffering from heart or lung diseases.

The average age of those who took their lives was 69.

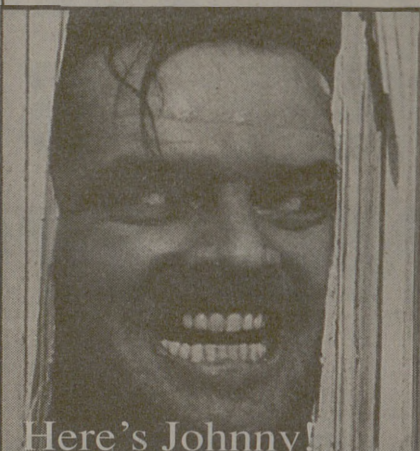
Backers of assisted suicide said the report shows the law is working well and confirms their predictions that only a small number of people would make use of it.

"It's what we expected — a year of impeccable implementation," said Barbara Coombs Lee, chief sponsor of the ballot measure that established the law.

First approved in 1994 and reaffirmed by Oregon voters in November 1997, the law allows a doctor to prescribe a lethal dose of medication to hasten the death of patients who have less than six months to live.

The Roman Catholic Church and others spent millions of dollars to try to derail the law. They relied chiefly on the argument that some people would die excruciating, torturous deaths after taking the drugs.

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The Shining
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- Dr. Lewis Sorely, Executive Director of Association of Military Schools of the United States, Speaking on Military Ethics 11:00 am in MSC 224
- Mr. Brent Longnecker, National Partner of Deloitte & Touche, Business Ethics 3:00 pm in MSC 201
- The Honorable Greg Abbott, Texas Supreme Court Justice, Legal Ethics 3:00 pm in MSC Stark Gallery

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