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Doctors' actions examined in death of cancer patient

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United Press International WASHINGTON — A 62-year-old machinist who had undergone surgery tor colon cancer two years earlier sought help at a hospital emergency room for a variety of painful symptoms diagnosed as recurrent cancer.

Specialists said neither chemotherapy nor radiation treatment



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The patient, identified as Mr. R, and his family then asked doctors not attending doctors should have agreed with the patient's wishes to to administer any treatment other decline treatment and concluded than painkillers and intravenous that reasons" justified the patient's decifluids sion and the physicians' acceptance

The case was discussed in the medical journal Archives of Internal Medicine by Dr. Bernard Lo, a physician and medical ethics specialist at the Stanford University Medical Center, and Dr. Albert R. Jonsen, a bioethicist at the University of California at San Francisco

They questioned whether the

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discomfort, he said he had reached the limits of his endurance. This request, said Lo and Jonsen, created a difficult, controversial decision for the physicians," since this

would be considered active euthana-sia, an act intended to shorten the NELCOME BACK AGGIES * patient's life. Mr. R's request was denied. Plans were made to send him to his daugh-

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But then four days later, Mr. R

asked doctors to "speed up" his

death. Although he was not in pain or

ter's home with home nursing care. But before he left the hospital, he began to hallucinate, twitch, jerk and have more pain. Since it was agreed earlier that no tests be conducted, it was not possi-

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ble to say what caused the new prob-

Doctors could have done nothing but this would have caused great distress for both Mr. R and his family. The use of sedatives and narcotics in this case raised the possibilty of adverse side effects and possibly death.

Lo and Jonsen concluded in retrospect the doctors should have administered the least amount of narcotics and sedatives needed to control the symptoms. But problems developed at 3 a.m.

and the two researchers said it was difficult then to consider all the relevant issues. The staff was not pre-pared to make a difficult decision ab-out unforeseen developments.

In this case, the hospital doctors gave "substantial" doses of a narcotic and a sedative, with the agreement of the patient and family. Mr. R lapsed into a coma and died that evening.

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vate industry for its Landsat series satellites that monitor Earth's natural resources from 570 miles high. The National Aeronautics and

Space Administration wants to help private industry use the Landsat pictures for everything from urban planning to crop forecasting.

Lester F. Eastwood Jr., associate professor of technology and human affairs at Washington University, heads a team working under a \$100,000 grant to propose commercial uses for the satellite maps. He says NASA is willing to take the initial risk to start the industry growing. "The government doesn't want to

United Press International ST. LOUIS — The space agency is

trying to drum up business from pri-

compete with private enterprise,

WASHINGTON — Humans have

become a major force in the destiny

of life on Earth, and a major new

international conservation project

warns that preservation of the

world's diverse species may help in-

Some scientists believe as many as

90 percent of all species that once

existed have been eradicated. Until

the last few hundred years, natural

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But now, according to the U.N.-sponsored World Conservation Strategy, man is the primary killer of

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Eastwood. "That would be unfair competition. But it does want to stimulate the industry, and it hopes this is the best way. 'NASA wants to demonstrate the

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primary problem, the Strategy said.

species has nowhere to run and no-

where to hide," the conservation

plan said. "Its support system is

"The explosion of the human population and the advancing tech-

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capability of the Landsat technology, then step aside and let private business take over.

Eastwood compared the current situation to the transfer of communications satellite technology to private enterprise in the 1960s, a transfer which led to a revolution in the communications industry. Then, he said, the applications were obvious and the companies involved were already giants in the field.

Now, Eastwood said, the technology exists, but the applications and the industries to use them are not so well established

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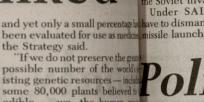
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