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in trying the drug.

said Steven Push, a Johns

Hopkins spokesman. "Doctors are using it in cases where it is evident the patient is so sick there is more to gain than to lose

gives researchers a clue how to

fight sickle-cell anemia. Now

they must try to find or develop a new drug similar to 5-

activity of genes in humans for the first time. The drug was effective against sickle-cell ane-

One woman with sickle-cell anemia, a life-shortening blood disorder, has been treated successfully with the drug. The drug activates dormant genes to produce globin, scientists at Johns Hopkins Medical School

which strikes one out of every 500 blacks in the United States.

The drug, 5-azacytidine, is extremely toxic and is being in Baltimore said. Globin is the used only experimentally. protein part of red blood cells.

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The institute's study, pubmia, a disease which affects lished Thursday in the New En-50,000 black Americans. animal studies indicate the drug also has promise for long-term treatment of sickle-cell anemia,

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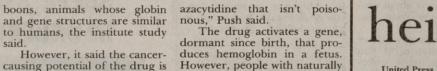
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However, people with naturally high levels of the hemoglobin who also have sickle-cell anemia not known and controlled studies still must be done to deternormally don't suffer from the "The drug used is very toxic in large doses and can kill a padisease's ill effects.

Sickle-cell anemia affects about 40,000 to 50,000 blacks in the United States. It causes hemoglobin, the oxygen carrier in red blood cells, to gel. The cells therefore carry less oxygen and take on a collapsed sickle "What is important is that it

shape. It is characterized by general weakness and pains in muscles and joints and victims normally do not live beyond middle age.

Genes altered for first time

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Teamster President James R Hoffa, who disappeared in July 1975, has been declared legally dead and his son and daughter have been named heirs to his \$1.2 million estate.

Under probate rules, the heirs must wait three years before they can claim the assets of their father's estate.

In a routine hearing Wednesday, Oakland County Probate Judge Norman R. Barnard declared Hoffa officially dead as of July 30, 1982
— seven years after his dis-

His son, James P. Hoffa, a Detroit lawyer, and his daugh-ter, Barabara Ann Crancer, filed presumption of death papers four months ago. During the hearing, James P. Hoffa was declared "the personal representative of James R. Hoffa, a legally presumed

dead person." Hoffa has not been heard

from since he was reported When he left home

that day, Jimmy Hoffa told his family he was going to a luncheon appointment. Authorities believed the appointment was with Anthony "Tony Jack" Giacalone, a reputed crime figure. Giacalone has denied it.

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When Hoffa did not the in at home, as was his custom a nationwide search started The FBI entered the case the basis of extortion calls Hoffa's family.

Hoffa's wife, Josephin died in September 1980. "We are still confident

case will be solved," I spokesman John Antho said when the declaration

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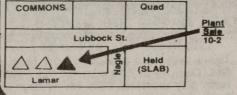
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Plastic heart patient critical

SALT LAKE CITY — Dr. Barney Clark marked his first with an artificial heart Thursday and doctors said that the plastic device is helping cure other organs in his body.

Clark, 61, a retired Seattlearea dentist, remained in critical condition Thursday at the University of Utah Hospital. He is recovering from a series of seizures apparently caused by a post-operative imbalance of body salts, doctors said.

Dr. Chase Peterson said Wednesday Clark had a quiet Wednesday. He was no longer on medication for the attacks and was responding to speech and directions.

"We think he is going to come out of this," said Peterson, university vice president for health science. "I just want to get him through four or five days without any complications. I want to get his feet on the floor and get some food into him and let him get his strength back.'

Doctors had all but ruled out brain hemorrhaging and blood clots as causes for the seizures. "His heart has functioned

beautifully throughout. It has never been a problem," Peter-

Peterson said the heart had helped clear fluid from Clark's lungs and improved the operation of his kidneys. His liver also had improved but was still not functioning properly.

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The food contained high le of salts and potassium, als that were apparently was from his system. Peterson said Clark prol would remain on the critica

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for a day or two while his bechemicals stablized. "Dr. Clark is not now primily a heart patient," Peters

ontamin ssatisfie said. "He is simply a critical" Protection post-operative patient who suffered a series of compa Porarily tions and could suffer more

Clark received the plant heart Dec. 2 in a 7½-hour or tion led by surgeon William Vries. He has survived loss said Den. than any person with an arr one of the cial heart. Similar hears Imperial, been implanted before but as a temporary measure whove. Wh patients awaited a human m an EPA o plant. The longest previous

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