

# Kennedy Crash Girl's Surgery

Hyannis, Mass.

A new surgical technique was used by surgeons who operated on the spine of an 18 year-old girl injured when a jeep driven by Joseph P. Kennedy III crashed, it was disclosed yesterday.

Although it was still uncertain whether Pamela Kelley will be able to walk again, the surgery was performed in time to increase her chances of recovery, her doctor said. Miss Kelley is paralyzed in both legs.

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Miss Kelley, 18, as reported in "stable" condition in Cape Cod hospital's intensive care ward. Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Joseph's uncle, had two specialists from the Lahey Clinic in Boston to assist in care of the girl.

## HEARING

Joseph Kennedy, 21, awaits a hearing Monday on a charge of driving to endanger. Seven persons were in the vehicle when it turned over on a curve Monday on Nantucket Island. He escaped with bruises.

David Kennedy, 18, Joseph's brother, was reported to be in good condition with a sprained back. He will remain hospitalized four to six days.

Mary Schlaff, 22, Grosse Pointe, Mich., who suffered a pelvic fracture, was in good condition, but will require continuing hospitalization, the hospital said.

## DOCTOR

Dr. Peter Carney said it would be one to two weeks before "we have a right to expect change." The operation was described as successful in achieving the desired goal.

Carney explained the new surgical process involved cooling the spine to reduce swelling.

Senator Kennedy and Ethel Kennedy returned to the hospital Wednesday to again visit the accident victims.

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