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Pat Nixon Better — Walking Unaided

Long Beach

Pat Nixon, continuing to recover from her paralyzing stroke, is walking by herself and practicing going up and down stairs, doctors reported yesterday.

Dr. Bernard J. Michela, director of rehabilitation medicine at Long Beach Memorial Hospital, said the former first lady is progressing to the point where she will need physical therapy only once a day, for about 40 minutes. She may go home this week, doctors said.

Former President Nixon and daughters Julie Eisenhower and Tricia Cox continue to visit her every day, although doctors are still limiting visits so that Mrs. Nixon can have time to rest and do exercises.

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