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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. - A Kentucky-based chain plans to build a \$24 million women's hospital that will specialize in births, hysterectomies, abortions and other women's services despite laims Albuquerque's hospital market is already saturated. Humana Inc. of Louisville,

Ky., expects to begin con-struction of the 120-bed facility on June 1st. Paul Gross, regional vice president of the ornoration said the buildings will be completed by late mer 1985.

The firm filed for a con-struction permit March 27

and the city's Development Review Board is scheduled to decide whether to grant it at

an April 10 meeting. New Mexico's healthcare market was opened to compe-tition last July when a law requiring state approval of hos-pitals expired. But Humana's entry to the already competitive market has some administrators concerned.

Hank Walker, administrator of Presbyterian Hospital, where most of the city's births now take place, said the Hu-mana hospital "is not needed, and the additional beds will have the effect of driving up the cost of health care" because the same number of pa-

tients will be paying for addi-tional facilities. Gross disagrees. "Our competition perceives our hospitals as a threat, but the com-

munity and physicians percieve them as bringing in state-of-the-art to women," he said. Hospital occupancy rates have decreased to about 70 percent in recent years and

two other new hospitals are currently under construction in Albuquerque. But Gross said his company is not worried about

competition. "A glut of hosptial beds or a glut of anything is good for consumers," he said. means competition, and that's what this country was built on.

Mike Brown, administrator of the new St. Joseph West Mesa Hospital scheduled to open this summer, said Humana has ignored the work the state and hospitals have done to assess and provide health care needs.

Humana's plans to proceed with construction before receiving approval to treat Medicare and Medicaid patients shows the hospital "plans to serve the rich and ignore the poor.

Gaye's father reportedly beaten before shooting

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LOS ANGELES - The father of soul singer Marvin Gaye, arrested for killing his son, was "hit pretty hard" during the altercation that led to the entertainer's fatal shooting, a defense attorney said Tuesday.

Gaye Sr., a retired minister, was held without bail pending his arraignment Wednesday. Detectives were scheduled to meet with the District Attor-ney's Office Tuesday to seek murder charges against Gaye. Attorney Philip Schreiber

ries to his head and an ear in the brawl at the family home Sunday.

"He was definitely hurt," Schreiber said. "He was hit pretty hard. The attorney described the singer's father as "a very moral man, who in recent years has become rather frail. The thun-

der is out of the man. "A lot of things will be com-

ing out (in this case) which will be surprising to the public," Schreiber said, declining to elaborate.

Police said the Grammy-winsaid Gaye Sr. "was beaten up pretty well" and suffered injuargument about an insurance matter. Investigators said the two men had squabbled in the past, but their arguments had never been violent.

Gaye Sr.'s wife, Alberta, 71, had interceded to break up Sunday's argument, police said. When Down?4 W

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New appeals were filed Tuesday to try to stop the Thursday executions of a Louisiana man, sentenced for killing two teenagers, and a Florida man, con-victed of the rape-murder of two small boys and who vowed to kill again if he gets the chance.

Elmo Patrick Sonnier is scheduled to die in the Louisiana electric chair between 1 a.m. and 2 a.m. Thursday. Gov. Edwin Edwards already has said he will not intervene in the exe-

Arthur Frederick Goode, nvicted of the rape-murder of two small boys, is scheduled to die at 7 a.m. in the electric hair at Raiford prison in Florida, and his attorneys also aunched a new round of fedother faculty in

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of Science: Acad Ouiglev asked a state district tunda. udge and the state Supreme of Veterinary Court to stop the execution and e the dean's of said if he is denied in the state tourts he will carry his appeal to the federal courts. He said his appeals include several affidaary Sciences B . Evans Libra be in 211 Evan vits, "including a letter from his brother to the governor that

goes to the determination of who actually did the killing." ring The Louisiana Supreme Court found in denying an ear-lier stay request that the Sonniers forced the two to lie on the sion ground and Elmo fired six .22 caliber rifle shots alternately into the heads of the teenagers

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Sonnier would be the 17th man executed since the Supreme Court dropped its ban against the death penalty in 1976, and the third of those to die in "Gruesome Gertie," the oaken electric chair at Angola prison.

The last execution in the United States was that of Ronald Clark O'Bryan, executed by lethal injection at Huntsville prison in Texas Saturday morn-

Goode, 29, who said if he is freed from prison he would 'kill as many kids as possible," has asked several times to die, but his attorneys are carrying on the fight for mercy on the ground he is insane. He would be the third man executed in Florida since No-

vember. The Florida Supreme Court

rejected attorneys' pleas that Goode should not be executed because of insanity.

"The mental condition of Goode has been a continuous subject of litigation," Justice James Adkins wrote for the court. "We do not find that Goode is entitled to any relief and his petition for writ of habeas corpus is dismissed. The petition for stay of execution is denied.

Goode avoided an execution date in March 1982 when a federal appeals court granted a stay. But that court later ruled against him and was upheld by the Supreme Court.

Sonnier, 34, of St. Martin-ville, La., was convicted of ab-ducting Loretta Ann Bourque, 18, and David LeBlanc, 16, raping the girl and then killing both on the edge of isolated sugar cane field in south Loui-siana on Nov. 5, 1977.

The Sonniers flashed badges in front of the couple as they sat in a parked car along a lovers' lane in New Iberia after a football game.

The men handcuffed the young couple, forced them into the back seat of the car, and drove 21 miles along rural roads before stopping on the outskirts of the cane field. There LeBlanc was handcuffed to a tree while the Sonniers



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"I'm going to get the same thing out of the execution that Mr. Sonnier did to my boy," wind-swept cont said one of the fathers, Lloyd ficials said prepa LeBlanc

raped Bourque, his fiancee. Afterward, both were forced to lie in the mud while they were killed with a .22 caliber ri-

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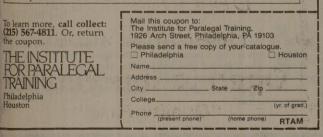
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