

Hospital to cater to women

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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 claims Albuquerque's hospital market is already saturated.

Humana Inc. of Louisville, Ky., expects to begin construction of the 120-bed facility on June 1st. Paul Gross, regional vice president of the corporation said the buildings will be completed by late summer 1985.

The firm filed for a construction permit March 27

and the city's Development Review Board is scheduled to decide whether to grant it an April 10 meeting.

New Mexico's healthcare market was opened to competition last July when a law requiring state approval of hospitals 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 Humana 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 additional facilities.

Gross disagrees. "Our competition perceives our hospitals as a threat, but the community and physicians perceive 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 hospital beds or a glut of anything is good for

consumers," he said. "That 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 Attorney's Office Tuesday to seek murder charges against Gaye.

Attorney Philip Schreiber

said Gaye Sr. "was beaten up pretty well" and suffered injuries 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 thunder is out of the man."

"A lot of things will be coming out (in this case) which will be surprising to the public," Schreiber said, declining to elaborate.

Police said the Grammy-winning singer was shot in the chest after he and his father had an argument 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.

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Deathrow inmates file new appeals

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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, convicted 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 execution.

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 morning.

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.

Arthur Frederick Goode, convicted of the rape-murder of two small boys, is scheduled to die at 7 a.m. in the electric chair at Raiford prison in Florida, and his attorneys also launched a new round of federal appeals Tuesday.

In the Louisiana case, prosecutor Dracos Burke said Tuesday a new attorney for Sonnier, William Quigley, is claiming Sonnier's brother, Eddie James Sonnier, was ready to sign an affidavit saying he was the triggerman.

He would be the third man executed in Florida since November.

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."

Quigley asked a state district judge and the state Supreme Court to stop the execution and said if he is denied in the state courts he will carry his appeal to the federal courts. He said his appeals include several affidavits, "including a letter from his brother to the governor that goes to the determination of who actually did the killing."

The Louisiana Supreme Court found in denying an earlier stay request that the Sonniers forced the two to lie on the ground and Elmo fired six .22 caliber rifle shots alternately into the heads of the teenagers while his brother held a flashlight.

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. Martinville, La., was convicted of abducting 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 Louisiana 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 raped Bourque, his fiancée.

Afterward, both were forced to lie in the mud while they were killed with a .22 caliber rifle.

The fathers of the two teenagers Sonnier killed asked to witness the execution, and authorities granted that request Tuesday.

"I didn't have any reason not to let them," said Corrections Secretary C. Paul Phelps in Baton Rouge.

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

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