

San Diego, California ANOTHER BOTCHED ABORTION

San Diego's Union-Tribune reports that county and state authorities are investigating a case in which a woman "gave birth to a stillborn twin fetus at home the day after having a botched abortion." The Co. Medical examiner's office is investigating the incident, and attempting to determine the approximate age of the "undetected fetus, which reportedly was estimated to be at about 18 weeks of development." The CA The CA Medical board announced that it had opened an investigation of Dr. Michael Chi-Wai Wong, the abortionist who botched the procedure. Wong indicated that he had not detected the twin before or during the abortion. Wong completed a five-year probation imposed by the CA Medical Board for "fraudulently" billing the state Medi-Cal program and in 1987 Wong pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor count of fraud as a part of a plea bargain. Wong also received a three-year suspended sentence and was fined \$1,000 and required to pay a total of \$5,000 in restitution and ordered to complete 250 hours of volunteer work. Additionally, Wong was prohibited from treating Medi-Cal patients for five years. No information was provided on how many other abortionists operating in California have been convicted on state or federal charges.