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owy vigilante group was targeting Escobar's associates and family members. Recommended, especially in light of current cinematic interest in subject.—*Karen Saudlin Silverman, Ctr. for Applied Research, Philadelphia*

Fleming, Edmund T. **Estate Planning and Administration: How To Maximize Assets, Minimize Taxes, and Protect Loved Ones.**

Allworth. Jun. 2001. c.256p. index.

ISBN 1-58115-083-0. pap. \$14.95. LAW

Attorney and certified public accountant Fleming adds a new title to the arsenal of resources on estate planning. Presenting the process as a series of decisions to be made, he methodically provides the information needed to make them. Fleming covers wills, trusts, income and estate taxes, powers of attorney, and the responsibilities of executors and administrators. Each chapter begins with a "points to consider" section containing practical tips, observations, and numerous checklists to help readers assemble documents and understand processes. The appendixes include sample wills, powers of attorney, living trusts, a glossary, and a directory of information sources. Comparable in quality and scope to Dawn Bradley Berry's *The Estate Planning Sourcebook* (Lowell, 1999) and Denis Clifford and Cora Jordan's

Plan Your Estate: Absolutely Everything You Need To Know To Protect Your Loved Ones (Nolo, 2000), this book is good preparation for a meeting with estate-planning professionals.—*Joan Pedzich, Harris Beach LLP, Rochester, NY*

Harcourt, Bernard E. **Illusion of Order: The False Promise of Broken Windows Policing.**

Harvard Univ. Jul. 2001. c.288p. illus.

biblog. index. ISBN 0-674-00472-8.

\$35.

CRIME

For the past couple of decades, many police departments throughout the United States have utilized the order-maintenance approach. This method of policing has been directly influenced by the well-known "broken windows" theory, which can be traced to James Q. Wilson and George L. Kelling. Their theory suggests that if minor forms of disorder, such as graffiti, litter, panhandling, and prostitution, are left unattended, the neighborhood will decline and more serious criminal activity emerges. Examples of this type of policing include New York City Mayor Giuliani's crackdown on "quality-of-life offenses" and Chicago's antigang loitering ordinance. The order-maintenance approach has received favorable attention in the popular press, scholarly journals, public circles, and academia. Here, Harcourt (law, Univ. of Arizona) challenges the validity of the "broken windows" technique, brilliantly critiquing existing data and offering alternative reasons for the seemingly successful results of this type of law enforcement. Harcourt presents a "wake-up" call to all those who blindly accept the "broken windows" approach to policing. Highly recommended for all criminology and social science collections.—*Tim Delaney, Canisius Coll., Buffalo*

Lieberman, Richard. **Personal Foul: Coach Joe Moore vs. the University of Notre Dame.**

Academy Chicago. Aug. 2001. c.278p.

photogs. index. ISBN 0-89733-489-2.

\$25.

LAW

Joe Moore, offensive line coach for the University of Notre Dame football team for nine years, was fired from his position after the hiring of a new head coach. Moore, who was 64 at the time, contended that age discrimination was the principle reason for the dismissal, and he sued the university for financial damages and to get his job back. Here, Moore's attorney chronicles the case, guiding the reader through the ugly pretrial and trial processes and showing a side of Notre Dame few people witness. Unfair hiring practices are only the tip of the iceberg as Lieberman reveals a storied football program rife with ethical problems in the hiring of its coaches and the treatment of some of the players themselves. The book is biased in that it shows the progression of the trial only through the author's eyes, but it does ably demonstrate how an actual trial case is con-

ducted and the unexpected costs to both sides. Recommended for larger public libraries.—*Patrick Mahoney, Off-Campus Lib. Svcs., Central Michigan Univ., Mt Pleasant*

Litman, Jessica. **Digital Copyright.**

Prometheus. 2001. 200p. index. ISBN 1-

57392-889-5. \$25

LAW

Litman (law, Wayne State Univ.) offers a surprisingly readable, even entertaining dissection of 1998's Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) and, indeed, of most American copyright laws passed throughout the 20th century. Central to her exegesis is a critique of the method of drafting legislation, begun just about 100 years ago, that lets the interested parties negotiate among themselves and submit to legislators proposed amendments and revisions. She includes libraries as parties with special interests in this system and notes that the most important group—consumers—is inevitably not represented. And she has special disdain for her fellow copyright lawyers. Despite endnotes, this is not really a scholarly work. Chapters jump from a historical investigation of legislative practice, to comparison of several recent technological challenges to copyright, to an explanation of how shifts in the understanding of underlying principle have shaped the law. In the end, Litman proposes a vastly simplified system but admits that "a wholesale reconceptualization of copyright law seems unlikely.... There are not many Don Quixotes in Washington." Recommended for all types of libraries.—*Eric Bryant, "Library Journal"*

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★Ceaser, James W. & Andrew E. Busch. **The Perfect Tie: The True Story of the 2000 Presidential Election.**

Rowman & Littlefield. Jun. 2001.

c.256p. permanent paper. index. ISBN

0-7425-0836-6. pap. \$15.95. POLITICS

After pop analysis and pundit pontifications, journalistic reshaping and insider stories, we now have the first, and very first-rate, effort by scholars to study seriously the 2000 presidential election. Ceaser (*Losing To Win*) and Busch do an excellent job of placing the 2000 election into a broader context of elections and politics in the United States over time. The authors connect this election to elections past by linking the 2000 race to the body of social science research available, and they ask serious questions about what happened and why. This race was interesting not only for the obvious reason of determining "who would win" but, more importantly, because we were confronted with the question of "who would decide who would win." The authors examine the strategies and options available to both campaigns in the post-election confusion with precision and skill. In the end, it was the United States Supreme Court that determined the "who would win" question,

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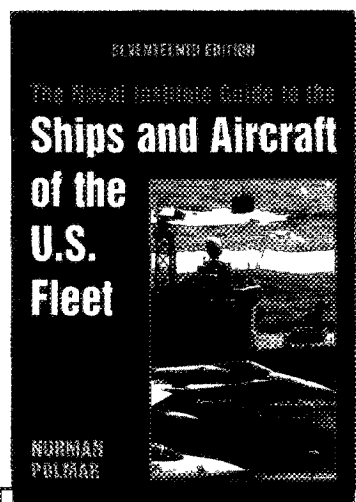
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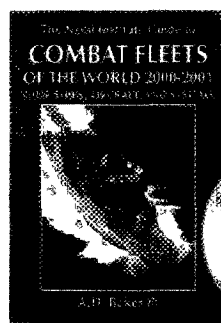
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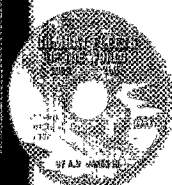
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and the authors have some interesting and perhaps unconventional spins on the Court's role in this case. This work is ideal for the serious student of politics and elections.—*Michael A. Genovese, Loyola Marymount Univ., Los Angeles*

★Fenby, Jonathan. **Dealing with the Dragon: A Year in the New Hong Kong.**

Arcade, dist. by Little, Brown. 2001. c.320p. LC 00-54307. ISBN 1-55970-559-0. \$26.95.

INT AFFAIRS

The formula of "one country, two systems" under which Hong Kong reverted to Chinese sovereignty on July 1, 1997 promised to preserve the capitalist economy and personal freedoms of this vibrant South China metropolis, which had long flourished under British rule. As editor of the *South China Morning Post*, Hong Kong's leading English daily, from 1995 through mid-1999, Fenby was in a unique position to gauge whether the formula was working. His kaleidoscopic insider's view of Hong Kong during the year 1999, arranged chronologically in diary form, covers numerous events, including local politics, the media, crime, China's suppression of the Fa Lun Gong, and the handover of Macau. At one level, it is fast-paced, informative, and entertaining, but it is also a deeply disquieting report. Fenby details how Beijing-appointed Hong Kong Chief Executive Tung Chee-hwa steadily eroded the rule of law. Hong Kong's autonomy and democratic prospects were sacrificed in order to appease Beijing's authoritarian rulers and the equally imperious local business elite, who consider the city their fiefdom. The result is engaging if sobering reading. For all academic and larger public libraries.—*Steven I. Levine, Univ. of Montana, Missoula*

Miller, Mark Crispin. **The Bush Dyslexicon: Observations on a National Disorder.**

Norton. 2001. c.288p. ISBN 0-393-04183-2. \$24.95.

POLITICS

Miller (media studies, New York Univ.; *Boxed In: The Culture of TV*) suggests that Americans may be suffering from a corporate form of dyslexia: "Seeing that it's all gone wrong, yet always hearing from on high that everything is perfectly all right, we each feel...as helpless and perplexed as any undiagnosed dyslexic." Miller's explanation is that George W. Bush and his handlers have mastered the use of television, highlighting the candidate's hyper-chummy style to sell their theme and message. An opening analysis compares the current President with former Presidents Bush, Nixon, and Johnson, whose images often suffered on television, then shows how the 2000 campaign used television to the candidate's advantage. Miller uses extensive quotes from campaign appearances, television interviews, and the televised debates to demonstrate how the candidate focused

on canned "theme" and "message" texts while repeatedly revealing through body language and malapropisms what he may actually have been thinking. Miller makes no effort to be unbiased and is sometimes openly contemptuous, but the analysis is thoughtful and the quotes are accurate and well documented. Recommended for media studies collections.—*Jill Ormer, SUNY at Buffalo Libs.*

Wellstone, Paul.

The Conscience of a Liberal: Reclaiming the Compassionate Agenda.

Random. 2001. c.256p. permanent paper. LC 00-066493. ISBN 0-679-46294-5. \$23.95.

POLITICS

Is the Left dead in America? As former President Clinton moved the Democrat Party to the center and as President Bush continues preaching a more "compassionate conservatism," one is forced to ask: who speaks for the poor, the dispossessed, the downtrodden, and the hurt? Wellstone, the Democratic U.S. Senator from Minnesota and a former professor of political science at Carleton College, is known as one of the few consistently liberal voices in the Senate, and with this book he attempts to sound the clarion call for a return to a more progressive politics in the United States. Focusing on personal stories—some from his growing up and others from his meetings with everyday Americans—Wellstone cautions his readers, "Never separate the lives you live from the words you speak" and calls on America to develop a more activist and liberal political reform agenda. Entertaining and well written, this book may not stimulate a liberal revolution, but it should force readers to face the difficult question of how we can truly match our compassionate rhetoric to our public policies. Recommended for public libraries.—*Michael A. Genovese, Loyola Marymount Univ., Los Angeles*

Psychology

Campbell, Susan. **Getting Real: 10 Truth Skills You Need To Live an Authentic Life.**

H J Kramer, dist. by Publishers Group West. 2001. c.256p. index. ISBN 0-915811-92-8. pap. \$14.95.

PSYCH

Campbell, a relationship counselor who has worked with international companies and small businesses and as an individual counselor for the past 32 years, defines "getting real" as providing totally honest communication in order to live in the moment. Achieving *carpe diem* is harder than it may seem because, as children, people adopt false beliefs (e.g., "If you express your wants too strongly, you'll get punished") for protection. To reverse the damage done by that thinking, adults need to re-evaluate their personality.