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The California Land: Planning for People. Report of the California Land Use Task Force. Los Altos, California: William Kaufmann, Inc. 1975. Pp. 96. Paper. \$4.50.

This book explores the problems of and makes recommendations about land use in California. The author believes that because of uncoordinated and unplanned development in the past, the rich natural resources of California are seriously deteriorated. *The California Land* laments this state of affairs and recommends a reordering of priorities which would include statewide planning, and the creation of a State Land Use Council by the legislature.

Professional Sports and the Law. By Lionel S. Sobel. New York: Law-Arts Publishers, Inc. 1977. Pp. xxviii + 839. Cloth. \$45.00. Paper. \$22.50.

This comprehensive text reviews the relationship of sports to anti-trust laws, contract law, labor law, broadcasting, and franchises. The author is a professor of law at the University of Southern California, and a well known expert in the law of sports. Written in hornbook style, with a Foreword by Howard Cosell, the book includes an extensive look at the internal rules that shape the operations of many sports as well as a useful bibliography, subject index and table of cases.

Chile: The Balanced View. Edited by Francisco Orrego Vicuna. Santiago: University of Chile. 1975. Pp. 298. Paper.

Vicuna's collection of essays, articles, and statements purports to provide a "balanced" view of the overthrow of the Allende government by the military. The book is meant to counteract those publications on the subject that Vicuna considers "propagandistic in nature," and, thus, fill a gap in public awareness. The balance the editor seeks is not the publication of a balanced set of essays, since all of the works are critical of Allende and his government, but a balance in the literature available to the public. If Vicuna is right about the rest of the literature, he has achieved his balance.

Battered Wives. By Del Martin. San Francisco: Glide Publications. 1976. Pp. xvii + 269. Paper. \$6.95.

Battered Wives intends to provide a comprehensive source book that is both readable and useful. In the first five chapters, it explores the sociological and psychological factors behind wife beating and its attendant problems. Chapters six and seven document the failure of the legal and social systems to recognize, let alone respond to, the extent of the problem. The rest of the book is devoted to solving the problem and contains proposals for self-help, remedial legislation, and developing refuges for battered women.

The Electric War: The Fight over Nuclear Power. By Sheldon Novick. San Francisco: Sierra Club Books. 1976. Pp. 376. \$12.50.

Sheldon Novick, editor of *Environment* magazine, presents the controversial story of the nuclear industry and the interests it represents in *The Electric War*. He traces the development of nuclear power through both war time and peace time applications from the Manhattan project to the present day debates over state and local regulation. Interviews with a variety of people, both in favor of and against the use of nuclear power sharply defines the conflict between the environmentalists and the supporters of atomic energy and allows the reader to draw his own conclusions.

The Growth of Presidential Power: A Documented History. By William M. Goldsmith. New York: Chelsea House Publishers. 1974. Pp. xxvi + 2342. \$96.50.

Goldsmith traces the evolution of the executive from its original inception at the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia in 1787 through the disastrous end of the tumultuous Johnson and Nixon administrations. This work relies on a combination of significant historical documents and narration to depict the vast accumulation of power in the Presidency. Goldsmith's thesis is that this accumulation is the inevitable result of the dynamic growth of the United States. The introduction by Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr., presents a compelling critique of Goldsmith's interpretation of this history and gives the reader a healthy framework with which to approach this three volume work.

Recovery for Wrongful Death. 2d ed. By Stuart M. Speiser. Rochester, New York: Lawyers Cooperative Publishing Co. 1975. Vol. 1, pp. xxv + 771. Vol. 2, pp. xxi + 942. Cloth. \$70.00.

This second edition of *Recovery for Wrongful Death* appears nine years after the first. It incorporates the significant changes in the law that occurred during that period of time. For example, nine of the eleven states having monetary limitations on wrongful death recovery have withdrawn them, the United States Supreme Court has expanded the meaning of pecuniary loss to include love, affection, care, attention, companionship, comfort, and protection, and many courts are now recognizing the emotional strain of wrongful death on the family. The new edition is useful to the practitioner with a wrongful death case and includes appendices detailing all federal and state statutes bearing on wrongful death, texts of wrongful death statutes of foreign countries, and comprehensive life expectancy tables.

