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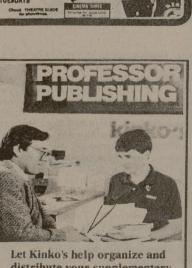
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Scientist calls Vietnam display of 'technowar'

bling defeat in Vietnam is a still-raw wound that has been soothed by blaming the loss on a series of tragic blunders or a hobbled military.

But in a new book, Southern Methodist University sociologist William Gibson shoots down those explanations, saying the war was the full-strength execution of "techno-war," a new style of fighting that took a businesslike approach to kill-

ing. "The Perfect War: Technowar in Vietnam," (Atlantic Monthly Press, \$24.95), has been compared to the movie "Platoon" for its clear-sighted look at the question: "How could a nation of peasants on bicycles defeat the United States?"

The answer, according to Gibson's book, is that the U.S. military ma-chine viewed North Vietnam as a mirror image, albeit a poorer one, operating under the same principles and motivations.

"There were no 'mistakes' made during the Vietnam War," Gibson writes. "Nor was there a failure of will; the self-imposed restraints were only on official paper, not in Technowar practice.

Under technowar, the chief objective is driving the enemy "bankrupt"

DALLAS (AP) — The downtown

central library has gained a national

reputation for its innovative pro-

grams and building, but for hun-

dreds of homeless people it is popu-

Dozens of street people are gath-ered outside the library a few min-

utes before 9 a.m. each day, waiting

for the doors to open. When the library doors are

opened each morning, the street

people begin filing in, and many scurry first to the bathrooms to wash

up, shave, even take a bath of sorts

in preparation for another day on

library's comfortable reading chairs, occasionally dozing alongside the stacks of books and newspapers.

mild, 100 to 200 homeless people

usually can be found sitting or sleep-

ing in the library, library director Patrick O'Brien said. The number

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O'Brien said although the street

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They stretch out for hours in the

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Dallas homeless use

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DALLAS (AP) — America's hum-ing defeat in Vietnam is a still-raw of manpower. Bombing targets were evaluated in economic terms of kill ratios, and quarterly reports recorded the body counts as debits and credits.

The concept was responsible for the United States never coming to grips with its enemy, ignoring the years of social struggle against invaders in Vietnam and accepting inflated body counts in the search for a better bottom line, Gibson says.

The corporate concept, with en-listed men taking the guise of shift workers while officers sought upward mobility, led to the breakdown of loyalty in the ranks, he says.

One wall of Gibson's SMU office is lined with books about Vietnam, ranging from the gritty memoirs of foot soldiers to the technical prose of the Pentagon Papers. Gibson, 35, was not drafted be-

cause of a progressive eye disease. He spent more than seven years researching the book, discovering the businesslike aspect of the war while reading the Pentagon Papers. "When I saw that they were writ-

ing in terms of a productive system, then I thought, 'Well, why don't I try to reconstruct the war as a society, he said. "Once I came up with that

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El Paso County filed using the library grew over the win-ter months, O'Brien sought help from the Greater Dallas Commission for the Homeless, he said. Since April, commission and staff members have been looking for a

> nounced it was renewing search for a dump site sponse to state Land & sioner Garry Mauro's d not to turn the state land of the authority.

were identified as a possible site but a funding source has not been not going to happen they're concentrating a

her clothes in a library sink and was spreading them on chairs and tables

"We don't want to stand in the door and say, 'We don't want you because you don't look good or smell good,' "he said. "That would violate Paso After the number of street people

venting the authority continuing with the search ess until the suit was head downtown location to serve as a day

El Paso County Attorn Lucas, whose office filed to said, "I think they're trying us into complacency an peth County. El Paso County Judge Jones, the county's high ministrative officer, sharp criticism for the au "They're a bunch of league amateurs," Jones " "They underestimate the p of El Paso."





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"The library provides the only safe shelter that will not turn the homeless away during the day," street people are important

center for as many as 400 homeless

people, said Russ Delatour, who as-

sists the commission and is executive director of the Community Council

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Other regions gaining needed employees from troubled Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — The dark clouds hanging over Houston's depressed economy are revealing a silver lining to employers in other parts of the country.

Police departments, hotels, the U.S. government and one state employment commission have been recruiting job applicants from Housstrapped economic ton's environment.

In a unique program, the Texas and Virginia state employment commissions have been working together to match some of Houston's out-of-work technical professionals with unfilled jobs in northern Virginia.

"It seemed like an opportune time to match our workforce with their job openings," says Ira McNeil of the Texas Employment Commission in Houston, where the March jobless rate was 9 percent.

Meanwhile, northern Virginia, with an unemployment rate of less than 3 percent, has a special need for engineers and construction workers. The two states have been working together since early this year, sending Texas resumes eastward for evaluation by prospective employers.

For McNeil and others, the prob-lem used to be filling jobs in Houston's swelling economy. During the boom years of the late 1970s, TEC used to have a list of 5,000 to 6,000 vacant jobs a day, according to spokesman Randy Walker. The TEC now averages about 1,200 listings, Walker says

Today, rather than matching in-

coming migrants with jobs here, Mc-Neil and others often are trying to match the departing unemployed with jobs elsewhere.

"We had people leaving Houston with no information as to where the job opportunities are," McNeil says. "We felt if we could provide any information as to where the jobs are, that's better than nothing at all."

The program is too new to be able to gauge results, but initial indica-tions have shown Virginia businesses are interested in Texas talent, he says.

"We hope it is going to be fruitful for some people," Walker says. "We don't have any delusions it will be

fruitful for all the people." Dan Carney, staffing specialist for the federal Bureau of Printing and Engraving, says he also has been working to recruit chemists, engineers and computer specialists from Houston to work for the federal agency in Washington, where government jobs often are bypassed for higher-paying private sector jobs.

'We figured the only way to fill these jobs was to find a place where there was a surplus for those jobs," Carney says. He says the agency has interviewed 27 Texans and made job offers to four.

Police departments in San Antonio, Dallas and Los Angeles also have been recruiting in Houston, where a police hiring freeze is in effect.

"I don't want to see anyone leaving, but people can't live in limbo," says Mark Clark, president of the Houston Police Officers Association.

Jones, who took office in

uary, said his first priority elected official would be the authority from pu dump in Hudspeth Count

7,000 attend art museum on opening

HOUSTON (AP) — Atless people attended the opening \$150 million Menil Collection of whom expressed joy over cision to locate the art mus Houston.

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"I heard about the colled long time ago," bartender Par lis said. "I understand it's m lot and that parts of it has loaned all over

"It's nice to see it has for home where everyone in B can see it."

Others at the Sunday pub were equally impressed.

"I live four blocks away been waiting for this," sa Bartling, a geological techn visited the museum on opening day. "I figured I wo everything I could see." The collection of app

10,000 pieces was put to several decades by Don Menil and her late husba whose family fortunes we the Schlumberger Compa jor oil service industry com

The collection features ranging from antiquities, tine and tribal culture art, Century modernism.