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Texas business climate is 'tops'

one of the best general manufacturing business climates in the United States, according to a national study.

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third study of general manufac-turing business climates of the 48 contiguous United States in Kanas, North Dakota, Missis-

sippi New Mexico, Arizona, Louisiana and Georgia — eight of which are in the South or cooperation with the Conference of State Manufacturers Association. Results released Monday

The bottom three states were Rhode Island, New York and MATIONALLY ACCLAIMED SINCE 1959

> The study consists of 22 fac- compensation benefits paid per tors divided into five categories: State and local government fiscal policies, state regulated em-

availability and productivity of labor force, and other manufacturing related issues.

In addition to its high national overall ranking, Texas ranked among the top five states nationally on seven of the 22 individual

Lowest unemployment covered worker per year.

Second greatest popula-

- Third highest productivity

Third in average hours worked per week.

— Fourth lowest proportion

of labor union members per 100 non-agricultural workers.

— Fifth lowest state and local government public welfare expenditures.

Fifth lowest maximum weekly payment for temporary total disabilty under workers compensation insurance.

Girls identify suspect of day care invasion

United Press International
DALLAS — Police arrested a

of invading a children's day care center enter with a shotgun, shooting a custodian and taking a woman field near the day care center and told police they knew his identity.

The suspect, 34, who was not identified pending the filing of harges, was arrested at his home after several girls going to hool saw him running across a

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Police went to the girls' school, took them from their school, took them from their classes and the girls showed them the suspect's house, police spokesman Bob Shaw said.

The hostage — Climmie Sherman, 38 — managed to escape shortly before the suspect of the suspect of

pect was spotted by the girls. The custodian, Jesse Trevillian, 87, was reported in stable condi-tion at Parkland Memorial Hospital suffering from wounds in his left forearm and right leg. He was reported "painfully, but not seriously hurt."

Police said a few children were present during the robbery

but none was harmed. Shaw said: "The man came in with a shotgun and went through a couple of purses of female employees. He forced the custodian to lie on the floor and shot him when he tried to

Shaw said the man escaped with some cash and keys to the

Initially, Shaw said, the suspect locked Sherman and Yolanforced Sherman to leave with him and left Varela in the closet.

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United Press International DALLAS — Dr Pepper Co. acquired Canada Dry Corp. for \$155 million, becoming the third largest company in the \$16 billion domestic softdrink industry.

Dr Pepper officials said Tuesday the purchase was a major diversification move. The Dallas-based soft-drink concern paid \$143 million for Canada Dry to Norton Simon Inc. in a mixture of two-thirds cash and the rest notes.

Dr Pepper also paid \$10 million for a five-year agreement to avoid competition and \$2 million for technical assistance, said W.W. Clements, chairman and chief executive of Dr Pepper

The acquisition puts Dr Pepper solidly in the No. 3 spot in the soft drink industry, said George Thompson, an analyst for New York brokerarge firm E.F. Hutton and Co.
Dr Pepper last year overtook Seven-Up Co., but is behind Coca Cola and Pepsico

Inc., maker of Pepsi Cola.

Clements said the takeover, in addition to Dr Pepper's recent purchase of U.S. marketing rights to Welch's carbonated fruit beverages, boosts its share of the \$16 billion domestic soft-drinket to between 10 perc 11 percent.

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Brilab lawyer tole to clean up act

United Press International HOUSTON — The judge in the Brilab trial of a labor leader and port commissioner has told defense lawyer Richard "Race-horse" Haynes his cross-examination was not fair and he

should clean it up.
U.S. District Judge Norman
Black Tuesday told Haynes: "This cross-examination is get-ting out of hand. This testing of the witness is not fair crossexamination.'

Black also suggested Haynes

was losing the jury.
"I'm watching this jury's face. They're getting absolutely, terminally disturbed (about the slow pace of the trial)," Black

Haynes represents Houston officials in the nation Port Commissioner John Garvestigation.

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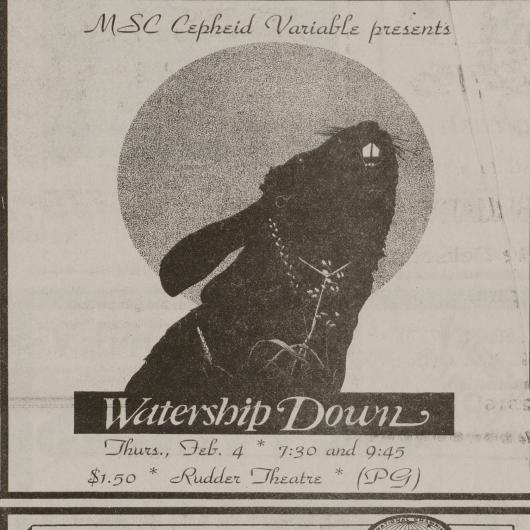
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