

# Texas business climate is 'tops'

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

third study of general manufacturing business climates of the 48 contiguous United States in cooperation with the Conference of State Manufacturers' Association.

show the top 10 states, in order, are Florida, Texas, Colorado, Kansas, North Dakota, Mississippi, New Mexico, Arizona, Louisiana and Georgia — eight of which are in the South or Southwest.

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

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Results released Monday  
The study consists of 22 factors divided into five categories: State and local government fiscal policies, state regulated em-

— Lowest unemployment compensation benefits paid per covered worker per year.  
— Second greatest population increase over three years.

— Fifth lowest state and local government public welfare expenditures.  
— Fifth lowest maximum weekly payment for temporary total disability under workers compensation insurance.

## Girls identify suspect of day care invasion

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DALLAS — Police arrested a man Tuesday who is suspected

of invading a children's day care center with a shotgun, shooting a custodian and taking a woman hostage.

field near the day care center and told police they knew his identity.

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

Police went to the girls' 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 was spotted by the girls. The custodian, Jesse Trevillian, 87, was reported in stable condition at Parkland Memorial Hospital suffering from wounds in his left forearm and right leg. He was reported "painfully, but not seriously hurt."

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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 get up."

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Shaw said the man escaped with some cash and keys to the facility. Initially, Shaw said, the suspect locked Sherman and Yolanda Varela, 32, in a closet. He forced Sherman to leave with him and left Varela in the closet.

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## Canada Dry is a Pepper, too

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Dr Pepper bought the products but Canada Dry's bottling plants, United States and Canada concentrate production facilities in Toronto, Ireland, Mexico, Clements said. Pepper has 460 U.S. and Canada Dry about

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Thompson said for company its size, with revenues of \$330.2 million, Pepper paid a considerable sum for Canada Dry, probably will see some dilution next year, Clements said. Dry's 1980 sales were \$155 million.

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Thompson said, because it gives Dr Pepper complete bottling system, Canada Dry makes generic club soda, tonic water and some other brands.

Dr Pepper last year overtook Seven-Up Co., but is behind Coca Cola and PepsiCo Inc., maker of Pepsi Cola.

Dr Pepper's plan to acquire the foreign soft-drink market, said W.W. Clements, chairman and chief executive of 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-drink market to between 10 percent and 11 percent.

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## Brilab lawyer told to clean up act

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HOUSTON — The judge in the Brilab trial of a labor leader and port commissioner has told defense lawyer Richard "Racehorse" 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 getting out of hand. This testing of the witness is not fair cross-examination."

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 said.

Black's admonition occurred during examination, which was intended to determine whether a gap existed in a retrace made tape of a meeting part of the charge.

Haynes represents Houston Port Commissioner John Garrett, who is on trial in the Park Operating Engineers' representative L.G. Moore are accused of plotting to bribe a city councilman to get insurance contracts.

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