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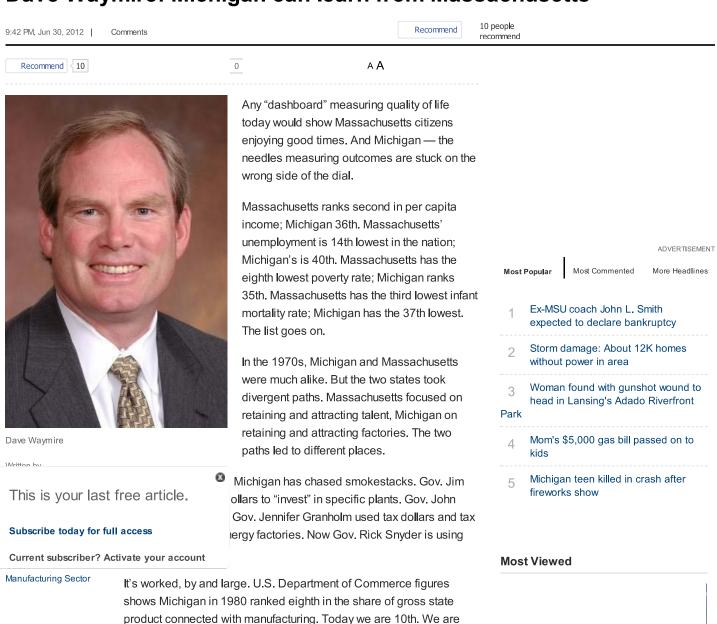
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Massachusetts, a state that saw its textile manufacturing sector

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workers.

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