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Slug=CHILD CARE COST

IT'S NO SECRET THAT CHILD CARE IS EXPENSIVE. BUT DID YOU KNOW IT CAN COST MORE THAN COLLEGE? CHILD CARE AWARE IS A GROUP THAT PROVIDES RESOURCES TO PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS, THEY CRUNCHED THE NUMBERS AND SAY THEY FOUND THE COST OF CHILD CARE IN THE U-S CAN BE AS HIGH AS \$14,508 A YEAR FOR AN INFANT -- OR \$12,280 ANNUALLY FOR A FOUR-YEAR-OLD. HOW MUCH YOU PAY DEPENDS ON WHERE YOU LIVE. PARENTS IN MASSACHUSETTS SPEND MORE ON INFANT CHILDCARE THAN IN ANY OTHER STATE: ABOUT \$16,549 A YEAR. THE BEST BARGAIN FOR CHILD CARE? LOUISIANA, WHERE IT COSTS ONLY ABOUT 7-PERCENT OF THE MEDIAN INCOME.

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Slug=EBT PROBLEMS

FEDERAL OFFICIALS THREATENING TO PULL FUNDING FROM THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM HERE IN MASSCHUSETTS. THIS AFTER A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS WITH THE STATE'S PHOTO I-DS ON E-B-T CARDS. SHARMAN SACCHETTI JOINS US NOW. SHARMAN, STATE OFFICIALS SAY THE FEDS ARE WRONG.

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Slug=\$550 GAS SAVINGS

DRIVERS ARE GETTING A HOLIDAY FROM HIGH GASOLINE PRICES. U-S DRIVERS WILL SAVE AN ADDITIONAL 550-DOLLARS NEXT YEAR, ACCORDING TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THE AVERAGE PRICE FOR GAS NATIONWIDE IS NOW DOWN TO 2-DOLLARS-51-CENTS A GALLON. GAS AND OIL PRICES HAVE DROPPED STEADILY OVER THE LAST SIX MONTHS DUE TO LOWER DEMAND IN EUROPE AND ASIA. THE LAST TIME PRICES AT THE PUMP WERE THIS LOW WAS IN 2004.

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Slug=MARKET BASKET 4 PERCENT

MARKET BASKET SHOPPERS MAY SOON HAVE TO DIG A LITTLE DEEPER. THE SUPERMARKET CHAIN WILL END ITS YEAR-LONG 4-PERCENT DISCOUNT. FOX 25'S CRYSTAL HAYNES IS LIVE AT THEIR NEW STORE IN WALTHAM. AND CRYSTAL YOU ASKED MANAGERS ABOUT THIS.