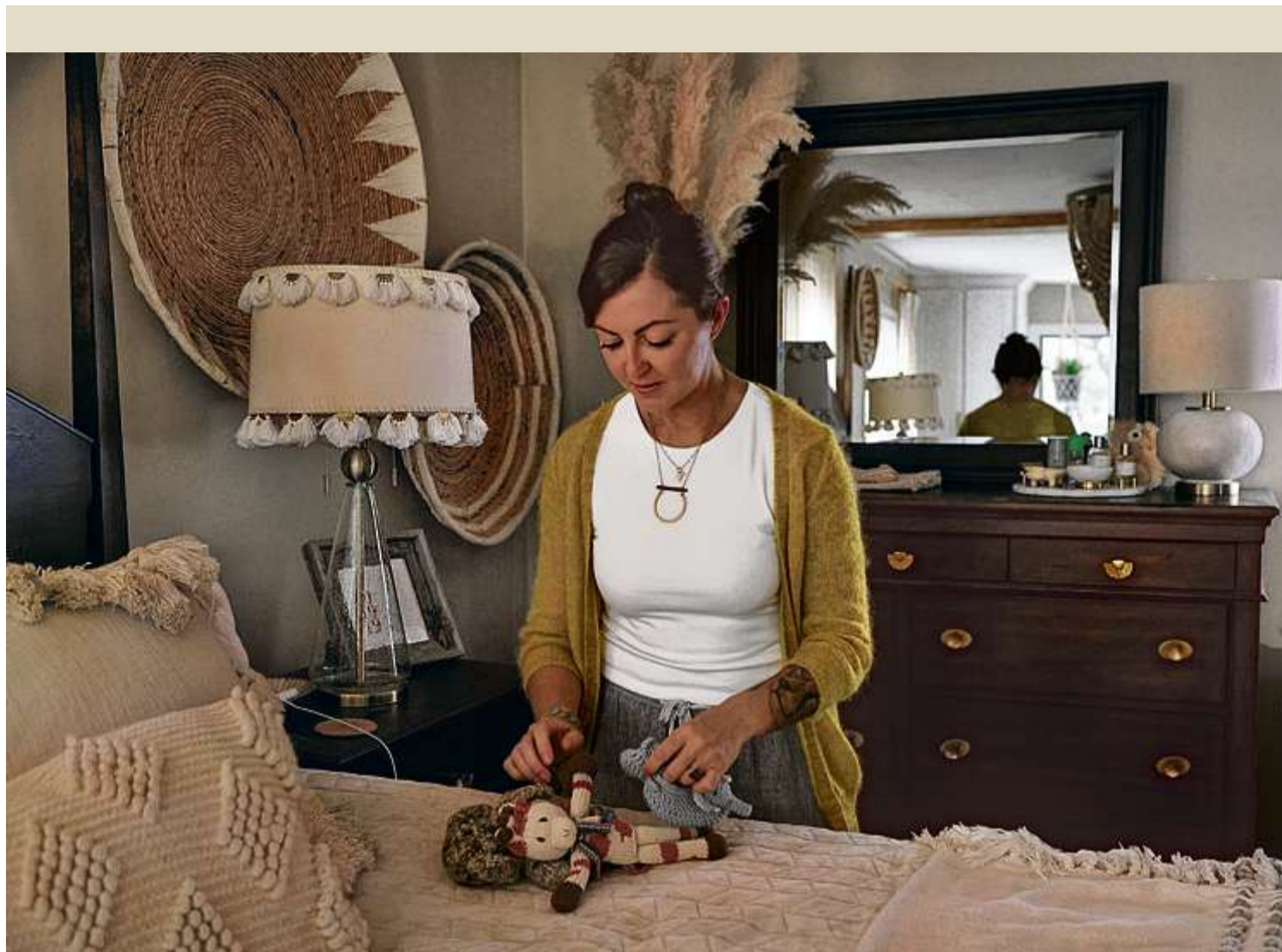


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THE FERTILITY DIVIDE

The high cost of having a baby

She expected to spend up to \$28,000 for IVF in Mass. In Greece, it would be just \$10,000, including travel costs.

By Jessica Bartlett
GLOBE STAFF

Most people visit Greece to see the Acropolis or visit the Temple of Apollo. Kristin Torres went there to get pregnant.

The Cape Cod resident and her husband had explored in vitro fertilization in Massachusetts, but the cost was astronomical. Her husband had no infertility coverage, and even with health insurance from her employer, the couple expected to spend between \$20,000 and \$28,000.

Then Torres left her job — and her insurance — to build an international business. Soon, she was struck by a different idea: Why not try IVF overseas?

The care was supposed to be just as good, and the prices were far cheaper. Torres started IVF in Tanzania, and then did Facetime consultations with clinics in the Czech Republic, North Cyprus, and Spain. She finally chose Greece, a place growing as popular for fertility medical tourism as Tijuana,



KRISTIN TORRES

Mexico, is for dental work and Turkey is for hair transplants.

Talking to a friend in Florida only underscored Torres's confidence in her decision. In that state, which doesn't have a mandate for IVF insurance coverage, her

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Kristin Torres (top) gathered some baby toys and booties she bought in Africa when she and her husband lived there. (Above) Torres and her husband, Ryan Torres, in Greece.

China, US agree to outline of trade deal

Possible pact on tariffs comes ahead of Trump's expected meeting with Xi

By Keith Bradsher and Zunaira Saieed
NEW YORK TIMES

BEIJING — Chinese and American trade negotiators said Sunday that they had agreed to a framework of a deal on tariffs and other issues before an expected meeting of the countries' top leaders this week.

"We are moving forward to the final details of the type of agreement that the leaders can review and decide if they want to conclude together," Jamieson Greer, the United States trade representative, said to reporters in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia's capital.

He also said the two sides had also discussed another extension in a series of truces on tariffs they have engaged in this year.

China's top trade negotiator, Li Chenggang, described the talks between the United States and China as "candid and in-depth discussions" on the trade deal, adding that the two sides had reached a "preliminary consensus."

The negotiators were in Kuala Lumpur for a meeting of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, or ASEAN, where President Trump began a nearly weeklong trip to Asia. He is expected to

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Crisis grows ahead of halt in food aid

Loss of SNAP benefits threat to families, grocers

By Katie Johnston
and Mara Kardas-Nelson
GLOBE STAFF

Rising grocery prices have already taken a toll on Janin Otero's food budget. "It used to last three weeks, and now it's roughly two," said the Roxbury mother of three.

And soon it could get much worse.

► Trump administration posts notice that US SNAP benefits will be stopped on Nov. 1. A2.

Otero stands to lose \$900 a month in food stamp benefits for her family if, because of the ongoing shutdown of the federal government, money for the program runs out in November.

"It's going to be devastating," Otero said. "How are we going to get through bills? How are we going to get through Thanksgiving?"

In Massachusetts, more than 1 million people are at risk of losing their benefits next month if the federal government shutdown continues and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program runs out of money — an unprecedented lapse in benefits that advocates say the already strained net-

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Small device detects invisible pollution hazards in city schools

By Kate Selig
GLOBE STAFF

Inside each Boston Public Schools classroom, a small device is revealing health risks that were previously invisible.

The district has deployed a first-of-its-kind network of indoor air pollution sensors that guide efforts to improve air quality — a move that research suggests could boost grades and cut down on sick days.

The pandemic put a spotlight on indoor air quality and its role in preventing the spread of viruses. Schools across the country upgraded their HVAC systems, propped open windows, and installed air filters to reduce transmission.

Boston Public Schools went a step further, installing the sensors and partnering with researchers at Boston University to analyze the results. With new support from a city grant, the district is developing an action plan to guide how the data is used in schools to bring in cleaner air.

"They've set a model for how it should be done going for-

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Former president Joe Biden urged Americans to "fight like hell" to defend democracy while speaking in Boston on Sunday. He was honored with a lifetime achievement award at the Edward M. Kennedy Institute. B3.



Just glowing

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Tuesday: Breezy, mostly clear.
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The Patriots won their fifth game in a row, defeating the Cleveland Browns, 32-13. Drake Maye completed 18 of his 24 passes for 282 yards and three touchdowns. C1.

Police have made arrests in the brazen jewelry heist last week at the Louvre Museum in Paris, French authorities said Sunday, but there is no word on recovery of the stolen loot. A4.

At least five Caribbean countries are bracing for record amounts of rain expected with Hurricane Melissa, which is currently a Category 4 storm. A5.

As the holiday season approaches, consumers are turning to AI engines for gift-giving advice — and retailers have noticed. D1.



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