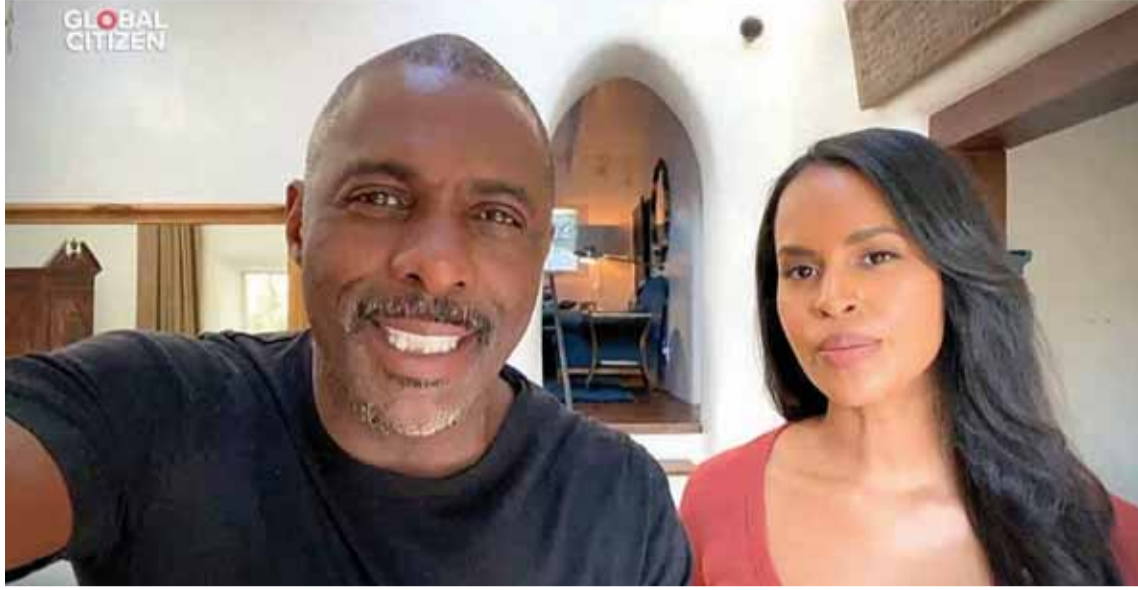


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Actor Idris Elba seeks money for rural farmers impacted by virus

British actor and filmmaker Idris Elba, who has himself tested positive for COVID-19, helped kick off an appeal for a UN relief fund to help rural communities stricken by the coronavirus pandemic. With \$40 million in UN seed money, a special fund to help small-scale farmers is seeking another \$200 million in donations so the coronavirus lockdown doesn't spark a hunger crisis. The fund "needs more assistance to carry on the work that is desperately needed to keep food systems operating in rural areas if we are to come out of this crisis together and avoid needless hunger and suffer-

ing," said Elba in a statement. Elba is a goodwill ambassador for the United Nations' International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). The actor disclosed last month that he had tested positive for coronavirus and had quarantined himself. IFAD's head said developing countries are already particularly vulnerable to this pandemic as a health crisis. "Unless we act now and act quickly, this will also become a major food and hunger crisis," said Gilbert Houngho

Eva Mendes is 'trying to be a fun mum'

Eva Mendes is "trying to be a fun mum" whilst self-isolating. The 'Hitch' star is currently tasked with keeping her two daughters - Esmeralda, five, and Amada, three, whom she has with Ryan Gosling - entertained while they're home from school amid the coronavirus pandemic, and has said she's been trying not to "lose [her] marbles" in the process. Sharing a picture of herself drawn by one of her children, she wrote on Instagram: "This is me. By my kid. It's pretty accurate. No I haven't become a master baker or a good cook during quarantine. I haven't seen a gym in two months. I haven't written a novella. I've just been trying to be a fun mom and not lose my marbles. "Sending so much love out there. Reading comments and happy to connect so let me know how you're feeling. Amore, amore, amore. (sic)" Eva recently took to social media to insist she has a "clear boundary" when it comes to her brood, as she won't post pictures of them online. She wrote: "hi! I have always had a clear boundary when it comes to my man and my kids ... I'll talk about them of course, with limits, but I won't post pictures of our daily life. And since my children are still so little and don't understand what posting their image really means, I don't have their consent. And I won't post their image until they're old enough to give me consent. As far as Ryan and I, it just works for us this way. To stay private. Sending loads of love to you at this time. (sic)" The 46-year-old actress previously told fans she won't



post new pictures of her husband Ryan, 39, either, because she insists her relationship with him is "private". She said last month: "As far as Ryan, I'll only post flash backs of things that are already 'out there' (like pics from movies we did or stuff like that). "My man and kids are private. That's important to me so thanks for getting that. Have a beautiful day. Sending so much love! (sic)"

Gwyneth Paltrow is auctioning off her 2000 Oscars dress for coronavirus relief

The 47-year-old actress is set to bid farewell to the "sentimental" gown she donned at the Academy Awards 20 years ago, as the dress will go under the hammer to raise money for All-In - an initiative that aims to raise \$100 million for non-profit organizations that support vulnerable communities amid the pandemic. Posting on Instagram, Gwyneth confirmed: "Joining the #allinchallenge "In an effort to focus on organizations providing food assistance, I have joined the #allinchallenge which is raising money for @mealsonwheelsamerica, @nokidhungry, @wckitchen, @feedingamerica and @americasfoodfund. "I am donating a dress I wore to the Oscars (and that holds great sentimental value) which I will personally hand to you over a cup of tea. "Go to allinchallenge.com to bid as 100% of funds will go to help Americans currently experiencing food insecurity. (sic)" Gwyneth then challenged Drew Barrymore, Cameron Diaz, and Lake Bell to take part in the cause. She added: "I love you @garyvee for being part of this. I now challenge @drewbarrymore @camerondiaz and @lakebell. (sic)" Meanwhile, the 'Shakespeare in Love' actress recently urged people not to "abuse the freedoms we still have" amid the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. She wrote on Instagram: "@bradfalchuk and I were grateful to learn our local farmers market was open this morning; we walked there (keeping lots of distance) and donned masks and gloves once we got nearer to the market, only taking them off when we were almost home and there were no other pedestrians in close proximity. "Yesterday I heard tales of crowded hiking trails and parks. Although we are all on a learning curve and aren't always perfect as we figure out this temporary new normal, we must take the orders seriously and not abuse the freedoms we still have; grocery store and essential errand runs, bike rides or walks (being disciplined about correct protocol). It's not the time for denial. We must take this seriously and shelter in place. (sic)"



CHRISSY TEIGEN is a 'brat about food'

The 34-year-old model became embroiled in a Twitter war with her own followers on Sunday when she posted an image of her homemade bowl of chicken and dumplings, only to find some of her fans were less than impressed with her culinary creation. And after retaliating, the 'Cravings' cookbook author admitted she got "defensive" about her food because she feels very strongly about her homemade meals. Chrissy's rant began when she posted a picture of her food, and wrote: Chicken n dumplin night at the legend household. Thank u @TheKalenAllen for reminding me I wanted this. (sic) The 'Lip Sync Battle' star was soon flooded with comments, many of them telling her the dish looked too dark to be a classic chicken and dumplings recipe, which often has a lighter, cream-based broth. One fan wrote: "Will never cook shame you, but I've never seen a brown sauce chicken and dumplings. Is this an untapped secret?" Whilst another simply added: "Why is it brown?" After one follower remarked that Chrissy's dish looked more like gumbo and not chicken and dumplings, the model became irritated and replied: "Sigh. Gumbo is a completely different recipe with soup. Color is not the difference between gumbo and chicken n dumplings. (sic)" The same fan then asked why she was getting "defensive" about the food, to which she responded: "Because I have 500 people s***ting on my food on Twitter every day. That's why! (sic)" Chrissy then took a moment to calm down, and when told her fans having "nothing but love" for her, she revealed the reason she gets so passionate about food. She wrote: "I know sorry I just get defensive cause I have like 500 people telling me it looks wrong and I'm a brat about food. Lol I'm sorry. "I love you guys I'm sorry. I just am in a p**p mood."—Bang Showbiz

Prepon won't reveal son's name until she's discussed it with her family

Laura Prepon needs to have a "conversation" with her family before she reveals her son's name. The 'Orange Is The New Black' star and her husband Ben Foster welcomed a baby boy into the world in February, and Laura has now said the reason she hasn't released the tot's name to the public yet is because she hasn't spoken to her family about the impact it will have on their privacy. She said: "We make all those decisions as a family because we're in the public eye. So whenever we do something like that, we have a conversation about it first and make sure that we're comfortable with it." Laura - who is also mother to two-year-old daughter Ella - says keeping her privacy is something she "constantly" has to "negotiate", but thinks it's "cute" people want to know her son's name. Speaking to Us Weekly magazine: "Until we have a conversation, we know not to talk about it. It's cute that people want to know his name. "It's a constant negotiation because we're so fortunate to do what we love. But part of being in the public eye is how do you negotiate keeping your privacy, how do you negotiate keeping your personal life private?" The 'That 70s Show' star announced the birth of her son on social media in February. Alongside a picture of herself holding the tot, she wrote: "Welcoming home our new bundle of love. Overwhelmed with gratitude. (sic)" Meanwhile, Laura previously opened up about motherhood and the challenges of balancing a career and being a mom. She said: "Ben and I are really great about if I'm at work, he's [at home], and if he's at work, I'm [at home]. But I do feel guilty, and I just know that she'd be proud if she knew. I've talked to a bunch of women [asking], 'How do you do this?' And they're just like, 'There's really no solution. You just do it.'"



T.I. wants to 'protect' his daughters from 'heartbreak'

The 39-year-old rapper is father to daughters Deyjah, 18, and Heiress, four, and has said that whilst he's happy for his children to "date and have experiences", he doesn't want them to be negatively impacted by the end of a romance. He said: "To be honest with you, I only feel the need to protect the girls from heartbreak. So for me, it's about making sure that my daughters grow up as happy and unencumbered by outsiders tweaking their emotions as possible. That doesn't mean that I don't want my daughters to date or have experiences. It just means I know that they will hold onto those experiences and I don't know how that will translate when they come out of it." But T.I. - who also has sons Messiah, 20, Domani, 19, Clifford, 15, and Major, 11 - doesn't feel the same way about his sons dating, as he believes they need to "deal with heartbreak" in order to discover who they "are for real". He added during an episode of his E! show 'T.I. & Tiny: Friends & Family Hustle': "For a young man, you're not really going to know who you are for real until you deal with heartbreak. "It's supposed to get to a point where they can handle it on their own and they don't want you all in their business. If it doesn't get to that point, something's gone terribly wrong." The 'No Mediocre' hitmaker's comments come after he previously came under fire for saying he accompanies his daughter Deyjah to the gynecologist in order to "check her hymen". T.I. - whose real name is Clifford Joseph Harris Jr. - later clarified his comments when he said: "My intentions I think have been terribly misconstrued and misconceived. Let me go set this record straight, I never said I was in an exam room, that is an assumption, that is a falsity. I never said that it was being done present day as an 18-year-old ... and I never said that her mother wasn't present. Her mom was present every time."



Stone mourns 'adopted grandmother' Mitzman

Sharon Stone has mourned the loss of her "adopted grandmother" Eileen Mitzman. The 62-year-old actress shed tears as she paid tribute to the AIDS activist, who has been in hospital battling coronavirus as well as "other illnesses". Sharon posted the video on Sunday before Eileen passed away, and said the activist would "die tonight", and Fern Mallis, the creator of New York Fashion Week, has since confirmed Eileen has now sadly died. In Sharon's video, she said: Hi, I want to talk to you about someone very special to me, who became my adopted grandmother. Her name is Eileen Mitzman. I met her, a long time ago when I was beginning to work as an AIDS activist so many years ago. I met her and her husband Neil in New York at an event at Dr. Krims house. "She was just about to go and speak to then-President Bill Clinton, and she asked me what she should speak about, and she started to tell me the story of her life. She was a young woman who grew up in Brooklyn and her dad was a bookie. "He wanted to be a cop but he was too short, and so the cops let him be the bookie because they trusted him then. And she grew up and she told her fellow classmates that her dad was a bookmaker, and they thought that he made books. "She and her husband Neil met when he was a crossing guard in elementary school. He went away to war and she wrote to him everyday and when he came home he married her." The 'Basic Instinct' star went on to reveal she began to see Eileen as an "adopted grandmother" after her own passed away, as Eileen herself had suffered terrible loss. She added: "And they had a beautiful long life together until he passed away a couple

years ago. I met her because she and Neil were two of the heads of Concerned Parents for AIDS Research, because her daughter was one of the first daughters to die AIDS. "Her boyfriend was a bartender at Studio 54. Their other daughter died in a car accident coming home from prom. So I ask them if they would be my adopted grandparents, since mine had passed away. And they became my adopted grandparents and my fellow HIV/AIDS worker." Sharon then spoke about Eileen's health, and said she would die "a warrior". She explained: "We worked very hard together to do a lot of good in this world. Tonight she's going to die in New York hospital. She has coronavirus, but she will die because she is septic and has other illnesses and none of us can go there to be with her. "But she will die a warrior, and I think we should grieve like warriors now because holding grief will only make us sick and affect our lungs and our respiratory systems in a way that we should not allow that to do."

