

Name a more
iconic 'do.
We'll wait...

Why 1995 WAS PEAK POP CULTURE

From iconic hairdos to boyband beef, the showbiz stars aligned in '95

Thirty years ago, Windows 95 was in every household, phones were for nothing more than talking on, and double denim was on everyone's wish list. And whether there was something in the water or it was just fate, there's no denying that 1995 was the year when pop culture peaked. It delivered some of our most iconic celebrity

moments – and the showbiz world of today would look very different without it. Back then, we were all sporting 'The Rachel', a hairstyle that took hours to get looking only half-decent. Jennifer Aniston's character in *Friends*, after which the 'do was named, may have looked gorgeous with her choppy layers and signature flick, but not many

others did. The wildly popular sitcom first aired that April in the UK and while it's still beloved today, *The Rachel* has definitely not stood the test of time – even Jen-An called it, 'The ugliest haircut I've ever seen.'

So, in the spirit of nostalgia, we're taking you on a trip down memory lane to enjoy some of 1995's other most memorable moments...



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Casually tossing
grenades

DIANA'S BOMBSHELL INTERVIEW

When Martin Bashir interviewed Princess Diana that November, no one could have expected what was to come. As the Princess smouldered, she touched on her tumultuous relationship with Prince Charles – famously revealing, 'There were three of us in this marriage'. Camilla, we're looking at you. While entertaining, it's worth noting the interview was discredited in 2021, with an inquiry finding Bashir used 'deception' to secure the bombshell chat.

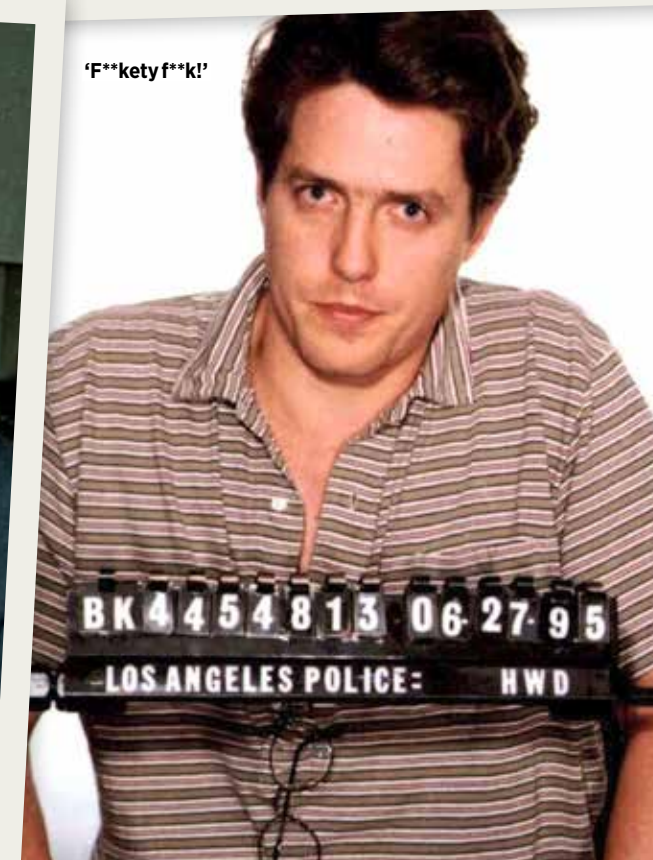


Hotness
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Lock up
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THE GOLDEN COUPLE

Rewind 30 years, and our royal couple came in the form of US heartthrob Johnny Depp, then 32, and Brit supermodel Kate Moss, then 21. Ditching their usual grungy look, this genetically blessed couple cleaned up their act in '95 for the legendary Golden Globes. It was a rather chilled night for the fiery pair, after the *Edward Scissorhands* actor famously trashed a hotel room the year before following a row. The pair eventually split in 1998.



'F**kety f**k!'

HUGH'S SEX SCANDAL

In 1995, king of romcoms Hugh Grant saw himself involved in a scandal that didn't quite fit his English gent persona. The *Four Weddings* star was caught in his car alongside sex worker Divine Brown in Los Angeles, and arrested for lewd conduct. To up the stakes, the actor was in a long-term relationship with Liz Hurley at the time. That, perhaps unsurprisingly, went downhill after his car-scapade.



All tartaned up for the Baldwins

WE WERE ALL CLUELESS

A world without *Clueless*? Ugh, as if! A cult classic, the movie hit screens in 1995, securing Alicia Silverstone, then 18, as the ultimate 'It' girl. With pin-straight hair and a penchant for tartan, the movie increased the use of the word 'whatever' and gave girls everywhere a new kind of role model to aspire to. Three decades later, it's still every bit as influential, with a brand-new *Clueless* musical hitting the West End.



He left that and partied

ROBBIE LEFT TAKE THAT

In 1995, Take That crooned, '*I guess now it's time for me to give up...*' For Robbie, it was advice that rung true. Hearts broke across the globe when the 21 year old announced he was leaving the band to pursue his own solo career. The writing had been on the wall for a while – just weeks before he quit, a wasted-looking Robbie was spotted partying with Oasis at Glastonbury, later describing the moment as the catalyst for his 'new life'.



Don't answer that

Who wants to see my boobs?

DREW FLASHED LETTERMAN

In the midst of the wild '90s, 20-year-old Drew Barrymore appeared on *The Late Show* with David Letterman, donning sweet daisies in her hair. The *Never Been Kissed* star proceeded to climb up on the talk show host's desk and flash her boobs – in front of a live studio audience. Since reflecting on the 'weird and spontaneous moment', Drew said, 'If there's one thing I've learned, [it's that] there is a line.'



Blur: a bunch of *Country House* dwellers



Oasis: Definitely *Maybe* weren't happy about it

BLUR VS OASIS

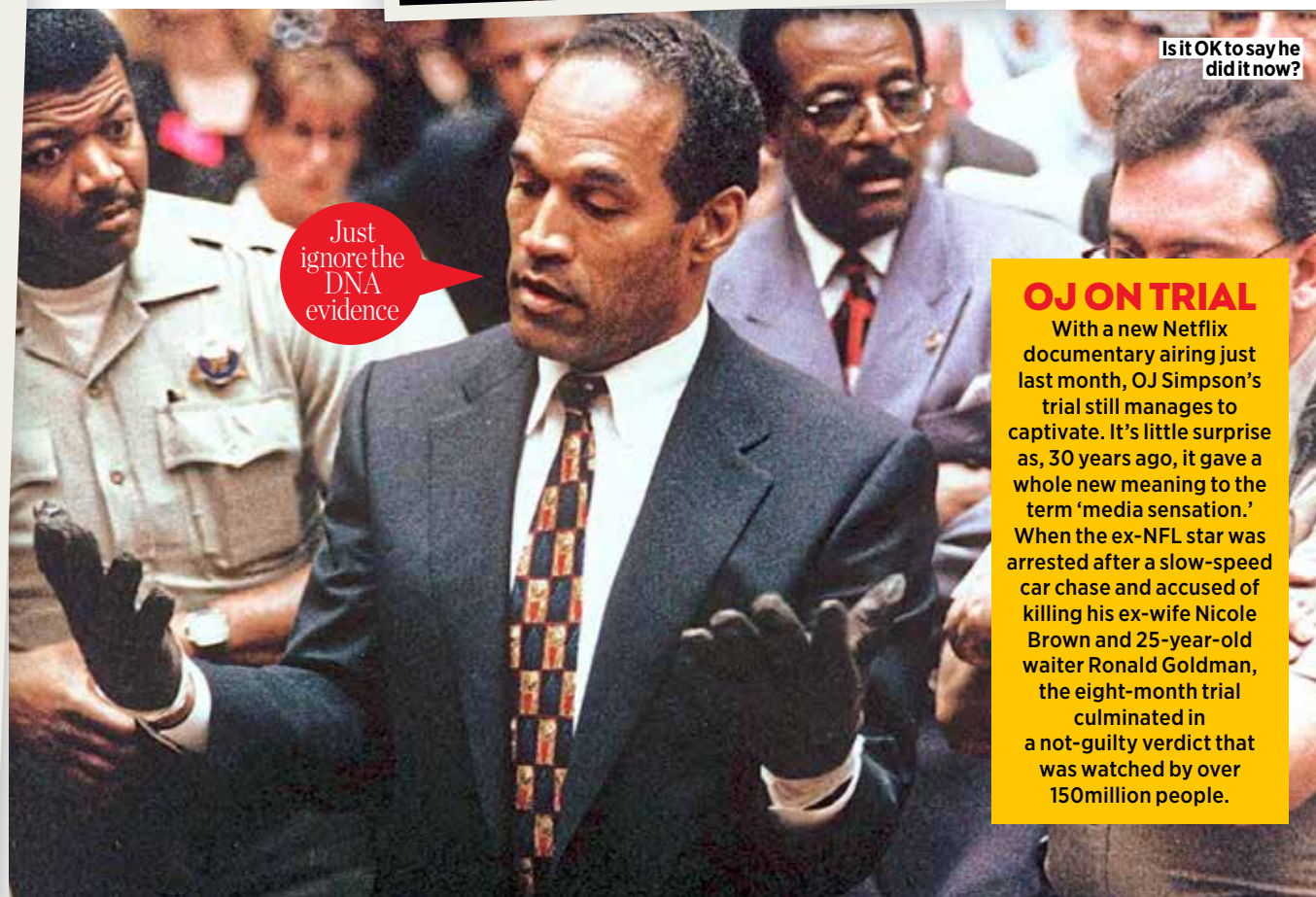
Oasis and brawls go hand in hand, but back in '95, it wasn't Noel and Liam who were beefing. In August, Blur moved the release of their *Country House* track to be on the exact same day as their Britpop rivals Oasis were releasing *Roll With It*. It gave way to a chart battle like never before – with one industry professional recalling, 'Crazy stuff happened. You had couples breaking up over it, and there was a lot of family strife.' Spoiler alert: Blur won.



Shout out to all the scrubs, too

A FUTURE KARAOKE CLASSIC

Of all the tunes we sang (or sometimes screamed) into our hairbrushes while prancing round our rooms, TLC's *Waterfalls* was a favourite. A now-iconic song that never fails to get an airing during any tipsy karaoke sesh, it became an instant hit when released in 1995. TLC's third single, it lasted an impressive seven weeks at the No1 spot on Billboard's Hot 100.



Just ignore the DNA evidence

Is it OK to say he did it now?

OJ ON TRIAL

With a new Netflix documentary airing just last month, OJ Simpson's trial still manages to captivate. It's little surprise as, 30 years ago, it gave a whole new meaning to the term 'media sensation.' When the ex-NFL star was arrested after a slow-speed car chase and accused of killing his ex-wife Nicole Brown and 25-year-old waiter Ronald Goldman, the eight-month trial culminated in a not-guilty verdict that was watched by over 150million people.