



Friends star Rachel's haircut has been voted the most influential of all time. The bouncy, layered cut was favoured by Jennifer Aniston's character Rachel in long-running US sitcom Friends.



The style, her character's first, became a firm favourite with hairdressers across the land in the mid-Nineties.

Rachel later replaced it with a longer, sleeker style, which Jen herself still sports. Farrah Fawcett came second in the survey for that Seventies Charlie's Angels flick, followed by the Princess Diana, the Mary Quant bob and those lush peroxide Marilyn Monroe curls. The poll was conducted by Morphy Richards. Cartoon character Marge Simpson's shocking blue hairdo came 14th...



Westlife claim they were snubbed by Band Aid 20. The band, who have sold 30 million records, were not invited to take part in the re-recording of the fundraising hit. They were asked on radio why they were not among the all-star line-up. Kian Egan said: "We would have loved to have done

Band Aid. "But first of all, we weren't asked. Secondly, we weren't asked." Bandmate Shane Filan then piped up: "And thirdly, nobody asked us." (*Real smart boys these*) A Band Aid 20 spokesman told The Sun: "A shortlist was drawn up and unfortunately Westlife, along with many other acts, didn't make it. I hope they will support the single by going out and buying a copy."

Girls Aloud's latest single, *I'll Stand By You*, was released this week with all proceeds going to Children In Need. In a Sky Showbiz interview they were asked the usual load of nonsense resulting in the revelation that they'd really like to work with Will Young. Asked about their "ideal love machine", (*Yep that's reporters these days*) Nadine replied that she'd really like good skin on a man. "I think that is quite important to me, someone who looks after himself like that" she continued. Confused Sarah replied "Rough around the edges for me. A little stubble, a little dishevelled but still looking good. Although I don't want too much stubble because I can't stand stubble" Thankfully it was a short interview!



Sky Showbiz also revealed that Nicole Kidman will pad her bra to play busty Swedish secretary Ulla in the new film version of stage musical *The Producers*. The superstar's casting in the role raised eyebrows as she doesn't have the attributes for the curvy bombshell part. But a spokesman for the actress from *Down Under* confirmed she'll have a lot of padding. Filming starts in February.

Teen movie of the week is apparently the *Grudge*. Having already turned *Ju-On: The Grudge* into a short film, a two-part Japanese TV movie, and a standalone feature (and sequels), writer-director Shimizu Takashi has made something of a career out of remaking the same story. Here, he hones the scares to near perfection as Sarah Michelle Gellar becomes the latest in a long line of victims to fall



foul of a supernatural "grudge" - a curse that strikes anyone who enters the spooky suburban house the film is based around. This remake stars the ever improving Sarah as an American care worker in Tokyo. It's impressively faithful to the Japanese original. "If you've not seen that version, prepare yourself for one of the scariest mainstream films in years" says the review.

Outside of Showbiz, the political gossip of the week is that Conservative party leaders have realised they're going nowhere fast. Talk about the future direction of the party intensified last week after a batch of polls showed the Tories still languishing well behind Labour at a time when they should be forging ahead to have a chance of victory. Leader Michael Howard is reportedly 'grooming a batch' of younger men to be leaders for the future! A source close to Mr Howard however, denied that he was grooming any successor and said he was only thinking about winning the next election, expected on May 5... Can't honestly say I'm particularly thrilled at that prospect!