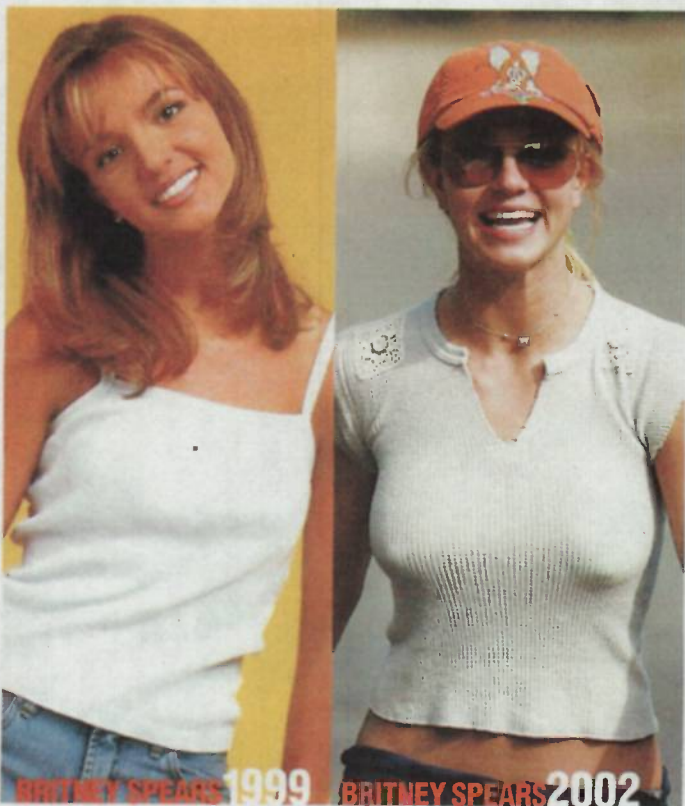


Whose boobs are real?

Celebrity cleavage has a way of exploding overnight or shrinking just as suddenly. How do the stars do it?



BRITNEY SPEARS 1999 BRITNEY SPEARS 2002

WHAT'S THE STORY? When Britney went in for knee surgery in 1999 — at 17 — she seemed to emerge with larger breasts afterwards. **EXPERTS SAY:** "It appears as if she's had a rather large and substantial breast augmentation," says Mayer. **SHE SAYS:** Her breasts grew when she gained weight during puberty and discovered the joys of the push-up bra. "Like I'm really going to get breast implants at 17?" she commented dismissively. Her spokesperson concurred: "Miss Spears has never had any plastic surgery."

signs of surgery

BREAST IMPLANTS: "After surgery the breasts stand up, even when the woman lies down," says Debra Jaliman, MD, a New York dermatologist. Also suspect the pipe-cleaner-thin woman with DDs. Jaliman adds: "Fat doesn't migrate to the chest and nowhere else."

BOTOX: The giveaways are a glassy smooth forehead and

raised Mr. Spock-style brows.

COLLAGEN: Lips that are uneven or lumpy have often been tampered with. When puffiness extends beyond the lips' natural pink border, and they move sideways rather than naturally, something could be up.

NOSE JOB: Tip-offs include a squared-off nose tip or a bridge that appears scooped out.



MARIAH CAREY 1990 MARIAH CAREY 2003

WHAT'S THE STORY? At this year's American Music Awards, the always blunt Sharon Osbourne declared, "Mariah's got the best boob job I've ever seen!" **EXPERTS SAY:** Mayer says, "Obviously, when you go from not much of a chest, there's plastic surgery in the middle. In my opinion, she's had augmentation." **SHE SAYS:** Mariah denies reports of any augmentations, admits to seeing holistic therapist Bharti Vyas for bust firming and massage.



MELANIE GRIFFITH 1984 MELANIE GRIFFITH 2001

WHAT'S THE STORY? In 1990, Melanie upsized her breasts, which were drooping following childbirth. She is rumored to have had so much further that hubby Antonio Banderas has forbidden her from ever going to a cosmetic surgeon again. He explains: "It's something we agreed on for the sake of our marriage." **SHE SAYS:** Melanie admits to the boob job "to get them back to they were before my babies" and having used collagen to plump up her lips.