The year 1995 was filled with headline news: after an 11-month trial, OJ Simpson was acquitted in the death of his wife and her friend; Bill Clinton was president and his administration brokered the Dayton Accords, which ended the war in Bosnia; and Dolly, the clone sheep, was born and lived seven years, touching off a debate about the ethics of cloning technology that still remains a source of controversy.

Meanwhile, here at Ramapo College, Robert A. Scott was in the middle of his term as the College’s second president; Selden Rodman was the keynote speaker for commencement, which was held on campus; and the Alpha Delta Mu chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, a co-ed national social work honor society, was established on campus.

How much do you know about the year 1995?

**1.Which celebrity hosted the Oscars show that year?**

David Letterman, Billy Crystal, Whoopi Goldberg, Bob Hope

**2.Who made the cover of People Magazine’s Sexiest Man Alive issue?**

Brad Pitt, Matt Damon, George Clooney, Sean Connery

**3.Which color M&M candy was introduced in 1995?**

Blue, purple, tan, orange

**4.Which television station first broadcast the X Games?**

MTV, ESPN, ABC, HBO

**5.Which actor was nominated for the Worst New Star, despite his box office success?**

Jim Carrey, Adam Sandler, Ben Stiller, Keanu Reeves

**6.Which Starbuck’s product was first introduced?**

Frappuccino, Nitro Cold Brew, Iced Chai Tea, Caffè Misto

**7.Where have people been meeting online since 1995?**

Match.com, EHarmony, Google Meets, Silver Singles

**8.The first professional sports game streamed online in 1995. Who was playing?**

Cowboys vs. Packers, Mariners vs. Yankees, Celtics vs. Lakers, Islanders vs. Canucks

**9.What was the biggest movie box office hit of the year?**

*Batman Forever, Toy Story, Clueless, Apollo 13*

**10.What were the names of the genetically engineered animated mice who had their own TV show?**

Chip and Dale, Beavis and Butt-Head, Pinky and the Brain, Phineas and Ferb

1. **David Letterman** hosted the Oscars and received dreadful reviews. Despite his vast success as a TV talk show host, one review of Letterman’s performance in [*The Atlantic*](https://www.theatlantic.com/entertainment/archive/2015/02/the-night-david-letterman-bombed-the-oscars/385738/?campaign_id=9&emc=edit_nn_20220114&instance_id=50318&nl=the-morning&regi_id=123339976&segment_id=79696&te=1&user_id=bb95f1cd429a21c5d81f0edb17466086)called it the “gold standard of Oscar bombing.”
2. Each of the above-named actors graced the cover of People and were indeed dubbed a Sexiest Man Alive. But **Brad Pitt** earned that honor in 1995 and would earn a repeat cover in 2000.
3. Mars, Inc. conducted a consumer poll to determine the newest M&M color to replace the tan shade of M&M that was deemed redundant to the brown M&M. The color choices were pink, blue or purple… **blue** won.
4. The X Games were the first broadcast on **ESPN**. The Games were held in Newport, Rhode Island in June 1995 with the summer extreme sports competing for medals and prize money. The games featured skateboarding, BMX and a variety of fringe action sports that attracted a younger viewer audience.
5. **Jim Carrey** was nominated for Worst New Star in the 1995 Golden Raspberry Awards for his roles in Dumb & Dumber, Ace Ventura: Pet Detective, and The Mask. Despite the dubious honor, today Carrey’s net worth is approximately $180 million.
6. The Starbucks **Frappuccino** was first introduced in 1995. The Frappuccino is a line of iced, blended coffee drinks usually topped with whipped cream and flavored syrup. Basically, it's a coffee milkshake and is available in a variety of flavors.
7. People have been meeting online via **Match.com** since 1995. Match is an online dating service with web sites serving more than 50 countries in twelve languages. Its headquarters are in Dallas, Texas. The company has offices in Dallas, West Hollywood, San Francisco, Tokyo, Rio de Janeiro, and Beijing.
8. The first pro game streamed online courtesy of a then-new technology developed by a Seattle company. ESPN SportsZone carried the game between the **Mariners vs. the Yankees** in September 1995. The Mariners beat the Yankees 6-5.
9. *Batman Forever* was the top domestic grossing movie of the year but Disney’s *Toy Story* earned $244,651,588 worldwide, widely outpacing the competition. *Toy Story* received special recognition but did not win in any major Academy Award category.
10. **Pinky and the Brain** were genetically engineered cartoon mice who live in a cage in Acme Labs and who plotted each day to “take over the world.” The characters first appeared in 1993 as a recurring skit on the popular cartoon series *Animaniacs* and was later spun off as a series due to its popularity, with 66 episodes produced. Steven Spielberg was executive producer.