**How much do you remember about 2006?**

In 2006, Ramapo College welcomed Peter P. Mercer as its fourth president. Lewis Chakrin was named Dean of the Anisfield School of Business and a variety of artists, including singer-songwriter Janis Ian, the American Repertory Ballet and the Three Irish Tenors, graced the stage in the Berrie Center for Performing and Visual Arts.

On the field, the Women’s Softball Team made its first-ever appearance in the NCAA D-III National Tournament, played in Raleigh, North Carolina. The Roadrunners finished the season with a record of 36-13, the most wins in school history. That record still stands.

1. **What social media site launched in 2006?**

Facebook, Instagram, Twitter

1. **What was the top movie of 2006?**

*Cars, Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man’s Chest, The DaVinci Code*

1. **What was the population of the United States in 2006?**

180 million, 298 million, 1 billion

1. **The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed above what number for the first time in its 110-year history?**

12,000; 10,000; 15,000

1. **What did the Del Monte company announce regarding its pineapple production?**

It would stop production in Hawaii; it would introduce organically grown pineapples; it was launching a hybrid variety of pineapple

1. **The billionth song was downloaded on iTunes. What was it?**

*Lola* by the Kinks, *Hey Jude* by the Beatles, *Speed of Sound* by Coldplay

1. **What astronomical announcement was made in 2006?**

Pluto was reclassified as a dwarf planet; Saturn’s rings were disintegrating; an addition planet named Ceres was discovered between Mars and Jupiter

1. **What were the top baby names in 2006?**

Ryan and Madison, Jesse and Jessica, Aiden and Emma

1. **What was the average price of a movie ticket?**

$6.55, $8.25, $10.

1. **Who played in the 2006 World Series?**

NY Yankees vs. Arizona Diamondbacks; Detroit Tigers vs. St. Louis Cardinals; Oakland A’s vs. Atlanta Braves

ANSWERS:

1. **Twitter,** a microblogging and social networking service, was launched in July 2006. It restricted registered users to 140 characters per “tweet” and quickly gained popularity. By 2019, Twitter had more than 330 million monthly users and is still one of the most visited sites with an estimated revenue in 2020 of more than $3.72 billion.
2. ***Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man’s Chest***, was the second film of the successful Walt Disney Studios franchise. Domestically, it took in more than $423.3 million and more than $1 billion worldwide since its release.
3. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the United States reached a population of **298.4 million**. Ten years later in 2016, that number was 322.9 million and last year in 2021 it was 331.8 million.
4. The Dow was propelled in the later part of 2006 by a drop in oil prices and robust growth in corporate profits, pushing past the **12,000** mark for the first time after several years of uncertainty following an implosion of the dot.com bubble, recession and the 9/11 attacks. As of this writing, the Dow is fluctuating around the 33,000 mark.
5. After 90 years on the island, Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc. announced it would **cease its pineapple production in Hawaii** because it was no longer economically feasible. In a statement, the company said it would be “cheaper to buy pineapples on the open market” than to grow, market and distribute Hawaiian pineapples.
6. On February 22, 2006, a Michigan man purchased ***Speed of Sound*** by Coldplay on Apple’s ITunes Music Store. He was awarded a $10,000 ITunes gift card, a 20-inch IMac computer and other prizes by the company.
7. In August 2006 the International Astronomical Union (IAU) **downgraded the status of Pluto to that of “dwarf planet.”** This announcement still has scientists and teachers debating whether or not it should be classified to regain its planet status. Stay tuned.
8. According to babycenter.com, the most popular names were **Aiden and Emma.**
9. In 2006, the average movie ticket cost **$6.55.** By 2021, the average price was $9.16 – not much of a jump – but some theaters have hiked their prices for the showing of certain films. Case in point: [AMC Entertainment](https://variety.com/2022/film/box-office/batman-amc-higher-ticket-prices-future-1235197362/) announced before the release of *The Batman* that it would charge as much as $2 more per ticket, raising the question of whether that will be the norm in the future.
10. The 102nd World Series was played between the **St. Louis Cardinals and Detroit Tigers**. Despite finishing the regular season with a record of 83-78, the Cardinals prevailed, winning the Series in five games.