

PERSPECTIVES OF THE DAY

CHANGING PERSPECTIVES

NATIONAL DAY

National Pizza Day

February 9th is

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This is a day that

WHY DID FEBRUARY LEARN TO
DANCE?
TO SHAKE OFF THE CHILL!

celebrates the world favorite food that has transformed over centuries. The earliest forms of pizza have been recorded in the 6th century, with Persian soldiers serving Darius the Great flatbread topped with cheese and dates. This type of food was popular in ancient Mediterranean

countries, developing flatbread and even

focaccia with different toppings. By the late Medieval era, these flatbreads were very common around the Mediterranean area and during the 16th century, places in Naples, Italy had started calling these creations 'pizza'. It was known as a poor people food and was known as street



TODAY IN HISTORY

- IN 1940, JOE LOUIS BEATS ARTURO GODOY FOR HEAVYWEIGHT BOXING TITLE.
- IN 1943, FDR SIGNS AN EXECUTIVE ORDER SETTING A 48 MINIMUM WORK WEEK IN CRITICAL WAR INDUSTRIES.
- IN 1951, MLB ST. LOUIS BROWNS PITCHER SATCHEL PAIGE AT AGE 45.
- IN 1964, THE FIRST APPEARANCE OF THE BEATLES ON THE ED SULLIVAN SHOW.
- IN 1964, THE G.I. JOE ACTION FIGURE IS INTRODUCED AT THE AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL TOY FAIR IN NYC.
- IN 1971, APOLLO 14 RETURNS TO EARTH.

food and a kitchen recipe wasn't developed until much later. It wasn't until the Spanish brought the tomato back from the Americas that the modern idea for pizza was created. The two popular pizzas that came from Naples was the Marinara, flatbread with a tomato based spread with lots of spices, and the Margherita, flatbread with tomatoes, basil, and mozzarella to match the colors of the Italian flag. Slowly, pizza was

popularized and pizzerias with seating started popping up in Naples in the early 19th century. Pizza at this time developed into a variety of bread topped with tomato and cheese but was often sweet. Savory pizza was observed to come around during the late 19th and early after Pellegrino Artusi published his 1911 cookbook with a savory pizza recipe with tomatoes, mozzarella, anchovies, and mushrooms. this is also around the time that Italian

immigrants brought pizza recipes to the United States. Famous pizza parlors started popping up in New York and New Jersey while new types of pizza were created in Chicago and Los Angeles. Pizza became so popular that companies not only started delivery for pizza but also take away options in grocery stores or even getting your own ingredients from the store to create your own pie!

Seek good not evil, that you may live. Then the LORD God Almighty will be with you, just as you say he is.

-Amos 5:14

TODAY'S INTERESTING FACT

Interesting Fact

Today is the first day that Riverdance premiered as a stage show in 1995. Riverdance is a theatrical show that features Irish music and dance. It started as an interval act at the Eurovision Song Contest in 1994 and shortly after the producers of the show turned the act into a full performance. Riverdance developed from a type of traditional music called Timedance, which is a three-part suite of baroque influenced traditional music. Riverdance: The Show premiered in Dublin in 1995, starring lead dancers Michael Flatley and Jean Butler and the video of the show topped the Irish and UK charts. With the success of the show, it started travelling around the UK gaining more popularity. This created longer runs at theatres, with even The Apollo extending the run time for Riverdance twice. The popularity gained even more traction and the show travelled to the United States in 1996. In 2000, Riverdance performed on Broadway and three years later they performed at the Opening Ceremony of the Special Olympics in Dublin and toured China for the first time. In 2020, Riverdance began touring it's 25th Anniversary Show and as of 2023, Riverdance had performed more than 15,000 performances across 49 countries and 6 continents and is still being performed to this day!

TRIVIA

Trivia

What is the first fast food pizza chain?

A: Pizza Hut

B: Domino's

C: Shakey's

D: Papa John's