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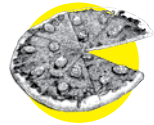
TOPIC

The Dollar Slice Is Back

Pizza has become gourmet food instead of just a greasy snack, and its price has been rising steadily (it's \$5 at Di Fara, plain). But with the economy gone south, the last year has seen the debut of some half dozen budget-pie joints looking to undersell the Joes and Rays of the world, while national chain Papa John's has gotten into the dollar-slice game too. RICHARD MORGAN



While running for U.S. Senate in New York, RFK, presented with a pizza slice, asked for a **knife and fork**.



In 1995, Californian Jerry Dewayne Williams, 27, was **sentenced to 25 years to life for stealing a slice** under the state's "Three Strikes" law.



Joe's on Carmine has **sold exactly one slice of Hawaiian pizza in its 37-year history**—to a longtime customer who was pregnant and craving.



99¢ Fresh Pizza was a dollar-slice pioneer, opening in Hell's Kitchen in 2001. Owners hoped to cater to a **low-income clientele that included residents of a homeless shelter** across the street.

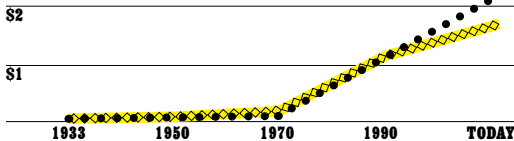
The materials used in an average pizza slice cost around 30 cents.

SLICE PRICE vs. SUBWAY FARE

The "Pizza Connection"—the idea that pizza prices and subway fares rise in tandem—first appeared in a 1980 *New York Times* "Metropolitan Diary," attributed to a Bronx-born patent attorney named Eric Bram.

✕ COST OF A SLICE AT PATSY'S, PER CO-OWNER GIOVANNI BRECEVICH

●●● SUBWAY FARE



WHERE TO GET DOLLAR SLICES: **2 Bros**, 32 St. Marks Pl., 601 Sixth Ave., 542 Ninth Ave. **Mamani**, 151 Ave. A. **99¢ Fresh Pizza**, 151 E. 43rd St., 569 Ninth Ave., 388 Sixth Ave. **Papa John's**, 23-33 Astoria Blvd., Astoria; 40-18 Greenpoint Ave., Sunnyside; 21 Maiden Ln.

THE CITY'S CHEAPEST ...

HOT DOG

\$1.25

(closed during winter), **Jumbo Hot Dogs**, 149 Canal St., nr. Bowery.

FRENCH FRIES

99¢

Papaya Dog, multiple locations

DUMPLINGS

5 for \$1

Prosperity Dumpling, 46 Eldridge St., nr. Canal St.

SUSHI

\$1

for one piece (lunch), **Nori**, 129 Second Ave., nr. St. Marks Pl.

FALAFEL

\$1

half-sandwich, **Cinderella Falafel**, 129 Second Ave., nr. St. Marks Pl.