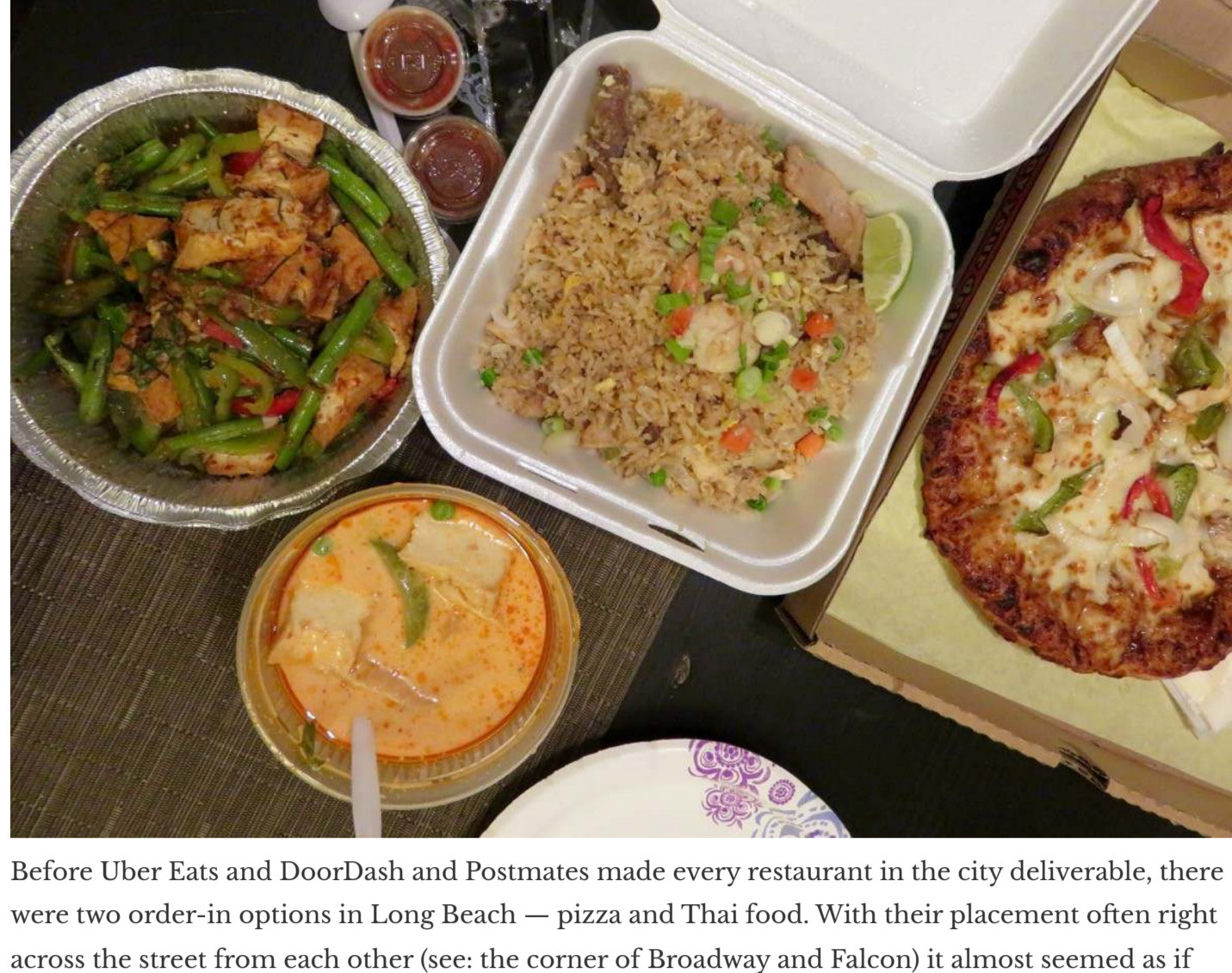


DEAN'S THAI CURRY PIZZA IN LONG BEACH DELIVERS MORE THAN ITS NAMESAKE FUSION DISH

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Before Uber Eats and DoorDash and Postmates made every restaurant in the city deliverable, there were two order-in options in Long Beach — pizza and Thai food.

I know I've said this before, but for most of my life in Long Beach, having dinner brought to your house meant toggling between places like Big E's Pizza and Thai Charcoal Pit.

Let's be real about this though: Dean's makes neither the best pizza nor the best Thai food in Long Beach. It's also not the worst examples of either by any stretch.



For starters, there's Dean's namesake invention, the Thai curry pizza, which attracts curious diners all the way from L.A. Instead of red marinara sauce, this one uses a peanut-y red curry sauce.

But it's not all cross-cultural fusion tricks at this old-guard Long Beach pizzeria. Trek farther down the list of pies and you'll be surprised by an Italian pizza with creamy garlic alfredo sauce.



The Thai menu is also an unappreciated secret at Dean's, much more than just styrofoam containers of pad Thai (sweet and bright orange) and combo fried rice.

With so many other options for delivery in Long Beach now, people might scoff at Dean's gimmicky trademark dish, but know that the tiny restaurant on the corner of Redondo and 10th was fusing its city's two delivery loves long before it was cool.

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