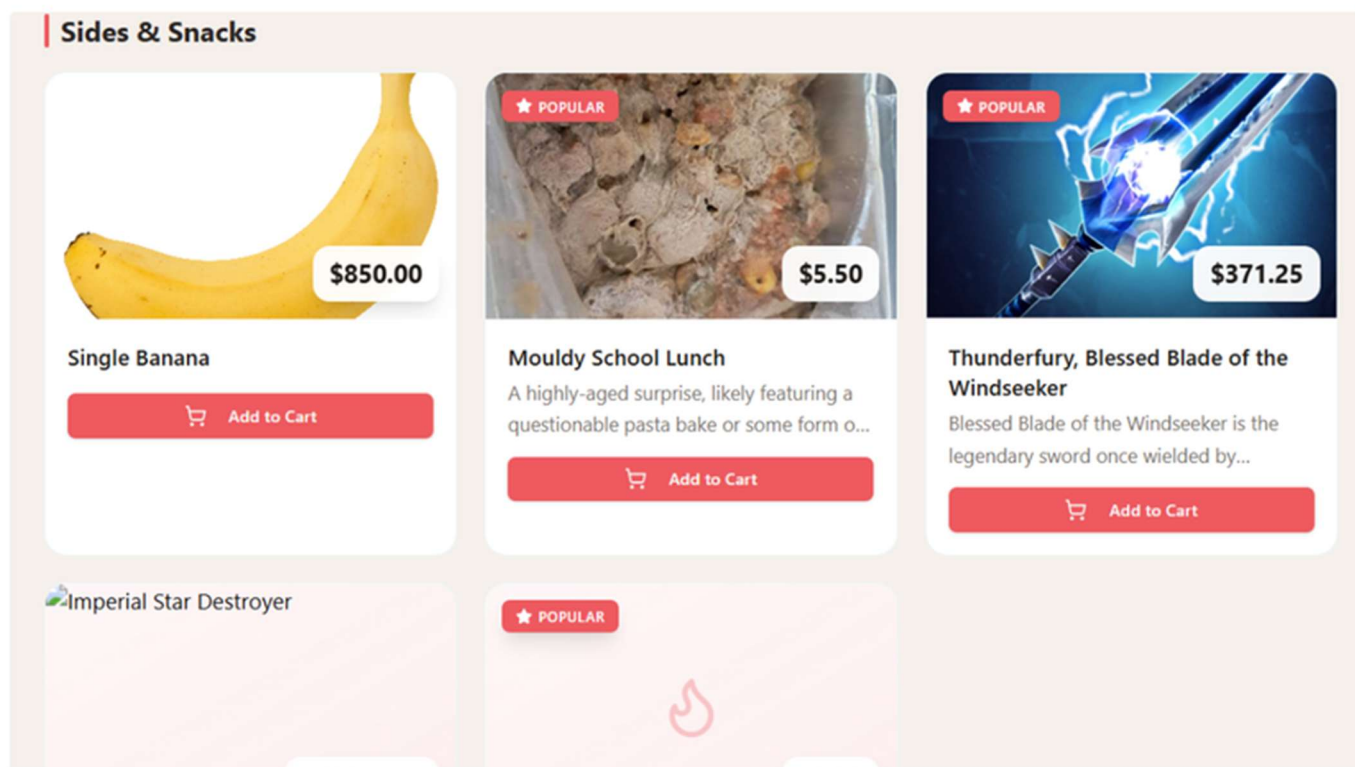


Ridiculous deals as store leaves website open for the public to edit



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Fake items began popping up on this Auckland store's website on Wednesday.

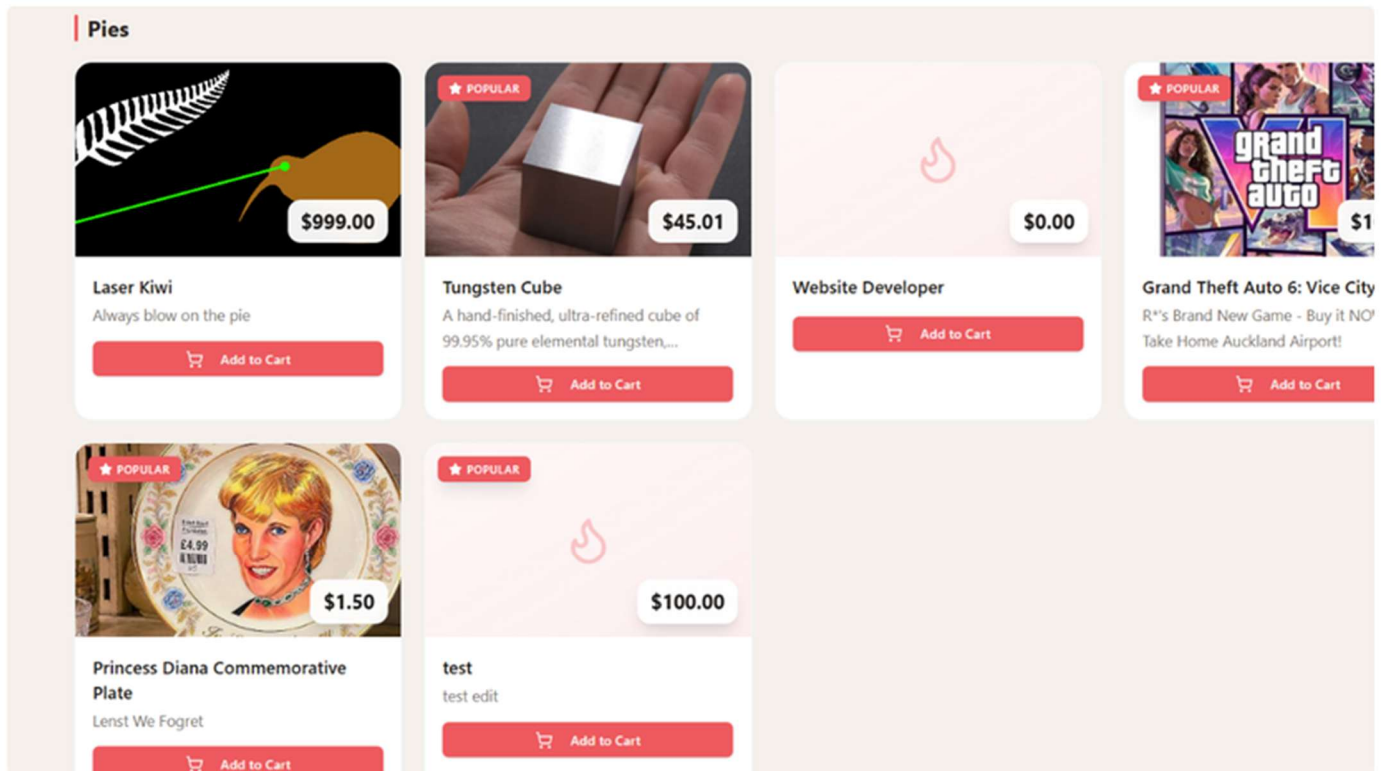
An Auckland convenience store is in the midst of an ongoing online battle after inadvertently allowing its website to be edited by the general public.

The store, which Stuff has chosen not to identify while the ordeal continues, on Wednesday found itself advertising, among other things, a “pair of crusty socks”, a “Princess Diana Commemorative Plate”, and “National Parks to the highest bidder”.

You can also “pay off David Seymour” for the sum of \$3000, get “a little smooch from Brian Tamaki” for \$69, and score a “succulent Chinese meal” for free.

The store's site uses Base44, a “no-code AI platform” that allows users to build web applications, but it has been left open for the public to edit.

At one point, while items were being added for sale, the website's operator appeared to be arguing with the public, with one item saying “stop hacking us”. An item popped up in response saying “don't use an AI site builder then.”



A Lazer Kiwi was added for \$999.

The website's promotional codes were also up for editing, with "free", "bigdong1" and "pleasegodmakeitstop" all making appearances.

Some of the fake items and promotional codes also took a darker turn, with references to Jeffrey Epstein, Charlie Kirk and David Bain showing up - as well as pornographic images.

The website was taken down shortly after 12.30pm on Wednesday, following a period of at least two hours where the editing function had been left open.

The store has been contacted for comment.

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