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What we're into



DELIVERY

I'm into the service economy. I recently signed up with a grocery store chain for home delivery. Yes, there is a cost. Yes, I tip the driver dropping off the groceries. Yes, there were glitches at the start.

But it's been so worth it.

I shop for my groceries on an app on my phone, maybe about 30 minutes a week. Store deals and coupons apply at checkout. I can give the OK for substitutions or say no substitutions. I pick a day and window of time for the delivery, and the goods come to me.

I don't have to carve out an hour to two hours to shop, hopefully with a cart with all the wheels working, then wait in the checkout line and pack it into my car and out again. Nope. I pick up the groceries from my front porch and just put them away.

This is not perfect, though. The store uses plastic bags, so I'm accumulating those again instead of just using my own bags, and that's a bummer.

Still, I've gained back valuable free time.

Some years ago I cut cable and went to only streaming services for TV entertainment. I made that move because it seemed cable or satellite under delivered for the price. And as the pandemic took hold, I took to shopping online for clothes, small appliances and the like. So shopping for groceries this way was really the next logical step.

So I'm all in with the service economy. I feel like I get more out of the services than I pay for them. And when it comes to grocery shopping, getting back six or eight hours of free time each month is a sweet deal.

— PHIL WRIGHT, NEWS EDITOR,
EAST OREGONIAN

New releases

OLIVIA RODRIGO
AMONG THE MOST
STREAMED MUSIC ACTS
OF 2021

Olivia Rodrigo had the best year ever.

The pop music upstart — up for seven Grammy Awards off the strength of her breakout debut single “drivers license” — is one of the most streamed music acts across all forms of music in 2021.

According to the Digital Media Association, which compiles data from Amazon, Apple Music, Pandora, Spotify and YouTube Music, Rodrigo is the top of the pops — followed by K-pop supergroup BTS and Doja Cat.

The 18-year-old Disney Channel star ranked as No. 1 among Spotify's top songs list with “drivers license,” which was also No. 2 on Apple Music and No. 5 on Amazon Music. Spotify also identified Rodrigo's debut opus, “Sour,” as the most streamed album.



Valerie Macon/AFP via Getty Images/TNS
Olivia Rodrigo

The “Brutal” singer had the most nominations of any artist for the 2021 American Music Awards, including album, song, record and best new artist, the latter which she won.

Meanwhile, BTS landed in the top spot on Apple Music's top songs list.

On Spotify, the South Korean-born teen heartthrobs were number 3 among the leading streaming platform's top artists.

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