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Good Monday Morning to You!

I can count on one hand the number of times my family dined out when I was a child. It just wasn't something we did. Cost was the main factor, but we also had a lack of dining options in a small town, and eating at home was simply a family tradition. As such, I didn't understand the whole tipping process very well. I remember taking my high school girlfriend out to a nice restaurant, and I realized later that I completely forgot to tip the server. The worst part was that I knew her. I would guess she still remembers me as the guy who didn't tip her. Meanwhile, tipping continues to be a misunderstood process but one that most Americans have quite strong opinions on. A new [survey by Bankrate](#) provided some interesting insights.



Roughly two in three (66%) U.S. adults have a negative view on tipping, stating they believe businesses should pay employees better rather than relying so much on tips (41%), they're annoyed about pre-entered tip screens (32%), they feel that tipping culture has gotten out of control (30%), they're confused about who and how much to tip (15%), and they would be willing to pay higher prices if we could do away with tipping (16%). Ouch.

Despite all these apparent annoyances, people are still tipping. In fact, more than 44% of U.S. adults who dine at sit-down restaurants typically tip at least 20%, according to the [study](#). Here are a few more general findings:

- Waitstaff receive tips most frequently, but fewer people are tipping every year.
- Home repair workers receive tips the least frequently.
- Women tend to tip more frequently than men.
- The tendency to tip increases with age.
- People commonly just want businesses to pay more.
- Nearly two in three diners always tip their waiters at sit-down

restaurants.

The results of the [survey](#) are extensive, but two findings stuck out to me — the differences in tipping based on age and geography. The study found that the tendency to “always tip” for a service increases as people age. Gen Z is generally the least likely to always tip for a service, while baby boomers are generally the most likely. In terms of geography, Midwesterners are more likely to always tip for several services than people in other regions. Most significantly, 77 percent of Midwesterners who dine at sit-down restaurants always tip, compared to 67% of Northeasterners and 61% of both Southerners and Westerners.

Call it Midwestern nice — except for me not tipping my server in high school. There’s still time, though, and I look forward to giving that long-overdue tip (plus interest) when I see her.

Have a marvelous Monday, and thanks for reading.

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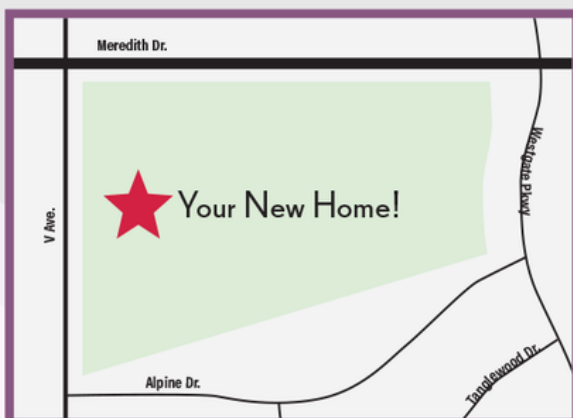
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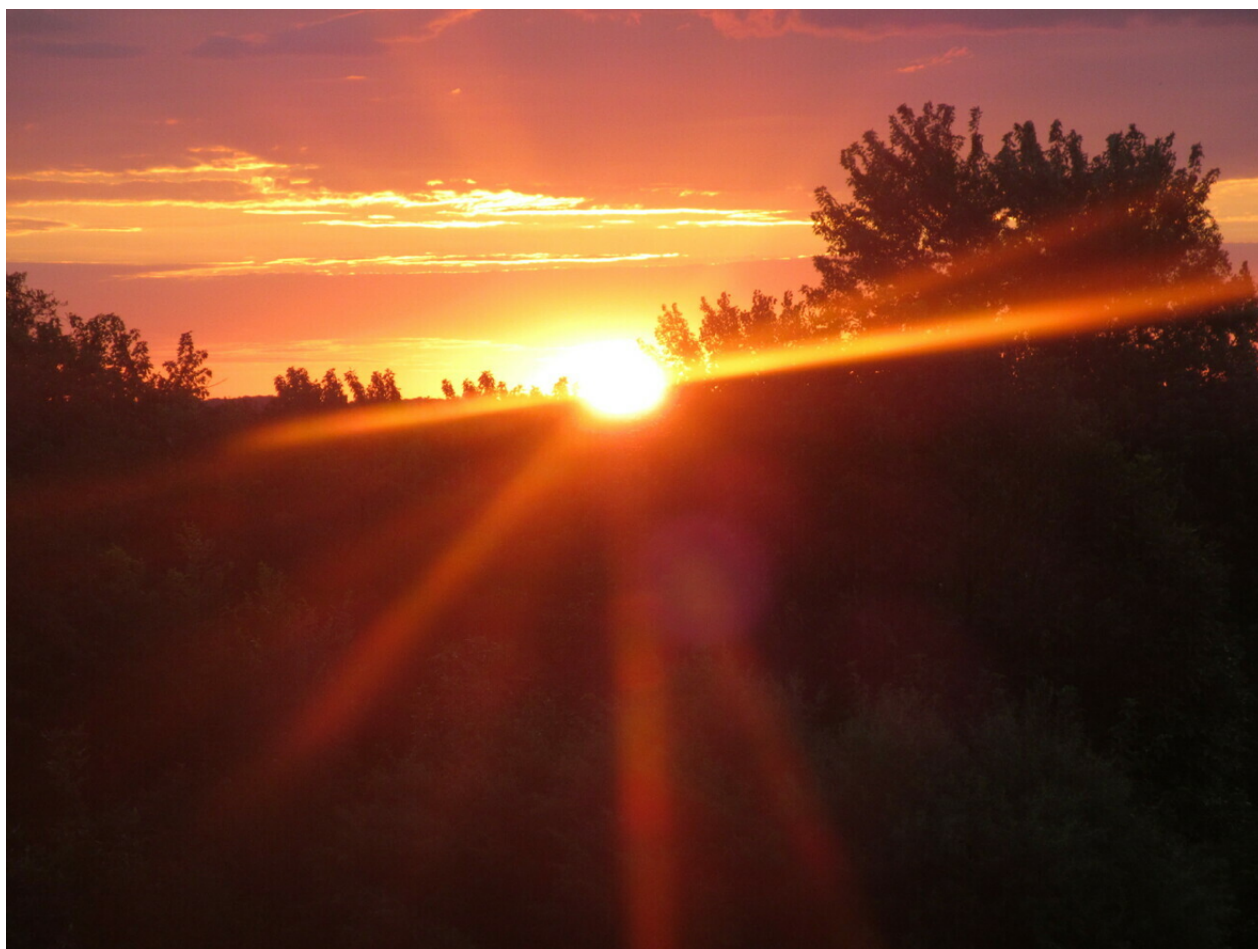
Hy-Vee has a Monday only sale on large eggs for 99 cents a dozen.

Even in Manhattan food writers are complaining that Sol Mexican Cocina, a sports bar from California, is drastically overpriced. Single tacos cost \$14-17.

Bud Light, losing sales at a drastic pace since a misguided WOKE campaign, has now pivoted back to their old fan base. Zac Brown Band's "Chicken Fried" is now featured in new TV ads, appealing to cold beer, blue jeans, pecan pie, mother's love, stars & stripes, homemade wine and, god forbid, God.

Monday means Cubano's are only \$6 at Ceviche Bar (223 E. Walnut St., Des Moines)

— Jim Duncan



Jim Peters of Adel sends this photo of a sunrise as viewed from his back yard.

Headlines

FROM KCCI: Hundreds of ladies take part in Granny Basketball in West Des Moines

WEST DES MOINES, Iowa — Granny Basketball has a special set of rules. Every player is at least 50 years old. Among the rules: no running, no jumping and Granny shots get you three points when it makes the basket. [..READ MORE FROM KCCI](#)

FROM WHO-TV: PrideFest concludes with annual parade as LGBTQ+ Iowans feel targeted following legislative session

DES MOINES, Iowa — Saving the best for last, Capital City Pride put on its annual parade Sunday, the final day of Pride Fest. Thousands of Iowans marched down Grand Avenue in the East Village celebrating their true selves and supporting each other. [..READ MORE FROM WHO-TV](#)

FROM WOI-DT Local 5: The Villisca Ax Murders: 111 years later

Before their names were memorialized in true crime history, the Moores were your typical Iowa family.. [...READ MORE FROM WOI-DT Local 5](#)

On June 12 in history ...

2016. Terrorist gunman attacks Pulse Nightclub in Orlando, Florida. As Latin music blared inside Pulse, one of Orlando's biggest nightclubs on June 12, 2016, a gunman forced his way inside and opened fire on the predominantly gay crowd. In the end, 49 people were dead and dozens more injured, in what was, at the time, the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history.

1982. One million people demonstrate in New York City against nuclear weapons. A stunningly large and diverse crowd descends upon New York City's Central Park on June 12, 1982, demanding nuclear disarmament and an end to the Cold War arms race. By the end of the day, estimates place the number of attendees at over a million, making it the largest disarmament rally in American history.

1994: Nicole Brown Simpson and Ron Goldman murdered.

Nicole Brown Simpson, famous football player O.J. Simpson's ex-wife, and her friend Ron Goldman are brutally stabbed to death outside Nicole's home in Brentwood, California, in what quickly becomes one of the most highly publicized trials of the century. With overwhelming evidence against him, including a prior record of domestic violence towards Brown, O.J. Simpson became the chief suspect.

Read more at [History.com](https://www.history.com).

Personalities

Freedom of Flight

After Reed Rinderknecht graduated from the University of Iowa, he took a job in Wichita, Kansas, working for Raytheon, which owned Beechcraft. Beechcraft is an airplane manufacturer (formerly Beech Aircraft) founded in 1932 and that initially supplied World War II with planes. Reed's office was about 10 steps away from where the company manufactured planes. He was intrigued by the opportunity to take rides in different airplanes.

"Anytime I could, I'd jump in and fly," he recalls.

He wanted to fly the planes but couldn't afford lessons.

"I had no money. I was just out of school, with no money for flying lessons," he says.

... [Read more in the May issue of Waukee Living magazine.](#)



Birthdays and Notables!

These celebrities were born on this date: Graham Russell of Air Supply, Actor Peter Bergman, Actor Joshua Jackson, Actor Peter Dinklage, Actor Hugh Laurie, Football Legend Joe Montana, Actor Adrienne Barbeau, Actor Lenny Jacobson, Professional



Basketball Player Diana Taurasi, Rapper Kanye West.

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Morning Chuckle



The answer to yesterday's riddle:

Why do you never see dead crows on the road? Because there's always another crow on a fence post calling out CAR,CAR,CAR. - Rex Post, Gail Tomlinson. Or, this answer from Carolyn Rogers that makes me wonder how long she pondered this riddle: Be "caws" they're "carrion" on a feast on some "Poe" dead animal on the side of the road. And "raven" about how good it tastes!

Today's Riddle

What do you call a chicken that crosses the road, rolls in mud, and crosses back over the road?

Have a guess? Email tammy@iowalivingmagazines.com

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