



Daughter Mary is a 911 dispatcher. She got a call about a pot bellied pig running loose. She convinced the officer who caught it to bring it to the dispatch center. She promptly named it Kevin Bacon...and husband Scott said "Hell No!"



Kevin is at the local animal compound waiting for his owner to claim him.

### TV BINGE

Yes, finally found something on television of interest. Amazon Prime offers Gene Rodenberry's *Earth: Final Conflict*...a series he outlined during his peak output years of *Star Trek*. The idea was produced in 1997 by his widow and ran several seasons. The first season matched today's CGI special effects and was classic Rodenberry plot lines. Then the inevitable happened as actors began fights for more money. Then the first season ended by killing off some of the key characters probably in reprisal to the demands for more money. It is evolving into slapstick as you can sense the loss of Rodenberry's genius. The production and special effects remain first rate while the acting has degenerated into high school levels. Hilarious combination.

### THE FRANK REPORT

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*All the news I see fit to print.  
Freedom of the press belongs to those who own one.*



This generation has access to an unlimited amount of information but will eat Tide detergent pods because they saw it on YouTube. My generation wasn't any better as they believed politicians who were the source of information rather than common sense. Let me explain how the information we could have had was kept from us and allowed politicians to drive up the national debt to over \$20 trillion. I'm challenging the latest generation to find the answers to a few general questions:

Given the latest partisan bickering about the cost of fixing our infrastructure...how was the original highway system funded and where did the taxes on gasoline go. If you're good at math, figure out number of gallons sold versus taxes on that gasoline and crunch the numbers...then add state taxes on gasoline and tell me who spent that money and on what. Just to make it a bit more challenging, figure out when those taxes were first enacted and crunch the numbers some more. Bet you're going to find a staggeringly large number and, I hope, some questions for the politicians who want more.

Here's a start on your search:

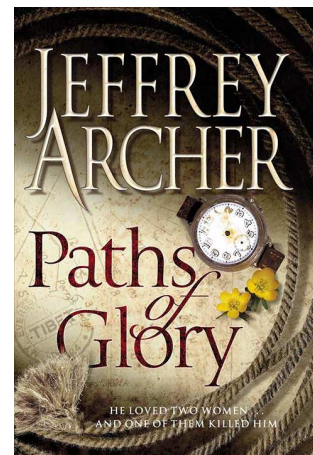
Federal tax on gasoline is 18.4 cents and 24.4 cents on diesel. Average state tax on gasoline is 27.85 cents and 28.62 cents on diesel. There are 254,639,386 vehicles in the United States. Figure 50 cents total tax for each gallon times number of vehicles times number of gallons used per day.

Your research should have found that these taxes were supposed to fund our transportation infrastructure. Yet the latest political buzz is the argument about how much the NEW infrastructure cost will be...where did the OLD infrastructure tax money go?

Probably in that same "lock box" that holds our social security taxes...which would be another interesting search parameter for you...how much is in that mythical lock box and where did it go?

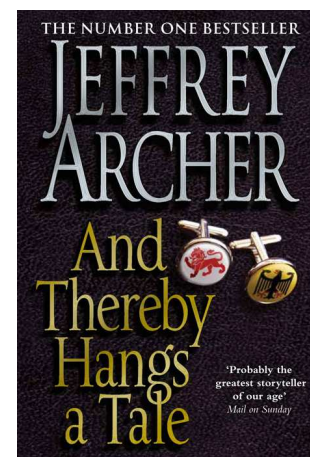
### Bon Mots

*Some of the best moments in life  
are the ones  
you can't tell anyone about.*



### Book Report

George Mallory's assault on Mount Everest (*based on true story*) and how this Englishman may have been the one (*not Sir Hillary*) who first reached the top. Archer's command of language got me into this genre I usually find boring.



Archer again with more short stories...there are eight books in the collection with an amazing diversity in plots, locales and characters. I'm watching to see if any of them actually made it into a full length novel. The Archer anomaly: he's a British politician.

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**Recipe Corner**

While we're on the subject of pizza, I'm teaching my grandkids the four basics of a great pizza: crust, sauce, meat and cheese. First, the crust. It should be crunchy and able to hold the weight of the ingredients when you pick up by the edge. This is possible after the dough (high gluten flour) has absorbed all moisture and has bonded after a 24 period in the refrigerator. Start with warm water, yeast, sugar, salt and olive oil. Mix it and then start adding the flour until a ball forms. Coat with olive oil and seal in a bowl for 24 hours in your refrigerator. Lightly flour countertop and roll the dough into the round or rectangular shape you'll use for baking at 450 degrees until slightly browned. It's now ready for the next stage which I'll provide next week. I'll send the full recipe on request. Better yet, come visit for a hands on tutorial. Bring wine, Chianti, of course.

**Sidebar:** I'm at Sam's Club stocking up on 25 lb bags of bread flour, five pound bags of mozzarella, gallon tins of tomato sauce, sweet Italian sausage and 90/10 hamburger as well as four other types of cheese. Lady looks at my cart and asks me where my pizza restaurant is located. I told her I heard the Democrats were going to start taxing food so I was stocking up to save money. The look on her face was priceless.

Sometimes I'm even amazed at the spontaneity of my sarcasm.



**Another pizza night with My Gang.**

Grandson Mr Z and his generation's toast while daughter Mary and I with our beverage preference. To continue my castigation of politicians...note that the beverages at right were once constitutionally banned until common sense was restored. Now the sugar based items at left are being targeted by politicians with a weaker argument that only left and right coast idiots dare to propose as "help" for their constituents by charging them new taxes to "encourage" them to avoid sugar. The pontifications about the evil of sugar designed to cover up another example of how politicians suck money into their coffers, not from greed but rather a demonstration of power. Success for them feeds their egos to the point they think they are ready to become even more powerful by proposing that they are ready for the White House. Don't believe me? Check out DeBlasio in NYC and his sugar tax and his recent exploration of a run for the presidency. Then look up the word "hubris".



My IT expert Paul is ready to help with internet search.



**Another Shot**

Want to know the real reason that we can't have the Ten Commandments in a Courthouse? You cannot post "Thou Shalt Not Steal," "Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery" "Thou Shall Not Lie" in a building full of lawyers, judges and politicians! It creates a hostile working environment.



When I was a kid I used to pray every night for a new bike. I finally figured out that God doesn't work that way.

So I stole a bike and asked Him to forgive me.

Maybe that's why I have TWO guardian angels?

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