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## Confessions of a City Boy Part IV The Return to the City!

AS SOME READERS MIGHT HAVE NOTICED, your humble publishers recently took their first two-week vacation in a few years. Did we go to sunny Florida? Nope. A Caribbean cruise? Wrong again! No, we chose to start our vacation by re-doing our bathroom. "How hard could that be?" we asked ourselves. "We should have the whole thing done in a day or two."

A week later, the air around our house was blue with cuss-words, the garage was full of sawdust and pieces of cut-off wood (No, NOT firewood! And no chainsaws were involved – but the thought crossed my mind!) as my carpentry skills were tested to the limit by measurements that seemed to change right after I'd measured 3 or 4 times, then cut ... to the wrong size. Heather kept asking "Maybe we should call a carpenter?" – which was always answered by snarls and scowls.

Following our restful, relaxing playing in sawdust, Heather suggested a quick trip to Toronto, to stock back up on art supplies, so that she could get back to her love of painting (pictures – not bathrooms!). This idea was met with a distinct lack of enthusiasm on my part.

"How could this be?" you ask. "Wasn't the City Boy born and raised in that wonderful, thriving, entertainment-packed Mecca of urbane sophistication? What about the nightlife, the sports events, the plays, the museums, the art exhibitions, the shopping?"

In answer to your question, here's how my last return to my roots worked out.

It all started innocently enough. Since we have no local doctor, we go back to Southern Ontario for our check-ups, routine tests, etc. which, in this case meant going to downtown Toronto - into the belly of the beast! Heather wanted to make the most of the opportunity to also buy jewelry-making and art supplies. Our good friend Bonnie (who also makes wonderful jewelry) came along too.



So there we were, the three of us heading south. I wasn't overly concerned that we'd be arriving in Toronto rush-hour, since I take great pride in knowing almost every downtown laneway and back alley worth knowing. The problem would be to GET downtown.

8 hours later, we were stopped dead in traffic on the infamous Don Valley Parkway. Notorious for its traffic jams at any time of day, Toronto drivers jokingly refer to the 6 lane DVP as the only 'free parking' left in the city.

Upon eventually arriving downtown, we found the hotel, and followed the big signs indicating 'Hotel Parking'. This led us into a maze of narrow one-way streets, all going the wrong way, but I eventually zeroed in on the large 'Hotel Parking' sign (a mere \$30 flat rate) and drove the wrong way up the street to scurry into the entrance. I figured that, if we got

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waylaid by the police, I'd play the "I'm from out of town and got lost" card.

After 20 minutes of endlessly circling in search of a parking spot, we eventually learned from a fellow garage-wanderer that (a) there were no parking spots left, and (b) this wasn't really the Hotel Parking! The REAL Hotel Parking was further down the street and yes, we did eventually find a parking spot there - also only \$30!

When we later went out for dinner, I instantly reverted to the primal animal instinct of a downtown motorist, which is: "We can't take the car! I don't want to lose our parking spot!"

The next morning's plan, after the 'medical' thing, was that Heather and I would take the car to an art supply store on Spadina Avenue, then go meet Bonnie, who went directly to shopping on Queen Street.

After a half hour crawl to get 6 blocks, we found a parking spot within a mile of the store. The Gods were smiling on us! Heather sped off to the store, while I walked up the block to the nearest parking payment machine. Toronto no longer uses parking meters downtown. You just find a parking spot (hah!), put your money into the machine and receive a stamped ticket, which you display on your dashboard, to keep the ever-vigilant 'Enforcement Officers' at bay.

Of the hundreds of these machines in the city, I had

found the one that wasn't working! After feeding it \$12 in loonies and toonies, the machine still wouldn't cough up the ticket. It did, however, kindly offer to accept my VISA card! Then, I glanced down the street, to see one of the dreaded 'Enforcement Officers' already at my car, writing out a ticket - not the GOOD kind of ticket; the BAD kind of ticket!

I abandoned my attempts to get the GOOD ticket, and ran back down the block to stop the 'Enforcement Officer' and his BAD ticket! He dubiously accepted my explanation, and told me that he'd be back in 5 minutes, and there'd better be a ticket on my dashboard by then.

My first \$12 was as good as gone, so I crossed the street and ran full tilt DOWN the block, to the next nearest machine, which [halleluyah!] after being fed, dutifully coughed up the ticket.

Seeing the 'Enforcement Officer' coming back down the street, I set a New World's Record for sprinting, arriving back at the car gasping and sputtering, just in time to ward him off. After placing the ticket (which so far had cost me \$24) on the dashboard, I strolled up the street to the store, arriving to find Heather already finished her shopping. I was just in time to be her pack mule, lugging all the art supplies back down the block to the car.

I wasn't looking forward to our next stop on Queen Street. Having just invested my life savings in one parking machine, I wasn't looking forward to spending my granddaughter's education fund on another!

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Then, I noticed that the ticket on the dashboard didn't actually specify the location. Eureka! I'd simply park on Queen Street and put the still-valid ticket on the dashboard and Voila! I could park for 'free' at the next stop! Unfortunately, in Toronto, 'free' parking is right up there with 'free' lunches . . . they don't exist!

Arriving at the Queen Street stores, I was amazed to find an excellent parking spot, which I could occupy until 4 pm, and smirking to myself, placed the ticket on the dashboard. Heather went in to join Bonnie in supporting the local economy, while I leisurely sauntered up and down the sidewalk, always keeping one eye on the car, and the other eye open for an 'Enforcement Officer' about to look too closely at the ticket and pounce. My evil plan worked! An 'Enforcement Officer' came along, peered in at my ticket, was apparently satisfied and moved along in search of other prey. I chuckled silently to myself as I gleefully 'got my money back' from the City of Toronto! You'd think a "City Boy" would know better.

Heather and Bonnie finished their shopping, and we stopped at a corner coffee shop for a quick coffee and doughnut prior to joining the outbound exodus of west-bound commuters, heading for Niagara to visit our daughter and her family.

20 minutes later, I looked at my watch and announced that we should get going because it was now 4 pm, and it would take us hours to get out of the city. I left to get the car and walked out the door just in time to see my car pass by . . . on the boom of a tow truck!

When the City graciously allowed me to park until 4 pm, it MEANT 4 pm! It was now 4:08 pm, and my car was already gone, whisked away by one of no less than 6 tow trucks, all being directed by that same 'Enforcement Officer', who was now looking at me in smug satisfaction!

My razor-sharp mind quickly took in the situation as I crossed the street at a run. I had but two options: go right to scream at the "Enforcement Officer" or go left to chase my car, which was getting farther away by the second. I went left.

Luckily for me, the speed of Queen Street traffic at that time of day is far less than the speed of a running (or even walking) City Boy on a mission, so I was able to overtake the truck in the next block and take up a forceful gunslinger-like stand in the road, yelling that if the driver wanted to go anywhere, it would only be over my dead body. I thought for a few seconds that he would oblige me with that 'dead body' idea.

After realizing that (a) his cargo belonged to me, (b) I seemed to want it back, (c) I might be about to pull out a gun, (d) a crowd was quickly gathering to witness the confrontation, and (e) it was impossible for him to get away, he obligingly pulled over to give me back my car – after I paid him \$149 for the tow. I didn't have that much cash on me, but no problem! The City accepts VISA, Mastercard and American Express!

Heather and Bonnie had finally caught up to us as the car was being liberated. As I prepared to jump in the car and leave downtown Toronto as a bad memory in my rear-view mirror, I saw the final insult – before my car had been towed, the 'Enforcement Officer' had put a \$60 parking violation ticket on my windshield, a souvenir by which to remember him.

All of this experience played again through my mind in microseconds. The fire of my righteous indignation still burns as brightly now as it did then, so I quickly vetoed even thinking about a return to that viper's nest!

Instead, we went to Bay Mills Casino for a couple of days. Even though we didn't come back rich, we had a great time. And, the money we lost to the Slot Machines was less than parking my car in Toronto!



"Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up."

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And they want money!"

**Sudoku** Answer on page 11

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## Janet Callahan's African Chicken Soup

*My sister shared this soup recipe with me. I found it delicious! You can purchase 300 gm. cooked chicken breast plain or curry (which works out to 2 C.) at Walmart for \$5. If you use the curry do not add more curry unless you really like it.*

*I've made it with curry chicken omitting the cumin and the plain chicken with the cumin. They are both delicious, fast healthy and a bit spicy!!! This is a very low fat, low cal soup!*

1 1/2 C. cubed sweet potato

1 T. olive oil

1/2 C. chopped onion

1/2 chopped red pepper

2 cloves garlic, minced

1 jalapeno seeded & minced or jarred jalapeno

2 C. cooked chicken breast, chopped

1 C. bottled salsa

1/2 tsp. ground cumin

4 - 8 C. fat free chicken broth

1 C. black beans drained & rinsed

1/3 C. creamy peanut butter

Sauté sweet potato in 1 tablespoon of olive oil for 5 minutes.

Add other vegetables for 5 minutes. Stir in chicken and chicken broth and all other ingredients except peanut butter. Bring to a boil, reduce heat & simmer for 10 minutes. Whisk in peanut butter. Enjoy!

*If you like brothy soup increase broth to 6 - 8 cups. If you like thicker stew like soup reduce amount of broth to 4 - 6 cups. You can also add another cup of black beans, blended to thicken soup.*

Thanks Janet!

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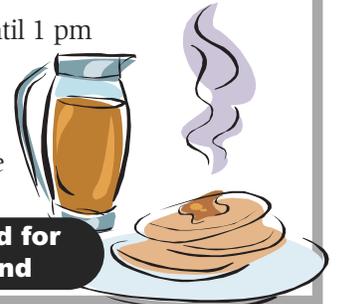
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**1216 Gore St. Richards Landing**

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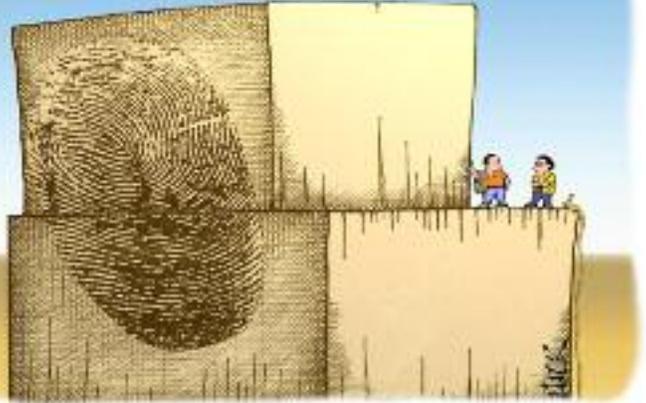
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# PC DOCTOR



by George Skardis

**QUESTION:** How did I end up with a Google toolbar on my web browser? Where did it come from? Can I get rid of this toolbar?

**ANSWER:** The Google toolbar is heavily promoted during normal update to many Internet components. Let's examine the scenario that typically results in the appearance of an unwanted toolbar. Say that you need to update your Adobe Flash Player because a web site requires this add-in to properly display content. A wide-open search for "Adobe downloads" or a more specific search for "Flash Player" works well. On the search results page, the savvy web surfer clicks on any official Adobe link for downloads. Having found the Adobe download center, the button labeled "Get Adobe Flash Player" looks appealing. But, wait a minute! Look very closely at the options. Notice that a Free Google Toolbar checkbox has been checked already. This is a trap for the unwary and the impatient. Clear this checkbox first before clicking on the install button.

A Google toolbar or any third party toolbar is not essential for the normal operation of your web browser. Simply put: you don't need it. To remove this unwanted toolbar go to the Control Panel and click on Add/Remove Programs in XP. For Vista and Windows 7 computers, go to Control Panel, Programs and Features to uninstall listed toolbars.

Nasty toolbars never provide the means to uninstall. In that case, open your web browser and find where add-ons are managed. For Internet Explorer, go to Tools, Manage Add-ons. Click on Disable. Firefox users, go to Tools, Add-ons, Plugins. Click on Disable. Restart your web browser. Annoying toolbars are gone. Ah, if life could be this simple.

**QUESTION:** The LCD screen on my 2-year-old laptop computer is cracked. Even though I have the extended warranty, the manufacturer refuses to replace it claiming that damage was my fault. Replacement quote: \$600. My laptop computer is a Dell Vostro 1500. What should I do?

**ANSWER:** Go to eBay and find dealers who specialize in replacement LCD screens for laptop computers. You will be amazed by the reasonable prices. A new replacement LCD screen sourced in this way should cost under \$150, including taxes and shipping. You do not need to be an electronic specialist or a highly trained computer technician to replace a laptop LCD screen. Abundant on-line documentation and manuals are available for step-by-step directions to perform almost any laptop computer repair. You mentioned a Dell Vostro 1500. Search on-line for "replace LCD on Dell Vostro 1500". Easy to understand disassembly instructions and even photos should guide anyone with minimal mechanical skills through the entire repair. No special tools are required. However, you do need to have patience. A non-magnetized Phillips screw-driver sure helps along the way. Secret tip: use a guitar pick for prying plastic parts. There are dozens of itsy-bitsy screws. Diagram and track every single screw, or bad things will befall you.

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CONTRARY TO POPULAR BELIEF, excessive idling is NOT an effective way to warm up your vehicle, even in cold weather. The best way to warm it up is to drive it. In fact, with today's computer-controlled engines, even on cold winter days, two or three minutes (or less) of idling is enough time to warm-up your vehicle. This also reduces fuel consumption and Green house Gas emissions.

For the average vehicle with a 3-litre engine, every 10 minutes of idling costs over one quarter of a litre (over 1 cup) in wasted fuel. Keep in mind that every litre of gasoline you use produces about 2.3 kilograms of carbon dioxide. You can help reduce the impact of cold starts – and reduce idling times – by using a block heater plugged into a timer (4 hours is all that is necessary) on cold winter days. This device warms the coolant, which in turn warms the engine block and lubricants. The engine will start more easily and reach its proper operating temperature faster.

REMEMBER, even on cold days in winter, there is no excuse for idling when getting out of the car. A warmed engine will reheat your car quickly. Any more than ten seconds of idling uses more fuel than is required to restart the engine.

Please turn off your car. We will all have cleaner air to breathe!

*From the Government of Canada's web page "The Idle Free Zone".*

## Beaten at our 'own game'?

So we had to watch NBC broadcasters gloat about our Canadian Olympic Hockey Team being beaten 'at our own game' by Team USA. With all due respect to American broadcasters, there are still other Canadian things that most of our American friends don't like to talk about.

BASEBALL is Canadian too! So are Lacrosse and Basketball. Canadians even invented Apple Pie!

We have some interesting history too! During the war of 1812, Canadians burned the White House and most of Washington.

And WE had a Civil War too ... only OURS was fought in a bar and lasted a little over an hour. The only person who was arrested in OUR Civil War was an American mercenary. He slept in and missed the whole thing. He showed up just in time to get caught.



## A Note of Clarification

IN LAST WEEK'S ARTICLE on the Geological History of St. Joseph Island, we referred to the article's author, Toni Stasi, as a geologist. Lest there be any misunderstanding about his credentials, Toni describes himself as an avid *amateur* geologist who has had a lifetime interest in Paleogeology. His formal education is as an economist, and he is by vocation a career military officer.

The facts of his article are nonetheless scientifically valid, researched from publically available sources.

## Friday Night Foods at the Legion

The special this week is Cowboy Stew and Biscuits with Keith Barlow making the stew and Lynda Reynolds the biscuits plus the regular menu.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Interested in Sprouting"? Come join the Island Horticultural Society's February meeting on the 25th at 7 pm. Harmony - St. Marks Church Hall. For more info. contact President Sheila Campbell-246-3078.

Jack, our cockatiel has flown the coop again. If you find him, please call us at 246-2636 to let us know. If you decide you really need to keep a bird, please come and get a free cage.

For an evening of fun and friendly competition consider coming to Seniors Card Night held every Thursday evening at the Dr. Harold S. Trefry Memorial Centre. First get together will begin March 4th, 2010 at 7 pm. For more information please contact 246-0036

The annual Ernie Eddy Memorial Children's Ice Fishing Derby will be held on Saturday, March 6th at Twin Lakes. Admission is free. Ladies wishing to donate baking, please call Sherrie Kent at 246-2176.

St. Patrick's Day Tea to be held from 11 am to 2 pm on Sunday, March 7th, at the Legion Hall in Richards Landing - event sponsored by the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, Branch 374. No admission fee! Soup, sandwich, dessert and beverage available for only \$7.00. White Elephant table, as well as Door Prizes drawn. Everyone is welcome!

Jocelyn Recreation will be having their annual Irish Stew Supper on Saturday, March 13th from 5 - 8 pm at the Jocelyn Township Hall. Cost is \$10. per adult and \$5. for children under 12 years. Come enjoy some homemade stew, biscuits, dessert and beverages with your family and friends. For further information call 246-2025

Due to excessive sunny-ness and unreasonably warm temperatures last weekend, the "Heritage Classic" Red & White outdoor hockey game at the Tranter Park Rink has been re-scheduled for this Saturday, February 27th at 7 pm.

## CHURCH SERVICES

**Saturday:**  
St. Boniface Roman Catholic, Hilton Beach at 4:30 pm.

**Sunday:**  
Holy Trinity Anglican, Jocelyn at 11 am.

Free Methodist, 10th Side Rd. Come for coffee, tea and friendship at 10:30 am. Worship service 11 am.

Island Bible Chapel, Richards Landing. Lord's Supper 10 am, Family Bible Hour 11:15 am.

Grace United, Hilton Beach. 9:30 am.

Harmony St. Marks United, Richards Landing. 11 am.

## Sudoku Answer

Puzzle on page 4

3	8	5	6	4	7	2	:	9
9	4	7	1	2	5	8	3	6
1	6	2	8	3	9	7	4	5
4	2	6	9	5	3	1	8	7
8	9	3	2	7	1	5	6	4
5	7	1	4	6	8	9	2	3
6	3	9	7	1	2	4	5	8
2	5	8	3	9	4	6	7	1
7	1	4	5	8	6	9	3	2

## Join us on March 5th for the World Day of Prayer 2010!

**"Let everything that has breath praise God"**

*- the Women of Cameroon*

On Friday, March 5th, the World Day of Prayer, Christians in more than 170 countries and 2,000 communities across Canada will gather to pray and act in solidarity with the people of Cameroon. Often referred to as 'Africa in miniature', the Republic of Cameroon shares more than 240 languages from its hundreds of diverse ethnic groups.

As we pray with the women of Cameroon, we will learn about the country's intricate cultures, its heritage and social challenges, including concerns about the exploitation of their children and the spread of HIV/AIDS.

**We invite you to join our World Day of Prayer service at**

**St. Boniface Catholic Church,**  
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*All people of faith are welcome to come worship together in Christ's unity! Invite your friends and family!*

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In Canada, the World Day of Prayer is co-ordinated by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada.

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<b>Friday</b>	Hens & Stitches, Dr. Trefry Centre - 10 am to 12 pm Island Cast-a-Weights, Calorie Watchers, Hilton Community Hall (rear door, basmt) - 8:30 am Friday Foods Menu available at the Legion - 5 pm to 9 pm AA Meeting, United Church (new addition, side door) - 8 pm Seniors Walking Program - Legion, 9 - Noon
<b>Saturday</b>	Childrens Library - 10 am to 3 pm Story time - 10:30 am Hilton Union Public Library - 1 pm to 5 pm St. Joseph Twp. Public Library - 1 pm to 5 pm Free pool all day in the Legion lounge Nordic Walking Group - Meets at 10 am
<b>Sunday</b>	Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast - 11 am - 1 pm - Hilton Community Centre Proceeds to Haitian Relief Fund
<b>Monday</b>	Bridge, Dr. Trefry Centre - 1 pm to 5 pm (Open to all seniors) 60+ Exercise Program, Dr. Trefry Centre - 10:30 am Euchre, Legion Hall - 8 pm (\$3.00 per person) Carpet Bowling for Seniors, Legion - 1 pm St. Joseph Twp, Public Library - 6 pm to 9 pm Hilton Union Library - 3 pm to 5 pm & 7 pm to 9 pm Children's Library - 6 pm to 8 pm Seniors Walking Program - Legion, 9 - Noon
<b>Tuesday</b>	CAPC Play & Learn Best Start Hub - 9:30 to 11:30 am, Free Methodist Church Women's Physical Activities, Public School Gym - 6:30 pm to 8 pm Cribbage (singles), Legion Hall - 7:30 pm (\$3.00 per person) Quilting - 1-3 pm, Downstairs Hilton Hall except the 3rd week held at the Trefry Centre.
<b>Wednesday</b>	Bridge, Dr. Trefry Centre - 1 pm to 5 pm (Open to all seniors) Pool, Legion - 7:30 pm St. Joseph Twp. Public Library - 9:30 am to 12:30 pm Food Bank, United Church, Richards Landing (side door) - 1 pm to 3 pm Children's Library - 9 am to 12 pm Story time - 10:30 am Hilton Union Public Library - 1 pm to 5 pm Seniors Walking Program - Legion, 9 - Noon Ski or Snowshoe Social - Mountain View Trails - 1:30 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	St. Joseph Twp. Public Library - 1 pm to 5 pm and 7 pm to 9 pm Dr. Trefry Centre's Day Out Program - 9 am to 4 pm Children's Library - 9 am to 12 pm Story time - 10:30 am 3:30 - 5 pm Darts at the Legion (Starting as Open; may change) - 7:30 pm

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